



## **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  
Allen Hiskey, Clerk of the Board

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF PLUMAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA HELD IN QUINCY ON APRIL 15, 2025**

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## **STANDING ORDERS**

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

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **Roll Call.**

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

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Facilities Department led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chair Goss noted that there was a typo in the back-up material for item 5.G.

## **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.

**Ian Reddy commented on having a motorcycle rally at the Fairgrounds June 16-21, 2025, Feather Rally 3.**

**Julie Threet read a letter concerning the COVID-19 vaccine.**

**Ron Owens commented on the COVID-19 vaccine.**

**Zoom Caller Diana Driess comments on the COVID-19 vaccine**

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS**

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

**Marcy DeMartile (Clerk Recorder/Registrar of Voters) updated the Board on the SAVE-ACT, and the Executive Order, discussing procedures for voter registration. She spoke about the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).**

**Nick Collin (Facilities Director) congratulates Bruce Robbins on 22 years of service with a plaque for his retirement on April 23, 2025.**

**Chad Hermann (Undersheriff) recognizes the dispatchers for Dispatchers Week.**

**Zach Gately (Grant Manager) passes out a flier to the board.**

**Tracey Ferguson (Planning Director) introduced a new employee in her department Amanda Harmon**

### **1. UPDATES & REPORTS**

- A. Receive an update from Brenda Narayan, Government Affairs Representative, regarding the 2025 Underground project.

**The Board received a presentation from Brenda Narayan.**

**Supervisor McGowan comments about generators in Chester. And asked about how many are left to be placed underground.**

**Tracey Ferguson (Planning Director) comments regarding traffic controls.**

**Zach Gately (Grants Manager) comments**

### **2. ACTION AGENDA**

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

**APPEAL HEARING:** Request for Appeal Hearing of Administrative Citation. A request for appeal was received on February 25, 2025, filed by David Elwood (APN-116-272-004-000, 116-272-005-000).

**The Board heard testimony from both sides of the appeal hearing and will render a decision in 10 days.**

### **3. 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, Chair Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4, Vice-Chair Hall.

\*\*\*Chair Goss requests a few-minute break\*\*\*\*

#### **A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- 1) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter to the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for an encroachment permit for the 43rd Annual Christian Encounter Ministries Agony Ride, to be held July 25-26, 2025, in Sierra Valley.
- 2) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support for an application to the Department of Transportation (Cal-Trans), for an encroachment permit for the Quincy Junior Senior Prom to be held at the Quincy Courthouse 520 Main Street (4:00 PM to 11:00 PM on May 17, 2025)
- 3) 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 May 13, 2025
- 4) 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 May 13, 2025.

#### **B. DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

- 1) Approve and authorize District Attorney to recruit and fill, funded and allocated, vacant 2 FTE Community Care Case Managers; (No General Fund Impact) Grant funded.
- 2) Approve and authorize Chair to sign an agreement between Plumas County District Attorney and Karpel Solutions to provide a URL for software interface with Sunridge RIMS; effective April 15, 2025; not to exceed \$12,000; (No General Fund Impact) PATH Grant Funds; approved as to form

by County Counsel.

### **C. FACILITY SERVICES & AIRPORTS**

- 1) Approve and authorize Chair to sign 3 subscription services agreements (1 for each airport) between Plumas County Facility Services & Airports and QTPOD LLC; effective December 1, 2025; not to exceed \$5,025.00 per year collectively; No General Fund impact - subscription is paid for with Airport funds; approved as to form by County Counsel.
- 2) Approve and authorize Chair to sign an agreement between Plumas County Facility Services & Airports and Smith Power Products, Inc. for emergency generator inspection, maintenance, and repair; effective May 1, 2025; not to exceed \$25,000; contract will have direct impact on General Fund as approved in recommended FY24/25 budget 2012052 520905; approved as to form by County Counsel.
- 3) Approve and authorize Chair to sign amendment no. 1 to agreement between Plumas County Facility Services & Airports and American Window & Doors Systems, Inc. to install new windows at the Portola Library; amendment will increase the cost to General Fund by \$3,232.50; approved as to form by County Counsel.
- 4) Approve and authorize Chair to sign an agreement between Plumas County Elections and Pacific States Communications of Nevada, Inc. for installation and operation of election security cameras; project to be completed by June 30, 2025; not to exceed \$16,204.63; No General Fund Impact. Funding is provided by the State of CA; approved as to form by County Counsel.
- 5) Request the Chair to waive fees for the Earth Day Event on April 22, 2025, at Dame Shirley Plaza from 3:00pm - 6:00pm.

### **D. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

- 1) Approve and authorize Chair to sign amendment no. 1 to the agreement between Plumas County Behavioral Health and California Mental Health Services Authority Participation Agreement Amendment Number 1 modifies the program date from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2027; this agreement promotes timely access to Specialty Mental Health Services for foster youth placed in out-of-county residential settings. (No General Fund Impact) State and Federal funds. Approved as to form by County Counsel.

#### 4. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

##### A. PLANNING - Tracey Ferguson

- 1) Update Board of Supervisors and public on the proposed 2025 Local Responsibility Area (LRA) Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) Map from the Office of the State Fire Marshall for the unincorporated areas of Plumas County within the Town of Chester, Town of Quincy, Town of East Quincy, and Sierra Valley; discussion and possible action.

**The Board received an update from Tracey Ferguson (Planning Director) regarding the LRA process and the Board agreed to do a direct mailing via postcards, and fund the mailing from the BOS budget.**

**Supervisor McGowan states the postcards would be adequate.**

**Supervisor Hall leans towards the postcard.**

**Supervisor Engel agrees with Supervisor Hall to send the postcards.**

**Supervisor Ceresola agrees with sending postcards.**

**Jane Braxton-Little comments**

**Planning Director Ferguson presents**

- 2) Plumas National Forest Tributaries Forest Recovery Project Environmental Assessment (EA) comment period ends April 28, 2025; discussion and possible action.

**Motion: Appoint Supervisor Goss, and Supervisor Engel to work with County Counsel, and the Planning Director to produce a letter for Board Chair signature before April 28, 2025, Plumas National Forest Tributaries Forest Recovery Project Environmental Assessment (EA) comment period ends April 28, 2025; discussion and possible action., Action: Approve, Moved by Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Seconded by Supervisor - District 4, Vice-Chair Hall.**

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

**Yes:** Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2, Chair Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4, Vice-Chair Hall.

**Planning Director Ferguson presents**

**Supervisor Hall comments**

**Executive Director of Plumas Corp makes comments**

##### B. SOCIAL SERVICES - Laura Atkins

- 1) Adopt Cal-OAR CalWORKs System Improvement Plan (CAL-SIP); discussion and possible action.

**Motion:** Adopt Cal-OAR CalWORKs System Improvement Plan (CAL-SIP); discussion and possible action. , **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 4, Vice-Chair Hall, **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, Chair Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4, Vice-Chair Hall.

**Idette Halverson and Pam McKinnon present**

**Supervisor McGowan comments**

**Supervisor Hall comments**

C. **SHERIFF'S OFFICE** - Todd Johns

- 1) Approve and authorize Animal Control to recruit and fill, funded and allocated, vacant one part-time extra help Animal Shelter Attendant; approve exemption of the 30-day 29-hour work week; (General Fund Impact) as approved in FY24/25 recommended budget.

**Motion:** Approve and authorize Animal Control to recruit and fill, funded and allocated, vacant one part-time extra help Animal Shelter Attendant; approve exemption of the 30-day 29-hour work week; (General Fund Impact) as approved in FY24/25 recommended budget., **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, Chair Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4, Vice-Chair Hall.

**Undersheriff Hermann presents**

**Supervisor Hall comments**

D. **PUBLIC HEALTH** - Nicole Reinert

- 1) Understanding the Guidelines for Effective Utilization of the Opioid Settlement Funding in California presentation by Nicole Reinert, MPH, Director Plumas County Public Health Agency

**The Board received a presentation from Public Health Director Reinert.**

**Supervisor Hall comments**

**Sharon R. comments**

**Linda M. comments**

**Planning Director Ferguson comments**

**County Counsel comments**

**Jane Braxton-Little comments**

5. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

A. **CONTINUED DISCUSSION FROM APRIL 8, 2025:** ENGIE Project Update: Receive a brief project update; discussion and possible direction to staff.

**Supervisor Hall updates the Board on the ENGIE project, which is under a work stoppage except for the solar project, and the HVAC project until Facilities Director Collin can go over the project list. She also states that the Treasurer-Tax Collector is in talks with KNN Financing. Chair Goss states that if there is an update, it would be placed on the agenda for May 6, 2025. Rick Foster comments regarding the financing.**

**\*\*\*Chair Goss requests a lunch break from 12:30pm - 1:00pm\*\*\***

B. Adopt **RESOLUTION** of the Board of Supervisors Declaring a Local State of Emergency due to the presence and impact of Gray Wolves in Plumas County; (No General Fund Impact); approved as to form by County Counsel; discussion and possible action. **Four/fifths roll call vote**

**Motion:** Adopt [\*\*RESOLUTION No. 25-9014\*\*](#) of the Board of Supervisors Declaring a Local State of Emergency due to the presence and impact of Gray Wolves in Plumas County; (No General Fund Impact); approved as to form by County Counsel; discussion and possible action. **Four/fifths 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, Chair Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4, Vice-Chair Hall.

**Chair Goss presents**

**Supervisor McGowan comments**

**Supervisor Ceresola gives updates on the recent number of kills in the area.**

**Rick Roberti comments regarding the need for the passing of this Resolution.**

**Rick Foster comments**

**Supervisor Engel thanks Mr. Roberti for coming in today and speaking about the wolves.**

C. Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Letter of Support to Director Bonham regarding the Urgent Need for Local Public Safety Response Options in Gray Wolf Management; discussion and possible action.

**Motion:** Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Letter of Support to Director Bonham regarding the Urgent Need for Local Public Safety Response Options in Gray Wolf Management; discussion and possible action., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 3 McGowan.

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

**Yes:** Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2, Chair Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4, Vice-Chair Hall.

**Supervisor McGowan makes comments**

**Sheriff Johns comments**

D. Proposal of Entertainment Zone creation within Chester; discussion and direction to staff.

**Supervisor McGowan updates the Board on this item. This is just for discussion and possible staff direction.**

**Planning Director Ferguson comments**

**Sheriff Johns comments**

**Undersheriff Hermann comments**

**Supervisor Hall comments**

**Interim County Counsel Brechtel comments**

**Supervisor Engel comments**

## **E. CORRESPONDENCE**

No Correspondence received.

## **F. 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 included being a speaker at the Scouts.

Reported by Supervisor Goss regarding matters related to County Government and includes the Town Hall meeting on April 17, 2025, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Library.

Reported by Supervisor Engel regarding matters related to County Government and included attending LAFCO and Transportation meetings, and a Solid Waste Task Force meeting on April 28, 2025.

G. Receive and Review Principals & Priorities for Use of Dixie Fire PG&E Settlement Funds; direction to staff and possible action.

**Motion: Form an ADHOC Committee consisting of the Chair, Vice-Chair, County Counsel, and Principal Department Heads.** Receive and Review Principals & Priorities for Use of Dixie Fire PG&E Settlement Funds; direction to staff and possible action., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 4, Vice-Chair Hall.

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

**Yes:** Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2, Chair Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4, Vice-Chair Hall.

**Supervisor Hall presents**

**Supervisor Engel comments**

**Jane Braxton-Little comments**

**Supervisor McGowan comments**

**Johnathan Kussel comments**

**Chair Goss comments**

**Adam Cox comments via Zoom**

**Auditor-Controller Niemann comments**

**H. AUDITOR-CONTROLLER - Martee Nieman**

1) **TIME CERTAIN 1:00PM:** FY24/25 Mid-Year Budget Review and adjustments; discussion and possible action; **Four/fifths roll call vote**

**The Board received a presentation on the Mid-Year Budget from Craig Goodman, and Auditor-Controller Niemann.**

**Grants Manager Gately comments**

**Supervisor Engel comments**

**Supervisor Hall comments that they will approve with the changes that were discussed.**

**Motion to approve the mid-year budget adjustments Motion: TIME CERTAIN 1:00PM: FY24/25 Mid-Year Budget Review and adjustments; discussion and possible action; Four/fifths roll call vote, Action: Approve, Moved by Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Seconded by Supervisor - District 4, Vice-Chair Hall.**

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

**Yes: Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2, Chair Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4, Vice-Chair Hall.**

**6. CLOSED SESSION**

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

**A. Conference with Risk Manager; Workers Compensation Review**

**B. Personnel: Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Facilities Director (Board Only)**

**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. Personnel: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release pursuant to Cal Govt. Code §54957**

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

Chair Goss stated the following actions were reported out of Closed Session.

A. No Reportable Action

B. No Reportable Action

C. No Reportable Action

D. Chair Goss lets Debra Lucero know that they appreciate her service to Plumas County, and they will be terminating her contract.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned meeting to Tuesday, May 6, 2025, Board of Supervisors Room 308, Courthouse, Quincy, California