



### **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 SEPTEMBER 9, 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, Chair Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4, Vice-Chair Hall

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Allen Hiskey, Clerk of the Board, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **1. CLOSED SESSION**

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

- A. **Time Certain 9:00 a.m.** Personnel: Public employee appointment or employment - County Administrative Officer

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

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

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

Chair Goss has requested that Item 3.A.1 be moved up before Consent.

Item No. 5.C. will take public comment during the regularly scheduled comment period.

## **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. Members of the public in the audience are kindly asked to step forward so you can be heard on Zoom.

Lisa comments regarding the Plumas County General Plan when it relates to Genessee Valley.

D. Hopkins speaks regarding the Chinese Cemetery, the Court Street project, and the Verizon project.

Julie T. calls in via Zoom and speaks regarding the COVID-19 vaccine.

Dan comments regarding the General Plan.

Veterinarian Dr. speaks regarding the General Plan.

Susan S. speaks regarding the Verizon tower.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS**

Brief announcements by, or brief reports on their activities by County Department Heads (10 minutes)

Auditor-Controller Martee Nieman updates the Board on the posting of the FY25/26 preliminary recommended budget book, and Budget Hearings will commence on Monday, September, 15, 2025 at 9am.

Christy from Behavioral Health speaks to the Board regarding the annual stakeholder survey.

Sheriff Hermann updated the Board regarding the abandoned vehicles and illegal trash dumping in Plumas County and said that his office along with the District Attorney will be working together to combat this concern. Supervisor Hall speaks to this item.

County Counsel Josh Bretchel introduces a new attorney that will be working in his office.

S. Sterling asks clarifying questions to Chair Goss.

## **ACTION AGENDA**

### **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 1 Ceresola.

**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.

#### **A. SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

- 1) Approve and authorize Chair to ratify and sign an agreement between Plumas County Sheriff's Office and NMS Labs to provide laboratory testing and services; effective July 1, 2025; not to exceed \$30,000.00; (General Fund Impact) as approved in FY25/26 preliminary recommended budget 70330 / 524438 (SHERIFF / CORONER EXPENSES); approved as to form by County Counsel.

#### **B. PUBLIC WORKS/ROADS**

- 1) Approve and authorize Chair to sign Amendment No. 2 to agreement between Plumas County Public Works and McGarr Excavation, Inc., Dig It Construction, Inc. and Turner Excavation, Inc. to extend the term; (No General Fund Impact) (from road funds); approved as to form by County Counsel.

#### **C. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

- 1) Approve and authorize Behavioral Health Department to recruit and fund one (1) BH Administrative Assistant- Extra-Help; (No General Fund Impact) State and Federal Funds.
- 2) Approve and authorize Behavioral Health Department to recruit and fill, funded and allocated, vacant 1.0 FTE Behavioral Health Nurse due to resignation; (No General Fund Impact) State and Federal Funds

## **D. PROBATION**

- 1) Approve and authorize Probation to recruit and fill, funded and allocated, vacant 1.0 FTE Deputy Probation Officer; No General Fund Impact. The position is fully funded via AB109 State grant funds.

## **3. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS**

### **A. AUDITOR-CONTROLLER - Martee Nieman**

- 1) Adopt a **RESOLUTION** adopting the Basic Tax Rate for Plumas County and the rates for the Plumas Unified School District and the Plumas District Hospital Bonds & Seneca Healthcare District for Fiscal Year 2025/26; (Positive General Fund Impact); approved as to form by County Counsel; discussion and possible action. **Roll call vote**

**Motion:** Adopt a [\*\*RESOLUTION No. 25-9058\*\*](#) adopting the Basic Tax Rate for Plumas County and the rates for the Plumas Unified School District and the Plumas District Hospital Bonds & Seneca Healthcare District for Fiscal Year 2025/26; (Positive 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, Chair Goss.

**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.

**Auditor-Controller Martee Nieman presents**

**Supervisor McGowan comments**

## **4. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- A. Correspondence and weekly reports 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 attending the Behavioral Health Commission meeting.

Reported by Supervisor McGowan regarding matters related to County Government and included a Ride-A-Long with Sheriff Hermann, and the ROCE Strategic Plan meeting in Chester.

Reported by Supervisor Goss regarding matters related to County Government and included attending the NorCal EMS meeting.

Reported by Supervisor Ceresola regarding matters related to County Government and included giving an update to the public and Board regarding the wolves in Sierra/Plumas County.

Rick F. comments on Verizon Tower, and the Treasury Oversight Committee, as well as hoping that the Board doesn't approve the claims in Closed Session.

**5. CLOSED SESSION**

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

- A. Personnel: Public employee appointment or employment - County Administrative Officer
- B. Personnel: Public employee appointment or employment - Human Resources Director
- C. Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing litigation — Plumas County, Plaintiffs v. Sierra Pacific Land and Timber Company, The Towers of California LLC - a subsidiary of - Vertical Bridge, Verizon Wireless, JFC Construction, Defendants, Superior Court of California, County of Plumas, Case No. CV25-00207, pursuant to subdivision (a) of Government Code §54959.9
- 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. Personnel: Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Public Works Director (Board Only)
- F. Conference with Legal Counsel: Claim Against the County filed by Duerr, Caleb; received on September 3, 2025.
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**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 Monday, September 15, 2025, Board of Supervisors Room 308, Courthouse, Quincy, California