



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Jeff Engel, 5th District

MEETING MINUTES

ADJOURNED SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF PLUMAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA HELD IN QUINCY ON JUNE 28, 2022

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.

Plumas County Health Officer Recommendation Regarding Teleconferencing, issued on September 30, 2021, recommends local legislative bodies, such as commission, committees, boards, and council, 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 social distancing requirements, which limit the number of people that may enter to 25% of room capacity. Those that wish to attend the Board meeting, may be required to wear a face covering, if ordered by the local Public Health Officer order. 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

10:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Roll Call.

Present: Supervisor Ceresola, Supervisor Engel, Supervisor Hagwood, Supervisor Thrall, Supervisor Goss.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bob Orange led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

Clint Koble, of the Dixie Fire Collaborative reported on a Recreation Economy or Rural Communities forum he attended and on Dixie Fire Collaborative fire recovery efforts.

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 Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor Hagwood.

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

Yes: Supervisor Ceresola, Supervisor Thrall, Supervisor Hagwood, Supervisor Engel, Supervisor Goss.

A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Approve and Ratify Chair approval of County letter of opposition to newly amended Senate Bill 443, as submitted to the Assembly Health Committee.

B. PUBLIC HEALTH

- 1) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Agreement between Plumas County Public Health and the University of California Davis Heath, to provide HIV specialty services; not to exceed \$10,400.00; approved as to form by County Counsel.
- 2) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Memorandum of Understanding between Plumas County Public Health and Feather River Community College District (FRC) to provide FRC students with access to health care services; not to exceed \$15,000.00; approved as to form by County Counsel.

C. **SHERIFF**

- 1) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Agreement between Plumas County Sheriff's Office and North Fork Medicine, a California General Partnership; to provide medical services to Jail Inmates as required by law; not to exceed \$93,000.00; approved as to form by County Counsel.
- 2) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Agreement between Plumas County Sheriff's Office and Dale Harris DDS, to provide dental services to Jail Inmates as required by law; not to exceed \$60,000.00 approved as to form by County Counsel.
- 3) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Agreement between Plumas County Sheriff's Office and May Nursing Services, to provide medical services to jail inmates as required by law; not to exceed \$413,000.00; approved as to form by County Counsel.
- 4) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Agreement between Plumas County Sheriff's Office and Joseph Schad D.O., to provide Medical Director services over North Fork Medical and May Nursing services for Jail Inmates as required by law; not to exceed \$162,000.00; approved as to form by County Counsel.
- 5) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Agreement between Plumas County Sheriff's Office and Contract Pharmacy Services; to provide pharmaceutical services to the Correctional Facility inmates as required by law; not to exceed \$100,000.00; approved as to form by County Counsel.

SPECIAL DISTRICTS GOVERNED BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Board of Supervisors sits as the Governing Board for various special districts in Plumas County including Dixie Valley Community Services District; Walker Ranch Community Services District; Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District; Beckwourth County Service Area, Quincy Lighting District; and Crescent Mills Lighting District

 **Convene as the Beckwourth County Service Area Governing Board**

2.  **BECKWOURTH COUNTY SERVICE AREA** – John Mannie

- A. Authorize no contract payment of invoice totaling \$2,143.29 to Jet Plumbing; for Emergency Repair of BCSA Sewer Pump; discussion and possible action.

Motion: Authorize no contract payment of invoice totaling \$2,143.29 to Jet Plumbing; for Emergency Repair of BCSA Sewer Pump, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor Hagwood.
Motion passed unanimously.

 **Adjourn as the Beckwourth County Service Area Governing Board and reconvene as the Board of Supervisors**

3. **DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS**

A.  **AUDITOR/ CONTROLLER** – Martee Graham

- 1) Adopt **RESOLUTION** adopting Proposition 4 Appropriation Limits (GANN limit) for Plumas County, Quincy Lighting District, CSA #11 (Ambulance) and Beckwourth CSA for FY 2022-2023; approved as to form by County Counsel; discussion and possible action. **Roll call vote**

Motion: Adopt **RESOLUTION No. 22-8711** adopting Proposition 4 Appropriation Limits (GANN limit) for Plumas County, Quincy Lighting District, CSA #11 (Ambulance) and Beckwourth CSA for FY 2022-2023, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor Hagwood.

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

Yes: Supervisor Ceresola, Supervisor Thrall, Supervisor Hagwood, Supervisor Engel, Supervisor Goss.

- 2)  Report and update on the FY 2021-2022 budget; discussion, possible action and/ or direction to staff.
- 3)  Adopt **RESOLUTION** to adopt the Recommended Budget for Plumas County and the Dependent Special Districts therein for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, in Accordance with Government Code §29064.

Roll call vote

Motion: Adopt **RESOLUTION No. 22-8712** to adopt the Recommended Budget for Plumas County and the Dependent Special Districts therein for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor Hagwood, **Seconded by** Supervisor Engel.

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

Yes: Supervisor Ceresola, Supervisor Engel, Supervisor Thrall, Supervisor Hagwood, Supervisor Goss.

B.  **CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES** – Michelle Blackford

Authorize the Director of Child Support Services to recruit and fill, funded and allocated; 1.0 FTE Child Support Assistant position; vacancy due to resignation; discussion and possible action.

Motion: Authorize the Director of Child Support Services to recruit and fill, funded and allocated; 1.0 FTE Child Support Assistant position, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor Hagwood.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- A.  Indian Valley CSD Insurance report and update.
(Handout Documents are uploaded to the Plumas County Website with Meeting Minutes)
- B.  Appoint Debbie Cassol to the Greenville Cemetery District Board, to form a quorum; discussion and possible action.

Motion: Appoint Debbie Cassol to the Greenville Cemetery District Board, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor Hagwood.

Motion passed unanimously.

C.  **CORRESPONDENCE**

Supervisor Hagwood received correspondence with the High Sierra Music Festival, principals and promoters; correspondence with citizens regarding dilapidated properties and code enforcement issues.

Supervisor Thrall received correspondence regarding mostly green waste, and free community green waste disposal day.

Supervisor Engel received correspondence mostly regarding fire wise projects; green waste; and recyclables.

Supervisor Ceresola received correspondence regarding constituents building projects; fire wise and drought water issues.

Supervisor Goss received correspondence with folks out in Taylorsville regarding hiring a band 4th of July Celebration; and correspondence regarding green waste, and recycling.

A. 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 participating in the Rural Recreation Economy virtual meeting, and the Transportation Commission meeting.

Reported by Supervisor Thrall regarding matters related to County Government and include attending the Transportation Commission meeting, Air District meeting; and meeting with the group working with Cal-Trans on the Chester Main Street design.

Reported by Supervisor Engel regarding matters related to County Government, and attended no formal meetings this week.

Reported by Supervisor Ceresola regarding matters related to County Government and include the Sierra Air Quality meeting.

Reported by Supervisor Goss regarding matters related to County Government and include meeting with RCRC regarding funds to assist with County internet connectivity /broadband.

5.  CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

- A. Conference with real property negotiator, regarding facilities: Sierra House, 529 Bell Lane, Quincy, APN 117-021-000-000
- B. Conference with real property negotiator, regarding courthouse facilities: Greenville Sub Station, 115 Crescent St., APN 110120047000
- C. Conference with Legal Counsel: Pending litigation pursuant to Subdivision (d) (2) of Government Code §54956.9 (County of Butte and County of Plumas v. Department of Water Resources and State Water Contractors, Inc., Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, Case No. C071785)
- D. Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing litigation pursuant to Subdivision (d) (1) of Government Code §54956.9 – Central Delta Water Agency, et al. v. Department of Water Resources, Third District Court of Appeals, Case No. C078249, C080572, and C086215
- E. Conference with Legal Counsel: Initiating litigation pursuant to Subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (1 Case)
- F. Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing litigation pursuant to Subdivision (d) (1) of Government Code Section §54956.9 Feather River Action! et al. v. County of Plumas, et al., Plumas County Superior Court, Case No. CV 22-00037
- G. 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



REPORT OF ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)

Chair Goss reported out of closed session; no reportable action was taken in closed session.



ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned meeting to Tuesday, July 5, 2022, Board of Supervisors Room 308, Courthouse, Quincy, California

Indian Valley FD Report to BOS June 28, 2022

Hello, I am Bob Orange. Chief of Indian Valley Fire Department and also current Board Chair of the Indian Valley Community Services District. ~~The IVCFD oversees the fire department.~~ I have been on this fire department 12 years and on the IVCSD Board for 7. I am a retired state Game Warden and am a current Reserve Deputy with the Plumas County Sheriff's Office serving for 12 years now. I previously worked for Plumas NF in Fire working on Engines and with the Hot Shots being on fires in Oregon, Nevada. Northern and Southern California.

I am here to give the status of Insurance companies responses to our Indian Valley Fire Department in light of the Dixie Fire. I would not be here talking to you if this was not a very serious situation.

All of our insurance policies have been recently canceled. We were forced to search for new policies. Our broker is Flanigan-Leavit located here in Quincy. Mike Flanagan is here with me and will follow with more information.

The auto policy for our Engines has gone from \$4,400 a year to \$45 thousand. Liability insurance for volunteers has gone from \$1,600 to \$22 thousand. For our building insurance we have had to go to the last resort of the California Fair Share plan. It has gone from \$____ to \$53k. Workmen's Comp is \$12k.

Bottom line- Our insurance policy premiums have gone up over 1,000 percent. Total cost of insurance premiums is now \$132k. The fire departments normal overall budget is \$150k although we have gone up to \$180k with grants and adjustments. Right now, insurance premiums are 88% of the fire departments budget. ~~Counties apportionment to our district as noted in todays packet is \$1184K. Appr 30K is allotted to park & publ operations~~
I want to explain the vehicle insurance a little further. We only have comprehensive for two Engines which is required- a OES loaner Engine and a rescue rig we purchased 18 years ago on a 20 year loan. I want to further explain we have not made claims on the fire department fleet since I have been there. No claims during the Dixie Fire yet automobile insurance went up 10 fold.

We are currently in design for the new fire station to be built in Greenville. This is to be a joint facility incorporating the Greenville Sheriff Substation (which was lost in the fire) and also the PDH ambulance crew quarters (they were also lost in the fire). The ambulance would have an Engine Bay to work out of and the facility would also incorporate a kitchen & living quarters for them. The IVCSD has 5 acres of land just outside of Greenville on Highway 89. That is where our temporary station is now. The plan is to have law enforcement, fire and medical all at one location. We felt this would be best for the community and easy access for the public. We have contracted with NST Engineering of Susanville which is designing the blueprints and master plan as I speak. This needs to be done ASAP as OES will cease paying for the temporary fire station that has been put up in Greenville. Contract and OES payments ends Sept. 30. Then IVFD is liable for the \$60k paid per month for buildings & generators onsite.

We have estimated out the probable insurance rate for this new fire/medical/law enforcement building in light of what they are now charging us for our remaining three stations. I figure it to be about \$75k a year, maybe more. So projected insurance costs are now \$207k a year vs a \$150k-\$180k FD Budget.

This fire department is 100% volunteer, nobody is paid including myself though past Chiefs have received a salary. I preferred to have the Chiefs salary to go back into the fire department to purchase much needed personal protective clothing, gear and communications equipment lost in the fire.

No money goes to salaries showing you that this is a very frugal and what was a relatively inexpensive department to run. We currently have fire stations in Taylorsville, North Arm and Genesee. It might be suggested that we close a couple of our stations to save costs. Stations are located where they are for a reason that many people do not know. On a normal insurance policy request they want to know the distance to the nearest fire station. If you are within 5 miles of a station you get a break in insurance premium. Our stations are located somewhat 10 miles apart so that the residents get the benefit of having a nearby fire station to lower their insurance premium. If we close a station the residents will automatically go into a higher premium category.

The IVFD is now flush with good operational Engines allowing us to get rid of antique rigs. Truckee Meadows Fire (Washoe County) donated a beautiful 4X4 Type I Engine to us, San Ramon Valley in the Bay Area donated an immaculate Type I Engine along with a rescue support rig, the City of Redlands donated an immaculate Type 3 Engine and Central Calaveras Fire also donated a Type 3 Wildland 4WD Engine which we just had repainted and is awaiting pickup in Oroville.

So, our main operational budget issue is not apparatus replacement, salaries nor volunteer personnel. We lost half of our members to the Dixie Fire because of volunteers' homes being lost and also having to find jobs elsewhere. But we have also gained new members the past couple months so we are back to our previous numbers. The future looked really good for the IVFD- I have ordered all new wildland protective gear, portable radios, pagers and mobile radios. One of the biggest issues we had during the Dixie Fire was being able to communicate with many of the out of county rigs that were here. We did not have the tactical frequencies that strike teams were operating on in our fire district so we were unable to communicate. We have ordered portable and mobile radios to fix that problem. A new prominent Greenville Fire Station was going to be a huge visible boon to the community.

Now, if we build the station, we will be automatically way over our budget and with no money to operate with. Insurance premiums will be higher than our budget. As soon as a new station is built, we have to close up shop. We must have liability insurance to operate.

With our current situation of insurance premiums at 88% of our income- after paying for fuel, propane for heating Engine Bays and electricity- there is no more funds. We will have nothing left for the infrastructure to support the volunteer firefighters and apparatuses. We will be unable to sustain long term operations after our reserves are exhausted.

As a result of the FD shutting down, I predict all the houses & businesses in our district will have current insurance policies canceled and will have to go to the last resort California Fair Share Plan; if they do not have it already. My home was canceled by Nationwide Insurance (Nationwide On Your Side, Yea, Right) three years ago and I had to go to the Fair Share Plan. Rates tripled. I believe that will happen with the remaining homes. Traditionally IFVD receives approx. 450 calls a year. We also respond to the vehicle accidents on H89 in that area.

Insurance companies are putting a pure volunteer fire department out of business. By doing so they will be forcing homeowners & businesses to lose their insurance causing rates to go up. ~~They are padding their own nest.~~ I have spoken to other fire departments outside this county. IVFD is being singled out with much higher rates and hit the hardest. Other fire departments in the county are also seeing higher insurance premiums. I believe Meadow Valley Fire insurance went from \$4k to \$17k.

The Dixie Fire came through and hit us hard, really hard and injured us. But IVFD survived and the fire department is in the process of recovering. Actually, rebuilding is a more accurate term. But now, nearly a year later after the firestorm, the insurance companies have decided to go back and do what Dixie could not- destroy the fire department. ~~They are literally murdering Indian Valley Fire and putting us in a coffin.~~

It is sadly ironic that the outfit that is most directly responsible for being able to reduce insurance losses and premiums is being targeted. Eliminated. You would think they could create a variance and try to help. The old adage of "cutting off your nose to spite your face" certainly applies here.

I really, really hope the media can pick this up and educate people at all levels of our situation. I believe it is a precursor for all the other fire departments in this county and for other counties. This problem must be elevated to get a solution. Something must be done- I do not know what- but something. I would appreciate any insight or help the Board would have.

Mike Flanagan of Flanigan-Leavitt Insurance here in Quincy will provide an overall insurance perspective of our situation and everything he is doing to help us.

Plumas County Citizens Initiated Year-Round Wildfire Emergency Declaration

Over the past five years the Plumas National Forest has experienced 100% likelihood of catastrophic fires each consecutive year resulting in:

- Over 100 civilian deaths
- ~17,000 structures destroyed
- Five entire towns wiped off the map and completely decimated
- Cataclysmic deforestation of over ~2/3 of the Plumas National Forest

The Problem:

Hazardous accumulation of forest fuels, changing weather patterns and drought, has caused wild land fire suppression tactics and strategies to become ineffective in stopping summer / fall seasonal wild fires. The threat is constant every fire season, we do not have time to wait for bureaucratic process to navigate environmental red tape.

We need immediate action to reduce hazardous fuel around our communities.

Signing this petition would help county supervisors state and federal agencies streamline fuel reduction projects by eliminating the need for environmental entitlement documents which encumber the forest management practices that increase fire resiliency to our towns, protect our lives and the forest by cutting ladder fuels, building piles to burn in the winter and prescribing fire when fire weather conditions are favorable to low intensity forest maintenance fires.

This petition would also show support for Certified Prescribed Fire Burn Bosses, or equal, to use fire in accordance with a legally binding Burn Plan to safely burn hazardous fuels around the community while working closely with the Northern Sierra Air Quality Control Board by providing an official air quality management plan.

Mike Flanigan

From: Jeff Titcomb <luketitcomb@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 8:56 AM
To: Bob Orange; Mike Flanigan
Subject: Chamber Letter.

The Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce recognizes the importance of having a well stocked and prepared volunteer fire department to protect Indian Valley residents from severe loss and damages. In the past we've given over \$10,000.00 towards the purchase of a fire truck.

It's come to our attention that insurance costs have risen so dramatically that the IVCSD can't budget enough funds to pay for the insurance and still have any funds left for supplies, uniforms, or even fuel and tires. What good is a fire department that can't afford to properly operate due to the high cost of insurance. Even simple liability and building insurance will eat up a majority of the budget each year.

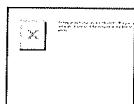
The County, State, and Federal government agencies will need to come together for a solution to the insurance issues faced by California's fire departments, especially those in rural areas that are threatened by huge wild fires each year. Most residents and businesses assume that fire protection is just a normal function of government and fail to realize that there are such challenges for small districts. We as a Chamber Board recognize just how critical the fire department is to Genesee, Taylorsville, Crescent Mills, and Greenville. We urge you to do whatever is necessary to make insurance available and affordable for the Indian Valley Fire Department. A shut down of the department is unacceptable. Please help support the department in any way possible. We need fire protection now and for years to come in our beautiful Indian Valley.

Thanks so much.

Respectfully,

Alfred W. Huddleston III
Sharon Strecker
Jeff Luke Titcomb

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