



### **Board of Supervisors**

Dwight Ceresola, Vice Chair 1st District  
Kevin Goss, Chair 2nd District  
Sharon Thrall, 3rd District  
Greg Hagwood, 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 OCTOBER 4, 2022**

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### **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:

#### **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 - 9:00 A.M.**

**Roll Call.**

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

**1. CLOSED SESSION**

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

Chairman Goss announced the Items to be discussed in the Closed Session.

**A. 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; Quincy Lighting District; Crescent Mills Lighting District.

**Convene as the Walker Ranch Community Service District Governing Board**

**1) WALKER RANCH COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT**

Conference with Legal Counsel: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code Section 54956.9

**Adjourn as the Walker Ranch Community Service District Governing Board and reconvene as the Board of Supervisors**

- B. Conference with real property negotiator, regarding facilities: Sierra House, 529 Bell Lane, Quincy, APN 117-021-000-000
- 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. 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
- E. Conference with Legal Counsel: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (1 case)

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

Supervisor Goss came out of the closed session to convene as the Walker Ranch Community Service District, and announced item 1.A.1 to be discussed in the closed session.  
Supervisor Goss adjourned as the Walker Ranch Community Service District.

The Chair further reported that 1.E resulted in a settlement with BNSF Railroad for unitary tax refunds. There was no other reportable action taken in the closed session.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Keevin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

No Items were added or deleted from 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.

Linda Margoretic spoke regarding bill AB2089 that will allow the state medical board to punish physicians who spread misinformation.

Ava, of Social Services, spoke regarding insurance premium increases and how this affects the County employees.

Charles Schrammel, a county social worker, spoke regarding insurance premium increases and how this affects its county employees.

Thomas McGowan spoke regarding insurance premium increases and how this affects the County employees.

Barry Allen, spoke regarding insurance premium increases and how this affects the County employees and their livelihood.

Mellissa Smith, a county social worker, spoke regarding insurance premium increases and how this affects its county employees.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS**

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

Todd Johns reported that, for the first time in Plumas County History, the Plumas County Correctional Facility achieved accreditation through the National Commission on Correctional Health Care.

He followed up with an update on the status of the Sheriff's office, and reported that he polled his employees, asking them about their status within the agency in regard to the increased insurance premiums.

## **ACTION AGENDA**

## **2. UPDATES AND REPORTS**

### **A. DIXIE FIRE COLLABORATIVE**

Report, update, and discussion on Dixie Fire Collaborative efforts

Kest Porter updated the Board on the excitement of seeing Greenville neighborhoods "rising from the ashes", with 9 homes in the building process and one modular home delivered. He reported on the well

attended housing forum sponsored by Sierra Pacific Industries. He also spoke about a workshop put on by a group of architecture students visiting from the California College of the Arts in San Francisco.

### 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 member, 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. **CLERK OF THE BOARD**

- 1) Approve Meeting Minutes for September 2022

#### B. **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

- 1) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign and ratify the Agreement between Plumas County Behavioral Health and Granite Wellness Centers, to provide transitional housing and support services; effective July 1, 2022; not to exceed \$50,000.00; approved as to form by County Counsel.
- 2) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign and ratify the First Amendment to the Agreement between Plumas County Behavioral Health and North Valley Behavioral Health, LLC; amending paragraph #2 Compensation; not to exceed \$200,000.00; approved as to form by County Counsel.
- 3) Authorize no contract payment of \$1,841.41 to Wittmeier Dealership in Chico, CA., for repairs to Plumas County Behavioral Health vehicle.

#### C. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- 1) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter to the California Department of Transportation for an encroachment permit for the Quincy Junior/ Senior High School to hold the Annual Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 14, 2022.

#### D. **FACILITY SERVICES**

- 1) Approve and authorize the Director of Facility Services and Airports to waive the Courthouse rental fees for the Quincy Chamber of Commerce community Safe Trick or Treat event, to be held on October 31,

2022 from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.

- 2) Approve and authorize the Director of Facility Services and Airports to waive the Courthouse rental fee for the Quincy Chamber of Commerce annual Sparkle Event, to be held on December 2, 2022 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
- 3) Approve and authorize the Director of Facility Services and Airports to waive the Chester Memorial Hall rental fee for the Almanor Basin Food Pantry's annual fundraiser, to be held on December 16, 2022 from 5:00 to 9:00 P.M.
- 4) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement between Plumas County Facility Services and API Group Life Safety USA LLC, dba Delta Fire Systems for service and inspection of the County's fire sprinkler and alarm systems located at the County Courthouse , and the Courthouse Annex; not to exceed \$12,000.00; approved as to form by County Counsel.

#### **E. PUBLIC WORKS**

- 1) Adopt **RESOLUTION** revising the Change Order Authority for the Public Works Director; approved as to form by County Counsel.
- 2) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an Agreement between Plumas County Public Works and Bender Rosenthal, Inc. (BRI) for professional Right-of-Way Engineering and Right-of-Way Acquisition services; not to exceed \$450,000.00; approved as to form by County Counsel.

#### **4. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS**

##### **A. PROBATION DEPARTMENT - Keevin Allred**

- 1) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign and ratify an Agreement between Plumas County Department of Probation and Environmental Alternatives (EA Family Services); effective August 24, 2022, not to exceed \$126,000.00; approved as to form by County Counsel; discussion and possible action.

**Motion:** Approve and authorize the Chair to sign and ratify an Agreement between Plumas County Department of Probation and Environmental Alternatives (EA Family Services), effective August 24, 2022, not to exceed \$126,000.00; approved as to form by County Counsel. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel.

**Vote:** Motion by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 0).

**Yes:** None.

##### **B. PUBLIC HEALTH - Dana Loomis**

- 1) Approve and authorize the Director of Public Health to recruit and fill, funded and allocated; 0.5 FTE Administrative Assistant I/II position in the Veteran Services Department of Public Health; discussion and possible action.

**Motion:** Approve and authorize the Director of Public Health to recruit and fill, funded and allocated; 0.5 FTE Administrative Assistant I/II position in the Veteran Services Department of Public Health. , **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 4 Hagwood.

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

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

#### **C. PUBLIC WORKS - John Mannle**

- 1) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign and ratify the Commercial Lease Agreement between Plumas County Public Works and Graeagle Land and Water Company to lease the Graeagle Maintenance Yard, located in the Graeagle Industrial Park, Unit 1, at 101 Maricopa Trail, Graeagle , CA 96103; effective July 1, 2021, not to exceed \$1,750.00 per month through December 30, 2025; approved as to form by County Counsel; discussion and possible action

**Motion:** Approve and authorize the Chair to sign and ratify the Commercial Lease Agreement between Plumas County Public Works and Graeagle Land and Water Company to lease the Graeagle Maintenance Yard, located in the Graeagle Industrial Park, Unit 1, at 101 Maricopa Trail, Graeagle , CA 96103; effective July 1, 2021, not to exceed \$1,750.00 per month through December 30, 2025; approved as to form by County Counsel; discussion and possible action, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 4 Hagwood.

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

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

#### **D. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - Todd Johns**

- 1) Approve and authorize fixed asset purchase for two (2) Prisoner Transport vans from dept. 70380; not to exceed the amount of \$242,256.30; to be purchased with approved ARPA funding and funding from the Sheriff's AB443 budget; discussion and possible action. **Four/fifths roll call vote.**

**Motion:** Approve and authorize fixed asset purchase for two (2) Prisoner Transport vans from dept. 70380; not to exceed the amount of \$242,256.30; to be purchased with approved ARPA funding and funding from the Sheriff's AB443 budget.

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 4 Hagwood.

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

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

### **5. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- A. **TIME CERTAIN 1:00 P.M.** Interview of Applicant to fill the vacancy of Plumas County Auditor/ Controller; created by the resignation of Roberta Allen, effective January 31, 2022.

The Board Chair welcomed the applicants and thanked Linda and Jesse for returning and Martee for applying. Nancy Selvage began the public interview with questions for the applicants: Linda Bair,

Martee Nieman, Jesse Payne.

The candidates were given 18 interview questions and were asked one at a time, rotating to who was given the opportunity to give their answer first.

Each candidate was given the opportunity to ask any questions that they might have, and make a closing statement.

Linda Bair summed up her qualifications in her closing statement, and asked how long the position was to be appointed, as it is an elected position.

Martee Nieman thanked the board for giving her an opportunity to interview for this position.

She also summed up her qualifications in her closing statement.

Jesse Payne summed up his experience and qualifications and thanked the Board for the opportunity to interview for this position.

Following the interview questions, the floor was opened for any additional questions from the board or the public.

There are no additional questions.

- **This item is continued to the Regularly Scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors on October 11, 2022.**

## **B. CORRESPONDENCE**

Supervisor Hagwood received correspondence regarding garbage & recycling in the downtown Quincy area not being picked up for 3 weeks; code enforcement issues in East Quincy; correspondence regarding policy on fire action; the LA Times news article regarding the Greenville community; and a variety of correspondence from County employees regarding the increase in medical insurance premiums that echoed the sentiment in today's public comment.

Supervisor Thrall received correspondence regarding many of the same matters as reported by Supervisor Hagwood.

Supervisor Engel received correspondence with the owners of Kinship Ranch; correspondence regarding a VRBO complaint; a code enforcement complaint; the LA Times news article regarding the Greenville community; and employee insurance increases.

Supervisor Ceresola received correspondence regarding Fire District consolidation; road conditions on the east end of the valley; correspondence on property tax and air quality concerns within the county.

Supervisor Goss received correspondence regarding fire policies; correspondence with employees in regards to the medical insurance premium increase; correspondence with the folks at the College of the arts out of San Francisco; and correspondence regarding garbage service.

## **C. INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Weekly reports by Board members of meetings attended, key topics, project updates, standing committees and appointed Boards and Associations .

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Reported by Supervisor Hagwood regarding matters related to County Government, and included attending the housing forum put on by the Planning Department and hosted by Sierra Pacific Industries.

Reported by Supervisor Engel regarding matters related to County Government and included attending the same regional, developer/ builder forum as Supervisor Hagwood.

Reported by Supervisor Ceresola regarding matters related to County Government and included attending a Water Board meeting, and the **First 5** meeting.

Reported by Supervisor Goss regarding matters related to County Government and included a meeting with the CCA students, Led the Plumas County Infrastructure RSF meeting (concerning long term disaster recovery); met with PG&E at the fairgrounds to review the undergrounding project, reviewed maps and plans to gain an understanding of how this project will impact Indian Valley and beyond. Met with the Chester Park and Plaza, Public/ Private Partnership, with Supervisor Thrall; attended the regional developer/ builder forum, Chaired the Special Supervisors meetings on the 27th and the 30th relating to the adoption of the County budget.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn meeting to Tuesday, October 11, 2022, Board of Supervisors Room 308, Courthouse, Quincy, California