



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 FEBRUARY 11, 2025

STANDING ORDERS

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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

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

Rick Roberti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

Chair Goss has requested that Item 4.B, and 5.B be removed from the agenda.

Chair Goss has requested that two items be added to the agenda under Departmental Matters;

Letter of Support to California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Approve and authorize Behavioral Health to recruit and fill, funded and allocated vacant 1 FTE Support Services Technicians, as approved in the FY 24/25 budget, state and federal funds.

*******Supervisor Engel made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Supervisor McGowan******

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.

Dan Kearns commented on the illegal cartel marijuana grows in Plumas County; he also offered a short prayer.

Janet Crane asked about the assisted listening devices and wanted to know when the public would be receiving an ENGIE project update.

Anonymous public comment asking when pine needle dumping would be on the agenda, and the highways having potholes on Hwy 89.

An Anonymous Zoom caller commented on COVID-19 in Plumas County

Mike Gardner commented on the disarray of the Feather River Inn.

Ted Stout presented a handout to the Board <https://plumascounty.us/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/18674>

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

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

Nick Collin (Facilities Director) updated the Board on the start of the first phase of the ENGIE projects.

Sharon Sousa (Behavioral Health Director)

ACTION AGENDA

1. UPDATES AND REPORTS

A. PLUMAS COUNTY BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Report and update on Dixie Fire Business and Economic Recovery efforts.

Clint Koble reads from a handout he presented to the Board

<https://plumascounty.us/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/18675>

B. Rick Roberti, Sierra Cattlemen's Association Update

The Board received an update from Rick Roberti regarding the wolves in the county. There were several public comments made during this update.

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 Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4 Hall.

A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 1) 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 March 11, 2025;

THIS ITEM WAS TAKEN UP SEPARATELY FROM CONSENT AND VOTED ON

Motion: 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 March 11, 2025; **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.

- 2) 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 March 11, 2025.

THIS ITEM WAS TAKEN UP SEPARATELY FROM CONSENT AND VOTED ON

Motion: 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 March 11, 2025.

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.

- 3) 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 April 8, 2025.

THIS ITEM WAS TAKEN UP SEPARATELY FROM CONSENT AND VOTED ON

Motion: 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 April 8, 2025., **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.

- 4) Review, pursuant to Government Code section 8630, **RESOLUTION No. 21-8601** and **RESOLUTION No. 21-8605** ratifying the Proclamations of County-Wide Local Emergency due to the Beckworth Complex, Dixie and Fly Fires; recommendation to continue the emergency and bring back within 60 days, on April 8, 2025.

THIS ITEM WAS TAKEN UP SEPARATELY FROM CONSENT AND VOTED ON

Motion: Review, pursuant to Government Code section 8630, **RESOLUTION No. 21-8601** and **RESOLUTION No. 21-8605** ratifying the Proclamations of County-Wide Local Emergency due to the Beckworth Complex, Dixie and Fly Fires; recommendation to continue the emergency and bring back within 60 days, on April 8, 2025., **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.

B. TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR

- 1) Approve and authorize Treasurer-Tax Collector to recruit and fill, one extra-help Tax Specialist I/II; (General Fund Impact) as approved in the FY24-25 recommended budget.

C. PUBLIC WORKS/ROAD

- 1) Approve and authorize Public Works/Road Department to recruit and fill, funded and allocated, vacancy of One (1) FTE Assistant Director of Public Works, due to promotion; No General Fund Impact; Road budgeted funds.

D. SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- 1) Approve and authorize Chair to ratify and sign an agreement between Plumas County Sheriff's Office and Plumas Sanitation to provide waste tank pumping services at the Plumas County Correctional Facility; effective January 1, 2025; not to exceed \$10,000.00; (General Fund Impact) as approved in FY24/25 recommended budget (70380 / 521300 Jails/Maint. Building & Grounds); approved as to form by County Counsel.

E. SOCIAL SERVICES

- 1) Approve and authorize Social Services to recruit and fill, funded and allocated, vacant 4 FTE Eligibility Specialist; (No General Fund Impact) Federal, State and realignment funds.
- 2) Approve and authorize Social Services to recruit and fill, funded and allocated, vacant 1 FTE Social Services Aide; (No General Fund Impact) Funds to support this position come from the 2011 public safety realignment of Child Protective Services.
- 3) Approve and authorize Social Services to recruit and fill, funded and allocated, vacant 2 FTE Social Worker I/II; (No General Fund Impact) Funds to support this position come from Federal, State and realignment funds.
- 4) Approve and authorize Social Services to recruit and fill, funded and allocated, vacant 1 FTE Senior Social Worker I/II; (No General Fund Impact) Funds to support this position come from Federal, State and realignment funds.
- 5) Approve and authorize Social Services to recruit and fill, funded and allocated, vacant 1 FTE Welfare Fraud Investigator I/II; (No General Fund Impact) Funds to support this position come from Federal, State and realignment funds.

F. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- 1) Approve and authorize Chair to ratify and sign an agreement between Plumas County Behavioral Health and Community Medical Specialists to provide Tele-Therapy services; effective February 1, 2025; not to exceed \$500,000.00 per fiscal year. (No General Fund Impact) State funds; approved as to form by County Counsel.

3. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

A. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Todd Johns

- 1) Adopt **RESOLUTION** authorizing Sheriff's Office to apply for and administer grant funding from the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division ; (No General Fund Impact); approved as to form by County Counsel; discussion and possible action. **Roll call vote**

Motion: Adopt [RESOLUTION No. 25-8995](#) authorizing Sheriff's Office to apply for and administer grant funding from the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division ; (No General Fund Impact); approved as to form by County Counsel; discussion and possible action. **Roll call vote, 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 Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4 Hall.

Sheriff Johns presents

- 2) Approve and authorize the Sheriff to sign two agreements between Plumas County Sheriff's Office and the State of California Department of General Services/California Highway Patrol; effective 10/01/2024; not to exceed \$5,040.00/year total for the first year; (No General Fund Impact) Sheriff's Medcom (EMS) funds 70357-520912; not approved as to form by County Counsel; discussion and possible action.

Motion: Approve and authorize the Sheriff to sign two agreements between Plumas County Sheriff's Office and the State of California Department of General Services/California Highway Patrol; effective 10/01/2024; not to exceed \$5,040.00/year total for the first year; (No General Fund Impact) Sheriff's Medcom (EMS) funds 70357-520912; not approved as to form by County Counsel; discussion and possible action., **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 Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4 Hall.

Sheriff Johns presents

There were several public comments heard regarding this item

- 3) Approve and authorize Plumas County Sheriff to recruit and fill, funded and allocated, vacant Sheriff Sergeant FTE one (1.0); (General Fund Impact) as approved in FY24/25 recommended budget.

Motion: Approve and authorize Plumas County Sheriff to recruit and fill, funded and allocated, vacant Sheriff Sergeant FTE one (1.0); (General Fund Impact) as approved in FY24/25 recommended budget., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 2 Goss, **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 Johns presents

- 4) Approve and authorize Chair to ratify and sign an agreement between Plumas County Sheriff's Office and City of Portola for law enforcement services, effective July 1, 2024, incoming revenue totaling approximately \$130,000.00 as approved in FY 24/25, approved as to form by County Counsel.

Motion: Approve and authorize Chair to ratify and sign an agreement between Plumas County Sheriff's Office and City of Portola for law enforcement services, effective July 1, 2024, incoming revenue totaling approximately \$130,000.00 as approved in FY 24/25, approved as to form by County Counsel., **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 Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4 Hall.

Sheriff Johns presents

There were several public comments heard regarding this item.

*****Chair Goss requests a 5-minute break*****

4. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- A. CONTINUED DISCUSSION FROM JANUARY 21, 2025: Recent Property Tax Assessment Increases; discussion and possible direction to staff.

Motion: Direct County Counsel to do a review of Board of Equalization Laws, Proposition 8, and 13. Look at different counties regarding deferment of payments, policy changes and communicate with Department heads to come back with a recommendation. CONTINUED DISCUSSION FROM JANUARY 21, 2025: Recent Property Tax Assessment Increases; discussion and possible direction to staff., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 4 Hall.

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.

Supervisor Hall presents

There were several public comments heard during this item.

- B. Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the purpose of continuing a Regional Emergency Medical Services Agency and providing for the implementation, operation and management of an Emergency Medical Services System in the Counties of Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Sierra and Trinity Counties State of California; discussion and possible action whether the Board is willing to operate this agreement with Plumas County being the governing jurisdiction in the exercise of power under this agreement.

***** This item was pulled from the agenda at the request of Interim County Counsel Brechtel*****

C. PLUMAS COUNTY TOURISM - Sharon Roberts

- 1) Approve and authorize Chair to sign an agreement between Plumas County and Civitas Advisors, Inc. for a Transient Occupancy Tax Information Nondisclosure Agreement; effective February 11, 2025; No General Fund Impact; approved as to form by County Counsel; discussion and possible action.

Motion: Approve and authorize Chair to sign an agreement between Plumas County and Civitas Advisors, Inc. for a Transient Occupancy Tax Information Nondisclosure Agreement; effective February 11, 2025; No General Fund Impact; approved as to form by County Counsel; discussion and possible action., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 4 Hall, **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 Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4 Hall.

Sharon Roberts presents

There were several public comments heard during this item.

D. APPOINTMENTS

- 1) Appoint two Plumas County Supervisors to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Board, one to serve as an alternate Board member, and one to serve as a County Liaison for Northeast Sierra subregion for a one-year term; discussion and possible action

Motion: Appoint Supervisor McGowan as the alternate, and Supervisor Hall as the County Liaison. Appoint two Plumas County Supervisors to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Board, one to serve as an alternate Board member, and one to serve as a County Liaison for Northeast Sierra subregion for a one-year term; discussion and possible action, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 4 Hall.

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.

- 2) **Notice of Vacancy:** This is to announce that five vacancies have occurred on the Plumas County Chester Design Committee representing District 3. If any member of the public is interested in serving on a county board, commission or committee (BCC), please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 530-283-6170 or email: pcbs@countyofplumas.com

- 3) Select and appoint a Plumas County Board of Supervisor to the Solid Waste Task Force, effective February 11, 2025; discussion and possible action.

******This item was tabled until February 18, 2025******

E. CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Goss received correspondence regarding flooding concerns.

Supervisor Hall received correspondence regarding flooding concerns.

Supervisor Engel received correspondence regarding property tax assessments.

Supervisor McGowan received correspondence regarding snow removal efforts in Chester.

Supervisor Ceresola received correspondence regarding wolves, and thefts occurring on road A23.

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 meeting with Civitas, visiting the Housing Council communications systems.

Reported by Supervisor McGowan regarding matters related to County Government and included MDA agreements and entry into Chester

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

Reported by Supervisor Ceresola regarding matters related to County Government and included attending the SVGWMD meeting, and the re-charge meetings regarding wolf packs in the county.

5. CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

A. Personnel: Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Public Health Director (Board Only)

B. Conference with Legal Counsel: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Subdivision (d)(2) and

(e)(2) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (1 case)

*****This item was pulled at the request of the Chair*****

REPORT OF ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)

Chair Goss reported there was no reportable action taken during closed session on item 5.A
5.B was not discussed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned meeting to Tuesday, February 18, 2025, Board of Supervisors Room 308, Courthouse, Quincy, California