



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 MARCH 18, 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, Chair Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4, Vice-Chair Hall

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jackie McLaughlin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

Chair Goss stated that there was a typo (FY 26/27) should read (FY27/28) on the posted back-up material for item 2.B.2 (Resolution). The correct resolution is attached.

Chair Goss has requested that item 2.C.1 be pulled 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.

Dan Kearns offered a short prayer

Jackie McLaughlin presented a handout to the Board

<https://plumascounty.us/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/18726>

Rick Foster ask if other organizations are looking into air burners.

One public comment on Zoom spoke about vaccines

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 surplus vehicle auction.

Willow Vieira (AG Commissioner) updates the Board that this is National AG Week. March 19, 2024, is AG Day.

Dan Kearns asks Willow about the drug cartels and if they are tracking the harmful chemicals that they are using.

Tracey Ferguson presents a handout to the Board

<https://plumascounty.us/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/18727>

Nicole Reinert (PH Director) updates the Board on wages and staffing in her department.

ACTION AGENDA

- A. Receive a presentation on the 2021 Dixie Fire Implementation Strategy for the Recovery and Rebuilding of the Town of Greenville and Canyon Dam, by the American Planning Association California Chapter, Community Planning Assistance Team (CPAT) in association with Tracey Ferguson, Planning Director, Planning Department.

The Board received a presentation from Tracey Ferguson and the CPAT Team.

Dan Kearns comments

Clint Koble comments

Chair Goss comments

Supervisor McGowan comments

Public comment on Zoom

Supervisor Hall comments

- B. **TIME CERTAIN 1:00pm** Receive a presentation from High Sierra Music - 25 years of HSM Festival in 2025.

The Board received a presentation from High Sierra Music

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 - 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. FACILITY SERVICES & AIRPORTS

- 1) Approve and authorize Chair to sign an agreement between Plumas County Facility Services & Airports and Frank's Garage for automotive repair, maintenance, and inspection; effective April 1, 2025; not to exceed \$15,000.00; as approved in recommended FY24/25 budget 2012052 (Facilities) 520902 (Vehicle Maintenance); approved as to form by County Counsel.
- 2) Approve and authorize Board Chair to sign 3-year lease agreement between County of Plumas and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for office space at the Permit Center effective February 28, 2025. General Fund revenue; approved as to form by County Counsel.

B. CODE ENFORCEMENT

- 1) Approve and authorize Chair to sign an agreement between Plumas County Code Enforcement and Adcock Family Heritage, LLC for the Vehicle Abatement Services Towing Contract; effective March 1, 2025, through February 28, 2026; not to exceed \$10,000.00; (No General Fund Impact) Abatement of Abandoned Vehicles Funds; approved as to form by County Counsel.

C. AGRICULTURE WEIGHTS & MEASURES

- 1) Approve and authorize Agriculture Weights & Measures to recruit and fill, funded and allocated, vacant 1 Seasonal Agricultural Technician/Extra Help; (No General Fund Impact); Grants and Contracts.

D. PUBLIC WORKS/ROAD

- 1) Approve and Authorize the Public Works/Road Department to recruit and fill, funded and allocated, vacant One (1) FTE Equipment Maintenance Supervisor; County Promotional Only; No General Fund impact, paid for by Road Funds.

E. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- 1) Approve and authorize Chair to ratify and sign an agreement between Plumas County Behavioral Health and John Muir Health acute psychiatric services for children, youth, and adults; effective March 1, 2025; not to exceed \$100,000.00; (No General Fund Impact) Federal and State funds; approved as to form by County Counsel.

- 2) Approve and authorize Chair to sign amendment no. 1 to the agreement between Plumas County Behavioral Health and California Mental Health Service Authority Participation Agreement State Hospital Beds Program modifies the end date from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2026; (No General Fund Impact) Federal and State; approved as to form by County Counsel; discussion and possible action.

F. SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- 1) Approve and authorize Chair to sign an agreement between Plumas County Sheriff's Office and Mark Clementi, Ph.D., to administer pre-employment testing to job applicants to the Plumas County Sheriff's Office; effective May 1, 2025; not to exceed \$9,999.00; (General Fund Impact) as approved in recommended FY24/25 budget 70330 / 521107 (Sheriff / Pre-Employment Costs); approved as to form by County Counsel.

G. PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY

- 1) Approve and authorize Chair to ratify and sign the following related Memorandums of Understanding between Plumas County Public Health Agency and Plumas County District Attorney's Office, Plumas County Probation Department, Plumas County Children and Families Commission, and Roundhouse Council, Inc.; the MOUs provide for a pass-through of federal Medicaid funds for Medi-Cal Administrative Activities undertaken by the organizations that result in increased health care coverage and utilization of health care services; effective (July 1, 2024); (No General Fund Impact) (MAA funds); approved as to form by County Counsel.

H. PLANNING

- 1) Approve and authorize Chair to sign amendment no. 1 to agreement between Plumas County and Mintier Harnish, a limited partnership (LP), for a Services Agreement term extension through September 30, 2025; No General Fund Impact - HCD/County Standard Agreement 22-CDBG-PL-2004; approved as to form by County Counsel.

- 2) Approve and authorize Chair to sign amendment no. 3 to agreement between Plumas County and Plumas Crisis Intervention & Resource Center (PCIRC), a non-profit 501(c)(3) for a Funding Agreement term extension through March 31, 2025, for the Dragonfly Cafe Project; No General Fund Impact - HCD/County Standard Agreement 20-CDBG-CV2-3-00299; approved as to form by County Counsel.

2. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

A. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Todd Johns

- 1) Approve and authorize fixed asset budget transfer from Sheriff Homeland Security budget 70345 fixed asset accounts 542200 (Communication Equipment) \$34,769.00 and 542203 (Repeater Equipment) \$30,000.00 to service and supply account 529500 (Computers) \$64,769.00; discussion and possible action; no General Fund impact (Homeland Security grant); **Four/Fifths roll call vote**

Motion: Approve and authorize fixed asset budget transfer from Sheriff Homeland Security budget 70345 fixed asset accounts 542200 (Communication Equipment) \$34,769.00 and 542203 (Repeater Equipment) \$30,000.00 to service and supply account 529500 (Computers) \$64,769.00; discussion and possible action; no General Fund impact (Homeland Security grant); **Four/Fifths roll call vote**,

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.

Sheriff Johns presents

Supervisor McGowan comments

B. HUMAN RESOURCES - Joshua Mizrahi

- 1) Adopt **RESOLUTION** adopting new, limited-term Plumas County Disaster Recovery Coordinator and base wage of \$35.00 per hour; (PG&E Dixie Fire Settlement Fund Impact); approved as to form by County Counsel; discussion and possible action; **Roll call vote**

Motion: Adopt [**RESOLUTION No. 25-9008**](#) adopting new, limited-term Plumas County Disaster Recovery Coordinator and base wage of \$35.00 per hour; (PG&E Dixie Fire Settlement 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 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.

Tracey Ferguson presents

- 2) Adopt **RESOLUTION** to amend Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Plumas County Position Allocation for the County Administrative Office, Budget Unit #20030; (PG&E Dixie Fire Settlement Fund Impact); Disaster Recovery Coordinator will be funded through the 27/28 Fiscal Year to the end of June 30, 2028, with funding from the PG&E Dixie Fire Settlement (Fund 0055); approved as to form by County Counsel; discussion and possible action. **Roll call vote**

Motion: Adopt [**RESOLUTION No. 25-9009**](#) to amend Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Plumas County Position Allocation for the County Administrative Office, Budget Unit #20030; (PG&E Dixie Fire Settlement Fund Impact); Disaster Recovery Coordinator will be funded through the 27/28 Fiscal Year to the end of June 30, 2028, with funding from the PG&E Dixie Fire Settlement (Fund 0055); 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 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.

Tracey Ferguson presents

- 3) Approve and authorize Human Resources to recruit and fill, funded and allocated, vacant 1.0 FTE limited -term, at-will, contracted Disaster Recovery Coordinator (PG&E Dixie Fire Settlement Fund Impact) position funded with PG&E Dixie Fire Settlement Funds; discussion and possible action

Motion: Approve and authorize Human Resources to recruit and fill, funded and allocated, vacant 1.0 FTE limited -term, at-will, contracted Disaster Recovery Coordinator (PG&E Dixie Fire Settlement Fund Impact) position funded with PG&E Dixie Fire Settlement Funds; 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.

Tracey Ferguson presents

Supervisor Hall comments

Supervisor McGowan comments

Dan Kearns comments

Rick Foster comments

Jane Braxton-Little comments

Clint Koble comments

Supervisor Engel comments

Chair Goss comments

C. TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR - Julie White

- 1) Request approval of the Board of Supervisors to pay legal fees incurred by the Treasurer-Tax Collector in the amount of \$265,577.66 and authorize the Auditor's office to pay costs, after receipt and review of invoices, from available General Fund Contingency (2098052/528400); and return to the Board for budget transfers, if needed.

*****THIS ITEM WAS PULLED AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIR*****

D. CLERK OF THE BOARD - Allen Hiskey

- 1) Approve the Amended Minutes from December 17, 2024, as attached; errors were found and have been amended; discussion and possible action.

Motion: Approve the Amended Minutes from December 17, 2024, as attached; errors were found and have been amended; discussion and possible action., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola.

Vote: Motion Passed by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

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

Allen Hiskey Clerk of the Board presents

Supervisor Hall abstains

Rick Foster comments

E. COUNTY COUNSEL - Josh Brechtel

- 1) Approve and authorize Chair to ratify and sign an agreement between Plumas County and Boucher Law, PC for conducting confidential investigations; effective March 1, 2025; not to exceed \$35,000.00; (No General Fund Impact) paid for by Social Services; approved as to form by County Counsel; discussion and possible action.

Motion: Approve and authorize Chair to ratify and sign an agreement between Plumas County and Boucher Law, PC for conducting confidential investigations; effective March 1, 2025; not to exceed \$35,000.00; (No General Fund Impact) paid for by Social Services; 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, Chair Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4, Vice-Chair Hall.

Josh Brechtel Interim County Counsel presents

Dan Kearns comments

Jane Braxton-Little comments

3. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A. CONTINUED DISCUSSION FROM MARCH 4, 2025: ENGIE Project Update: Receive a brief project update; discussion and possible direction to staff.

The Board continued discussion regarding the ENGIE project.

Nick Collin Facilities Director presents

Supervisor Hall comments

Janet Crane comments

Julie White Treasurer-Tax Collector comments

Supervisor Engel comments

***** Continue discussion on April 1, 2025, under the direction of the Chair*****

B. CONTINUED DISCUSSION FROM MARCH 4, 2025: Recent Property Tax Assessment Increases; discussion and possible direction to staff.

The Board continued discussion regarding the property tax increases.

Cindie Froggatt Assessor comments

Julie White Treasurer-Tax Collector comments

Martee Nieman Auditor-Controller comments

Janet Crane comments

Dan Kearns comments

Rick Foster comments

Supervisor Engel comments

*****Continue discussion on April 1, 2025 at the direction of the Chair*****

C. Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Letter of Invitation to Congressman Kevin Kiley to attend an in-person town hall meeting hosted by Plumas County; discussion and possible action.

Motion: Approve and authorize Chair to sign a Letter of Invitation to Congressman Kevin Kiley to attend an in-person town hall meeting hosted by Plumas County; discussion and possible action.,
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.

D. Approve the updated 2025 Plumas County Acceptable Use Policy; discussion and possible action.

Motion: Approve the updated 2025 Plumas County Acceptable Use Policy; discussion 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.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Hall received correspondence regarding the impact of Federal funding freezes.

Supervisor Engel received correspondence regarding property taxes.

Supervisor Ceresola received correspondence regarding Sierra Valley Ground Water

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 attending a meeting with Debbie Hopkins regarding the Chinese Cemetery, Fire Safe Council, Budget Meetings

Reported by Supervisor McGowan regarding matters related to County Government and included attending the CSAC Regional Meeting in Chico

Reported by Supervisor Goss regarding matters related to County Government and including LAFCO Meeting, Roundhouse Rd burnt trees concerns, objection meeting regarding Forest Service

Reported by Supervisor Ceresola regarding matters related to County Government and included attending a meeting regarding the re-charge with the State Fish and Wildlife

4. CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

A. Public Employee Appointment Government Code §54957: County Counsel

B. Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing litigation pursuant to Subdivision (d)(1) of Government Code §54956.9 – Julie White v Board of Supervisors CV24-00119

C. Conference with Legal Counsel: Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to Subdivision (d)(2)(e)(2) of Government Code §54956.9 (1 case).

REPORT OF ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)

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

5. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned meeting to Tuesday, April 1, 2025, Board of Supervisors Room 308, Courthouse, Quincy, California