



Lassen County

Meeting Minutes

Board of Supervisors

LASSEN COUNTY SUPERVISORS:

*DISTRICT 1 - CHRIS GALLAGHER - VICE CHAIRMAN; DISTRICT 2 - GARY BRIDGES; DISTRICT 3 - TOM NEELY;
DISTRICT 4 - AARON ALBAUGH - CHAIRMAN; DISTRICT 5 - JASON INGRAM*

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

9:00 AM

Board Chambers
707 Nevada Street
Susanville, CA 96130

9:02 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Supervisors Bridges, Neely, Albaugh, and Ingram. Also present: County Administrative Officer (CAO) Richard Egan, County Counsel Amanda Uhrhammer, and Deputy Clerk of the Board Michele Yderraga.

Supervisor Gallagher was absent by prearrangement.

Present: 4 - Gary Bridges, Tom Neely, Aaron Albaugh and Jason Ingram

Absent: 1 - Chris Gallagher

Excuse: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

CAO Egan announced the following closed session item:

- 1) Conference with Legal Counsel: To consider whether to initiate litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c), (d)(4).

CLOSED SESSION

Closed session was held from 9:03 a.m. - 9:39 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Bridges, Neely, Albaugh, and Ingram. Also present: CAO Egan, County Counsel Uhrhammer, and Deputy Clerk of the Board Yderraga.

Deputy CAO Tony Shaw was present from 9:03 a.m. - 9:39 a.m.
Director of Public Works Pete Heimbigner was present from 9:03 a.m. - 9:39 a.m.
Deputy Director of Public Works Kayla Neely was present from 9:03 a.m. - 9:39 a.m.

RECESS: 9:39 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

9:45 A.M. OPENING CEREMONIES

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

After the flag salute, invocation was offered by Supervisor Albaugh.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

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No reportable action.

AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

Supervisor Albaugh stated Item# H2 - County Counsel Contract was being removed from the agenda.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bridges, seconded by Supervisor Ingram, that this Agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Bridges, Neely, Albaugh and Ingram

Absent: 1 - Gallagher

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

UNAGENDIZED REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Supervisor Bridges: 1) Attended a Cultural Competency meeting; 2) attended a Big Valley Groundwater Advisory Board Committee (BVAC) meeting; 3) attended a Lassen Plumas Sierra Community Action Agency (LPSCAA) meeting; 4) attended a Planning and Service Area - Area Agency on Aging (PSA 2 AAA) meeting; 5) attended a Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting; 6) congratulated the City of Susanville and Uptown Susanville on the Christmas Parade; 7) attended the Caleb Montgomery concert.

Supervisor Neely: 1) Attended the uptown Christmas Parade; 2) assisted with the senior lunch program; 3) will be attending the air pollution meeting; 4) will not be available on December 11, 2024.

Supervisor Ingram: 1) Attended the Doyle Fire Protect District Tree Lighting event; 2) attended the Caleb Montgomery concert; 3) will be attending the air pollution meeting; 4) this weekend would be the Janesville Parade of Lights event; 5) next week will be the Battle of the Elected Officials event.

Supervisor Albaugh: 1) Will be attending the solid waste meeting today; 2) attended the BVAC meeting; 3) announced the Lassen County Christmas Party

would be held this evening; 4) will be attending the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) meeting in Sacramento.

INFORMATION/CONSENT CALENDAR

Supervisor Ingram requested to pull Item# G1 - Letter to Governor Newsom and Attorney General Bonta.

COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Supervisor Bridges, seconded by Supervisor Neely, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Bridges, Neely, Albaugh and Ingram

Absent: 1 - Gallagher

LASSEN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF
NOVEMBER 19, 2024

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve.

Attachments: [DRAFT MINS 2024-11-19](#)

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda.

LASSEN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF
NOVEMBER 26, 2024

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes of November 26, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve.

Attachments: [DRAFT MINS 2024-11-26.rtf](#)

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda.

LASSEN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF
DECEMBER 4, 2024

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve.

Attachments: [DRAFT MINS 2024-12-04](#)

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda.

ELECTIONS

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTIONS

SUBJECT: Certified Statement of Results for the November 5, 2024, Presidential General Election.

FISCAL IMPACT: Unknown.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Receive and file the Certified Statement of Results for the November 5, 2024, Presidential General election, as per Section 15372 of the California Elections Code; and 2) declare the results as per Election Code Section 15400.

Attachments: [NOV 5 2024 BOS Certification Packet](#)

These Reports were received and filed on the Consent Agenda.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive and file the following correspondence:

a) Lassen County Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting Agenda for December 9, 2024.

b) Lassen Local Agency Formation Committee Notice of Cancellation for the Regular Meeting of December 9, 2024.

c) Planning and Service Area 2 Area Agency on Aging (PSA 2 AAA) meeting agenda of December 9, 2024.

Attachments: [doc06317620241205095920](#)

These Reports were received and filed on the Consent Agenda.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LETTER TO GOVERNOR NEWSOM AND ATTORNEY GENERAL BONTA

SUBJECT: Letter of concern requesting that Governor Newsom and Attorney General Bonta investigate whether fueling stations inside the City of Susanville may be engaging in non-competitive practices to fix prices of gasoline and diesel fuels.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Approve letter; and 2) authorize the Chairman to execute; and/or 3) provide direction to staff.

Attachments: [241210 Letter Requesting State Investigation of Gas Prices](#)

Supervisor Ingram stated he pulled this item to thank Deputy CAO Tony Shaw for writing the letter. Deputy CAO Shaw informed the board this item was requested by Supervisor Gallagher who was not present today and stated they had done a windshield survey between Susanville, Reno, Westwood, and Chester. All gas prices were the same except Chevron and the Susanville Indian Rancheria Gas Station. Supervisor Albaugh said gas prices in Adin and Bieber were lower than Susanville. Brief discussion was held.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ingram, seconded by Supervisor

Bridges, that this Action Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Bridges, Neely, Albaugh and Ingram

Absent: 1 - Gallagher

AUDITOR/CONTROLLER/TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

TAX SALE

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the sale of tax defaulted property at public auction and sealed auction May 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt resolution.

Attachments: [TTC Attach](#)

Assistant Treasurer/Tax Collector Taya Short informed the board there were 79 parcels going to tax sale. This year the Treasurer/Tax Collector was not going to do sealed bids but would resume sealed bids for year 2025. Assistant Short gave a brief overview of how online bidding occurred. Auditor/Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector Nancy Cardenas reminded the board anyone who was affiliated with Lassen County Government could not place a bid on any parcel in the tax sale. Brief discussion was held pertaining to sealed and unsealed bids.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ingram, seconded by Supervisor Bridges, that this Resolution No. 24-051 be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Bridges, Neely, Albaugh and Ingram

Absent: 1 - Gallagher

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2024-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

SUBJECT: 2024-2029 Housing Element Update of the Lassen County General Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT: Unknown.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Receive Planning Commission Resolution No. 11-01-24 recommending approval; and 2) conduct a public hearing as required by Section 65355 of the Government Code; and 3) concur with the Lassen County Environmental Review Officer that the update is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; and 4) adopt a resolution approving the 2024-2029 Housing Element Update; and 5) direct staff to forward the adopted Housing Element Update to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for certification.

Attachments: [Housing Element Packet BOS 12-10-24](#)

Director of Planning and Building Services Maury Anderson informed the board this item was an update to the Housing Element for years 2024-2029 and the consultant was present. Luke Lindebush from 4 Leaf, Inc. gave a detailed power point presentation regarding the background, timeline, public outreach, housing strategy, Housing Element goals, housing programs, the housing site, state requirements, recommendations and next steps. Sheriff/Coroner John McGarva explained the location of the housing site. Director Anderson stated the Housing Element was required by the state and if the county didn't comply, Health and Social Services would lose grants and programs provided by the state.

The Public Hearing was open from 10:15 a.m. - 10:21 a.m.

SPEAKERS IN FAVOR: Health and Social Services Program Manager Grace Poor.

SPEAKERS IN OPPOSITION: None.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ingram, seconded by Supervisor Bridges, that this Resolution No. 24-052 be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Bridges, Neely and Ingram

Nay: 1 - Albaugh

Absent: 1 - Gallagher

PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: Proposed ordinance to regulate camping on county owned public property.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Conduct a public hearing; and 2) find that the proposed ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Sections 15307 and 15308 of the CEQA Guidelines; and 3) introduce the ordinance and read (or waive); and 4) continue until December 17, 2024.

Attachments: [Camping Ord BOS 12-10-24 Packet](#)

Director of Planning and Building Services Maury Anderson informed the board the request was to conduct a Public Hearing and read the Action Requested. Director Anderson stated this was the Camping Ordinance to ensure the safety and well being to use public areas and public properties. This ordinance did not apply to private properties. Director Anderson briefly discussed legal outcome if the ordinance was violated.

The Public Hearing was open from 10:26 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

SPEAKERS IN FAVOR: Sheriff/Coroner John McGarva.

SPEAKERS IN OPPOSITION: Dante Callegari.

Sheriff McGarva briefly discussed resources provided by Lassen County for those individuals who were homeless or needing assistance.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ingram, seconded by Supervisor Bridges, to introduce this ordinance and waive the first reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Bridges, Neely, Albaugh and Ingram

Absent: 1 - Gallagher

COUNTY COUNSEL

COUNTY COUNSEL CONTRACT

SUBJECT: Renewal of County Counsel Contract with Prentice Long PC.
FISCAL IMPACT: \$20,000 annual increase in County Counsel contractual retainer. Any increased litigation costs are unknown.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Discuss renewal of County Counsel Contract; and 2) approve County Counsel Contract, appoint Amanda Uhrhammer from Prentice Long PC as County Counsel; and 3) authorize the County Administrative Officer to execute the contract; or 4) provide direction to staff.

Attachments: [H2 Lassen Agreement 3 \(003\)](#)

THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

SUBJECT: INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CAO Egan reported: 1) Informed the board additional Fair Manager applications were received and scheduled interviews for Tuesday, December 17, 2024; and 2) reminded everyone the Lassen County Christmas Party would be held this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Michele Yderraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board

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