



# Lassen County

## Meeting Minutes

### Board of Supervisors Special Meeting

*LASSEN COUNTY SUPERVISORS:*

*DISTRICT 1 - CHRIS GALLAGHER - VICE CHAIR ; DISTRICT 2 - GARY BRIDGES; DISTRICT 3 - JEFF HEMPHILL ; DISTRICT 4 - AARON ALBAUGH - CHAIRMAN; DISTRICT 5 - TOM HAMMOND*

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Tuesday, September 7, 2021

1:00 PM

Board Chambers  
707 Nevada Street  
Susanville, CA 96130

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#### 1:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

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

Supervisor Hammond was absent by prearrangement.

**Present:** 4 - Chris Gallagher, Gary Bridges, Jeff Hemphill and Aaron Albaugh

**Absent:** 1 - Tom Hammond

**Excuse:** 0

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

CAO Egan announced the following closed session items:

- 1) Conference with Legal Counsel: Significant exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code Section 54956.9: One case.
- 2) Conference with Labor Negotiator Richard Egan: United Public Employees of California (UPEC).
- 3) Conference with Labor Negotiator Richard Egan: The Board convenes as Lassen County In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority for discussion with Richard Egan regarding Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 2015, on labor negotiations. The Board reconvenes as the Board of Supervisors.
- 4) Conference with Real Property Negotiations: Property Address: Lassen County Assessor Parcel Number (APN): 123-200-018; Agency Negotiator: Tony Shaw; Negotiating Party: Larry Smith; Under Negotiation: Price and/or terms of payment.
- 5) Conference with Real Property Negotiations: Property Address: Lassen County Assessor Parcel Number (APN): 123-020-006; Agency Negotiator: Tony Shaw; Negotiating Party: W. M. Beaty & Associates, Inc.; Under Negotiation: Price and/or terms of payment.

#### CLOSED SESSION

Closed session was held from 1:02 p.m. - 1:43 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Gallagher, Bridges, Hemphill, and Albaugh. Also present: CAO Egan, County Counsel Uhrhammer, Deputy Clerk of the Board Yderraga, and Deputy CAO Tony Shaw.

Supervisor Hammond was absent by prearrangement.

Director of Health and Social Services Barbara Longo was present from 1:02 p.m. - 1:31 p.m.

Director of Behavioral Health Tiffany Armstrong was present from 1:02 p.m. - 1:31 p.m.

Personnel/Risk Analyst Regina Schaap was present from 1:03 p.m. - 1:34 p.m.

CAO Egan recused himself and was absent from 1:34 p.m. - 1:43 p.m.

Director of Planning and Building Services Maury Anderson was absent from 1:41 p.m. - 1:42 p.m.

RECESS: 1:43 p.m. - 1:49 p.m.

## **1:49 P.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**

County Counsel Uhrhammer announced the following closed session items:

1) Conference with Legal Counsel: Significant exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code Section 54956.9: One case.

No reportable action.

2) Conference with Labor Negotiator Richard Egan: United Public Employees of California (UPEC).

No reportable action.

3) Conference with Labor Negotiator Richard Egan: The Board convenes as Lassen County In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority for discussion with Richard Egan regarding Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 2015, on labor negotiations. The Board reconvenes as the Board of Supervisors.

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Direction was given to staff.

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Direction was given to staff.

#### AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

Supervisor Hemphill adjourned in memory of Jim Panos; Supervisor Gallagher adjourned in memory of Marcus Pacheco and Janice Foster.

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

**Aye:** 4 - Gallagher, Bridges, Hemphill and Albaugh

**Absent:** 1 - Hammond

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

United Public Employees of California (UPEC) Labor Relation Representative Barbara Ramey: Thanked the Board for the recent negotiations and efforts on behalf of the Lassen County employees.

#### UNAGENDIZED REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Supervisor Hemphill: 1) Had questions for the United States Forest Service (USFS). Requested a letter to be sent pertaining to fire breaks; 2) stated California set a precedence on ground water districts in Scotts Valley and paid growers to stop pumping. Requested the issue to be addressed.

Supervisor Bridges: 1) Attended a Northern Rural Training and Employment Consortium (NoRTEC) meeting; 2) will be attending a Big Valley Advisory Groundwater Committee (BVAC) meeting.

Supervisor Gallagher: 1) Stated the Presidential Declaration for the fire was completed; 2) encouraged community members that were unemployed or businesses that had to close due to the fire to seek funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); 3) continues to be disappointed in Plumas National Forest regarding their lack of fire response with the Dixie Fire.

Supervisor Albaugh: 1) Will be attending a BVAC meeting. Commended the Lassen and Modoc County staff for preparing all the draft chapters; 2) requested a name change for Fish and Game to Fish and Predators; 3) reminded everyone to vote on September 14, 2021; 4) attended a Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) meeting; 5) attended a Sierra Nevada Conservancy meeting;

6) thanked Sheriff/Coroner Dean Growdon for allowing Captain McGarva for taking Supervisor Gallagher on a tour of Greenville, Ca.; 7) briefly discussed water rights in Sacramento and San Joaquin drainage; 8) requested from staff to put together a proclamation to send to Chris Carlton in the Plumas National Forest for successfully burning an entire national forest. Close to \$1,000,000,000 in costs.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT / OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

#### LOCAL EMERGENCY

SUBJECT: Verbal report by local, state or federal officials about the status of local and/or state of emergency, or Presidential Major Disaster Declaration in Lassen County (if needed).

FISCAL IMPACT: To be determined.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Receive report; and 2) provide direction to staff.

CAO Egan informed the board this would be a standing item to where the board could enter into a dialogue with public comment to discuss local emergencies to comply with the Brown Act. Supervisor Gallagher thanked Sheriff/Coroner Dean Growdon and his staff for their hard work and dedication. Sheriff Growdon gave a brief overview of the current evacuation orders, equipment being used, and the fires near County Road A21 and Highway 44.

## INFORMATION/CONSENT CALENDAR

Supervisor Albaugh requested to pull Item# G6 - Review of Local Emergency and Item# G8 - Agreement for further discussion.

### Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

**Aye:** 4 - Gallagher, Bridges, Hemphill and Albaugh

**Absent:** 1 - Hammond

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

#### GOLDEN STATE CONNECT AUTHORITY

SUBJECT: Resolution approving and authorizing the Chairperson to execute the Golden State Connect Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT: Pursuant to Section 6(g) of the Agreement, the debts, liabilities and obligations of the Authority shall not be debts, liabilities and obligations of its members.

ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt resolution.

**Attachments:** [210907 Golden State Connect Authority Resolution](#)

**This Resolution No. 21-043 was adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

AUDITOR'S OFFICE

FUND CASH BALANCES

SUBJECT: Treasurer's Fund Balance Report and Auditor's verification for the month of July, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION: Receive and file.

**Attachments:** [LASSEN COUNTY FUND BALANCES 7-31-2021](#)

**This Action Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

SUBJECT: Ratification of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (September 7, 2021 - June 30, 2024) between County of Lassen and United Public Employees of California (UPEC), Local 792, Lassen County General Unit Employees.

FISCAL IMPACT: Varied over multiple budget units.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Ratify MOU with UPEC, Local 792, Lassen County General Unit Employees.

**Attachments:** [4395\\_001](#)

**This Action Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

PRISON TRIAL COSTS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM ITEMS

SUBJECT: Recap of CCC Prison and High Desert State Prison Trials Cost Reimbursement Billing for the month of July 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive and file.

**Attachments:** [Prison Trial Report Attach](#)

**These Reports were received and filed on the Consent Agenda.**

COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

MINUTES

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve.

**Attachments:** [DRAFT MINS](#)

**These Minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda.**

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

REVIEW OF LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY

SUBJECT: Review proclamation of Local Health Emergency Regarding Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), Resolution No. 20-015.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: Review and continue Resolution No. 20-015.

**Attachments:** [OES Covid Health 20-015 Declaration Attach](#)

**This Action Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

PORTFOLIO

SUBJECT: Treasurer's Investment Report for July, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION: Receive and file.

**Attachments:** [LASSEN COUNTY PORTFOLIO 7-31-2021](#)

**This Report was received and filed on the Consent Agenda.**

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive and file the following correspondence:

- a) Lassen County Planning Commission Meeting agenda for September 7, 2021.
- b) Big Valley Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee Meeting for September 9, 2021.
- c) Lassen County Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting agenda for September 13, 2021.

**Attachments:** [MISC CORR](#)

**These Reports were received and filed on the Consent Agenda.**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS - CONTINUED**

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

REVIEW OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

SUBJECT: Review proclamation of Local Emergency, Resolution No. 21-033 and the Local Health Emergency Resolution No. 21-038 relative to the Beckwourth Complex Fire.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Review and continue Resolution No. 21-033 and Resolution NO. 20-038.

**Attachments:** [OES 21-033 Beckwourth Complex Fire Local Emergency Attach](#)  
[OES 21-038 Beckwourth Complex Health Emergency Attach](#)

Supervisor Albaugh asked if there was a possibility of getting a Presidential Proclamation. Deputy CAO Tony Shaw stated it has been requested to have the Beckwourth fire to be included. If not, the state can provide help for cleanup to the homeowners that were impacted by the fire.

**A motion was made by Supervisor Bridges, seconded by Supervisor Gallagher, that this Action Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Gallagher, Bridges, Hemphill and Albaugh

**Absent:** 1 - Hammond

#### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

##### AGREEMENT

SUBJECT: Seventh amendment to agreement with Morrison Structures, Inc. for engineering bridge design services.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding is available in Road Fund/Budget Unit No. 122-1221. This seventh amendment to agreement increases contract amount from \$306,770 to \$356,770.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Approve seventh amendment to agreement with Morrison, Inc. for bridge design services related to the Long Valley Creek Overflow Bridge 7C-70 project in the amount of \$50,000; and 2) authorize the Director of Public Works to sign seventh amendment to agreement.

**Attachments:** [PW Agreement Attach](#)

Supervisor Albaugh asked why there was a 7th amendment for the same bridge. Director of Public Works Pete Heimbigner stated it was for multiple bridges. This amendment was for the project currently on the Hackstaff bridge, but also included the skyline project, and multiple other projects. This would be the final amendment with this agreement and would start with a new agreement for future bridge work. Brief discussion was held.

**A motion was made by Supervisor Hemphill, seconded by Supervisor Bridges, that this Action Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Gallagher, Bridges, Hemphill and Albaugh

**Absent:** 1 - Hammond

#### COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

SUBJECT: INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CAO Egan reported: Nothing to report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

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Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Michele Yderraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board