



Lassen County

Meeting Minutes

Board of Supervisors

LASSEN COUNTY SUPERVISORS:

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

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

9:00 AM

Board Chambers
707 Nevada Street
Susanville, CA 96130

9:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Supervisors Scanlan, Bridges, Neely, Albaugh, and Ingram. Also present: County Administrative Officer (CAO) Maury Anderson, County Counsel Andrew Plett, and Deputy Clerk of the Board Michele Yderraga.

Present: 5 - Mike Scanlan, Gary Bridges, Tom Neely, Aaron Albaugh and Jason Ingram

Excuse: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

County Counsel Plett announced the following closed session item:

- 1) Conference with Labor Negotiator Andrew Plett: a) Lassen County Peace Officers Association (LCPOA); and b) United Public Employees of California (UPEC).

CLOSED SESSION

Closed session was held from 9:01 a.m. - 9:04 a.m.

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

RECESS: 9:04 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

9:30 A.M. OPENING CEREMONIES

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

After the flag salute invocation was offered by Supervisor Bridges.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

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No reportable action.

AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

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

Aye: 5 - Scanlan, Bridges, Neely, Albaugh and Ingram

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Solange Coker: Discussed the Susanville Indian Rancheria (SIR) POW WOW.

Amelia Luna: Discussed the SIR POW WOW.

UNAGENDIZED REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Supervisor Scanlan: 1) Attended a Honey Lake Valley Recreation Authority (HLVRA) pool meeting; 2) announced the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade and participated in the March For Life event; 3) attended Congressman Doug LaMalfa's memorial services; 4) met with constituents in Westwood and Clear Creek to discuss issues in Clear Creek; 5) will be attending the solid waste meeting later today; 6) announced today was Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Supervisor Neely: 1) Attended a pool meeting.

Supervisor Ingram: 1) Thanked the board in his absence from the prior meeting; 2) will be picking up Chad Bianco billboards and stated Mr. Bianco will be in Lassen County on February 9, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.; 3) visited an animal shelter in Riverside County; 4) will be attending a Sierra Alliance meeting; 5) announced February 7, 2026, there would be the California Cancer Foundation Crab Feed; 6) announced on February 14, 2026, would be the Sip of Wine, Taste of Beef event; 7) requested to adjourn in memory of Rick Craft.

Supervisor Albaugh: 1) Requested to donate from Discretionary Funds \$500 to the Susanville Indian Rancheria (SIR) POW WOW; 2) attended a California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) meeting with Sheriff John McGarva. Commended Sheriff McGarva on making his point clear pertaining to the horse depredation at the Hanson Ranch; 3) will be attending a solid waste meeting; 4) reminded everyone today was Holocaust Remembrance Day and it was important to remember how cruel humanity can be to itself; 5) will be attending a Predatory Adhoc Committee meeting; 6) will be attending the Big Valley Groundwater Advisory Committee (BVAC) meeting; 7) attended a Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) meeting. Briefly discussed the Employee Homeownership Housing Program offered by RCRC; 8) stated he was appointed as Chairman to the Rural Advocacy Institute (RAI); announced a Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Adhoc Committee had been created. Modoc Supervisor Geri Byrne would also be on that committee.

Supervisor Bridges: 1) Attended an agenda meeting; 2) attended an RCRC Leadership reception; 3) attended a Behavioral Health zoom meeting; 4) attended Congressman Doug LaMalfa's memorial services; 5) was a judge for the Lassen County "I Voted" sticker contest; 6) attended a zoom meeting with Assembly Member Heather Hadwick; 7) requested to donate from Discretionary Funds \$500 to the SIR POW WOW; 8) requested to adjourn in memory of Rich Schuster and Jasper Anderson.

INFORMATION/CONSENT CALENDAR

Supervisor Neely requested to pull Item# G5 - Basic SWAT Course Training for Two Deputy Sheriff's, for further discussion.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 5 - Scanlan, Bridges, Neely, Albaugh and Ingram

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SUPERVISOR ALBAUGH

SUBJECT: Request to designate from Discretionary Funds: \$1,000 to the Big Valley Bullseye.

FISCAL IMPACT: Appropriation is included in the General Fund, Board of Supervisors Fund/Budget Unit No. 100-0011.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve expenditure.

This Action Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

SUPERVISOR NEELY

SUBJECT: Request to designate from Discretionary Funds: 1) \$1,000 to the Lassen Grizzly Claybreakers; and 2) \$500 to the Susanville Indian Rancheria (SIR) POW WOW.

FISCAL IMPACT: Appropriation is included in the General Fund, Board of Supervisors Fund/Budget Unit No. 100-0011.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve expenditures.

This Action Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

LASSEN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2026

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve.

Attachments: [G3](#)

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

AGREEMENT BETWEEN LASSEN COUNTY AND REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY, INC.

SUBJECT: Agreement between Lassen County and Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc. for Substance/Toxicology Testing Services and Supplies in the Amount of \$50,000 for the Term from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT: This Agreement will be paid from the Community Social Services Fund/Budget Unit No. 120-0853.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Approve the agreement with Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc.; and 2) authorize the County Administrative Officer or Designee to execute the agreement.

Attachments: [G4- BOS CSS Redwood Toxicology Lab 01.27.26](#)

This Action Item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive and file the following correspondence:

- a) Lassen County Fish and Game Commission Regular Meeting Minutes for November 20, 2025.
- b) Plumas County Community Development Commission Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Agenda for January 20, 2026.

Attachments: [G6](#)

These Reports were received and filed on the Consent Agenda.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

BASIC SWAT COURSE TRAINING FOR TWO DEPUTY SHERIFF'S

SUBJECT: Training request for two (2) Deputy Sheriff's to attend Basic Swat Course at the Northern California Regional Public Safety Training Center in Sacramento from April 20, 2026, through May 1, 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT: Approximately \$9,700 from the Conference and Training Fund/Budget Unit No. 130-522.

ACTION REQUESTED: Authorize the training expenditures for the Basic Swat Course.

Attachments: [G5](#)

Sheriff's Sergeant (Sgt) Alex Meier informed the board this item was the basic SWAT school training required for deputies who will be a part of the SWAT team. Sgt. Meier stated the training was hosted jointly with the Federal Bureau of

Investigations (FBI) and the California Police Officer Standards and Training (POST). Sgt. Meier Briefly discussed the SWAT requirements and staffing. Additional discussion was held.

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

Aye: 5 - Scanlan, Bridges, Neely, Albaugh and Ingram

MATTERS SET FOR TIME CERTAIN

RECOGNITION AWARDS FOR JANUARY
SUBJECT: Recognition Awards for January.
FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Board of Supervisors Present Recognition Awards to: 10 years: Matthew McLain (Public Works).

Supervisor Bridges recognized the following employee: 10 Years: Matt McLain (Public Works).

SPEAKERS: CAO Anderson.

RECESS: 10:01 a.m. - 10:05 a.m.

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCo)
SUBJECT: Alternative funding structure - allowing additional districts into LAFCo.

FISCAL IMPACT: Unknown.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Receive report; and 2) adopt resolution; and/or 3) provide direction to staff.

Attachments: [D2](#)

Extensive discussion was held pertaining to Lassen County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) and allowing special districts to join LAFCo at a reduced fee of 16%.

SPEAKERS: Herlong Public Utility District (HPUD) Manager Sandy Seifert-Raffelson, LAFCo public member Chris Gallagher.

A motion was made by Supervisor Albaugh, seconded by Supervisor Ingram, that this Resolution No. 26-002 be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Scanlan, Bridges, Neely, Albaugh and Ingram

10:15 a.m.: HANSON FAMILY TRUST OF 2021 PROTEST OF NOTICE OF NON-RENEWAL

SUBJECT: Hanson Family Trust of 2021, protest of the Williamson Act contract non-renewal recorded as Instrument Number 2025-03183, which

was recorded pursuant to direction given by the Board of Supervisors through Resolution No. 12-050, (File # 844.02).

FISCAL IMPACT: County Assessor, Nick Ceaglio, per Memorandum dated January 14, 2026, the non-renewal will result in an approximate total tax difference of \$2,293.65 as of the 2025 assessment roll year.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Receive the protest filed by Hanson Family Trust of 2021; and 2) receive the staff report; and 3) invite comments; and 4) make one of the following decisions regarding the protest: a) Determine that the recorded non-renewal notice is appropriate; and/or b) provide direction to staff.

Attachments: [BOS 1-27-26, Hansen Protest of Non-Renewal](#)

Planning and Building Services Associate Planner Mindie Hilton informed the board this item was a protest of a non-renewal of the Williamson Act Contract for the Hanson Family Trust. The action requested was to make the determination if the non-renewal was appropriate or to provide direction to staff. Extensive discussion was held pertaining to conservation easements, the Williamson Act, taxes, state procedures, and Resolution No. 12-050.

SPEAKERS: Jack Hanson, Brad Hanson, Wyatt Hanson, Cooperative Extension Director David Lile.

A motion was made by Supervisor Albaugh, seconded by Supervisor Scanlan, to determine that the recorded non-renewal notice is appropriate. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Scanlan, Neely and Albaugh

Nay: 2 - Bridges and Ingram

PLUMAS NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE

SUBJECT: Presentation from Michael Rahe, Beckwourth District Ranger for the Plumas National Forest, to provide an update on post-fire restoration and general information regarding the Plumas National Forest.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive presentation.

Beckwourth District Ranger for the Plumas National Forest Michael Rahe gave a presentation regarding recent updates on the Plumas National Forest.

Discussion was held pertaining to new projects, current contracts, timber sales, prescribed burning, recent fires, and reorganization. District Ranger Rahe informed the board that he and the Plumas National Forest Supervisor Laura Spicer would giving a presentation to the board at the March 10, 2026, Board of Supervisors meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS - CONTINUED

PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

MULTI-JURISIDICTIONAL MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

SUBJECT: Consider adoption of the updated multi-jurisdiction (Lassen County, City of Susanville, and Susanville Indian Rancheria) Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan to provide guidance for implementing hazard mitigation action items on a priority basis considering hazard level, probability of occurrence, and cost. Said plan is required to maintain eligibility for certain Federal Emergency Management Agency pre and post disaster mitigation funds.

FISCAL IMPACT: Potential recovery of county costs for pre and post disaster mitigation.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Receive report; and 2) adopt a resolution.

Attachments: [BOS 1-27-26 HMP Adoption Packet](#)

Director of Planning and Building Services Gaylon Norwood informed the board this item was a continuation from the previous board meeting. Director Norwood stated this was the adoption of the updated Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Director Norwood discussed the amendments to the plan and said the changes did not need to be approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Supervisor Albaugh thanked Director Norwood and Office of Emergency Services (OES) Chief Silas Rojas for the changes as it addressed problems that were vital to the county.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ingram, seconded by Supervisor Scanlan, that this Resolution No. 26-003 be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Scanlan, Bridges, Neely, Albaugh and Ingram

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN LASSEN COUNTY
BIG VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY AND MODOC
COUNTY BIG VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

SUBJECT: Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Lassen County Big Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency and Modoc County Big Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency forming the Big Valley Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee to allow the alternate to serve for any member that is absent (public member or Board member).

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Receive report; and 2) approve amended MOU.

Attachments: [BOS 1-27-26 BVAC MOU Amendment Packet](#)

Planning and Building Services Director Gaylon Norwood informed the board this item was a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Lassen County Big Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency and Modoc County Big Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

The Lassen County Board of Supervisors recessed as the board and convened

as the Lassen County Big Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

Director Norwood stated there were changes in section four (4) and Modoc County had approved the MOU. Brief discussion was held pertaining to public and alternate board members. Director Norwood clarified a Lassen County Alternate Board Member could not cover in the absence of a Modoc Board Member and vice versa.

The Lassen County Big Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency adjourned and reconvened as the Lassen County Board of Supervisors after the item was voted on.

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

Aye: 5 - Scanlan, Bridges, Neely, Albaugh and Ingram

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LASSEN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RULES OF PROCEDURE
SUBJECT: Proposed changes to the Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure to address digital agenda submittals.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Adopt resolution; and/or 2) provide direction to staff.

Attachments: [H3](#)

County Counsel Plett informed the board this item was being brought back for an amendment to wording in the "Special Meetings" section to include the use of electronic mail to inform the Clerk of the Board a request for a special board meeting. The remainder of the Rules of Procedure were unchanged. Supervisor Albaugh stated the board needed to review the Rules of Procedure annually as there had previously been issues with the code of conduct, adding items on the agenda, and to behave civilly. Supervisor Albaugh said it was important to review the Rules of Procedure annually as a reminder.

A motion was made by Supervisor Albaugh, seconded by Supervisor Scanlan, that this Resolution No. 26-004 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Scanlan, Bridges, Albaugh and Ingram

Nay: 1 - Neely

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

SUBJECT: INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CAO Anderson reported: 1) Would be attended a Trindel Meeting February 14

-16, 2026; 2) would be attending a Public Risk Innovation Solutions Management (PRISM) meeting March 4 - 6, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 11:35 a.m. in memory of Rick Craft, Rich Schuster, and Jasper Anderson.

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Michele Yderraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board