



Lassen County

Meeting Minutes

Board of Supervisors

LASSEN COUNTY SUPERVISORS:

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

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

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: Chief Probation Officer/Acting County Administrative Officer (CAO) Jennifer Branning, County Counsel Amanda Uhrhammer, and Deputy Clerk of the Board Michele Yderraga.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Van Deventer: Discussed transparency.

Susan Somerville: Disagreed with the prior public speaker. Stated the board were honorable men who wanted to serve the county.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

County Counsel Uhrhammer announced the following closed session items:

- 1) Employee performance evaluation: County Administrative Officer.
- 2) Appointment / Recruitment of County Administrative Officer.
- 3) Threat to Public Services or Facilities pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Consultant with Lassen County Behavioral Health.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed session was held from 9:06 a.m. - 10:03 a.m.

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

CAO Tony Shaw was present from 9:07 a.m. - 9:28 a.m.

Acting CAO Branning was absent from 9:29 a.m. - 9:41 a.m.

Deputy Clerk of the Board Yderraga was absent from 9:29 a.m. - 9:31 a.m.

Director of Behavioral Health Tiffany Armstrong was present from 9:41 a.m. - 10:03 a.m.

RECESS: 10:03 A.M. - 10:07 A.M.

10:07 A.M. OPENING CEREMONIES**Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

County Counsel Uhrhammer announced the following closed session items:

- 1) Employee performance evaluation: County Administrative Officer.

CAO evaluation was conducted.

- 2) Appointment / Recruitment of County Administrative Officer.

Direction was provided to staff.

- 3) Threat to Public Services or Facilities pursuant to Government Code Section

No reportable action.

AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Amelia Luna: Representative of the Susanville Indian Rancheria (SIR) POW WOW planning. Requested donations from the board to support the upcoming POW WOW to be held at Lassen Community College.

Christine DeForest: Discussed concerns of the new truck stop area location and CEQA requirements.

Andrea Traphagen: Discussed the Regional Area Planning updates.

Tim Micone: Discussed night meetings.

Terry Lynn Bejcek: Discussed the Regional Area Plans.

Angie Boston: Discussed Kimley Horn.

Kim Almond: Discussed county projects.

UNAGENDIZED REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Supervisor Ingram: 1) Attended Norcal EMS meeting; 2) judged at the 4H presentation; 3) soliciting employers for the career workshop; 4) touring Lassen Intervention.

Supervisor Albaugh: 1) Wished his daughter a happy birthday; 2) requested to donate \$500 from Discretionary Funds to the Susanville Indian Rancheria (SIR)

POW WOW; 3) briefly discussed the Regional Area Plan.

Supervisor Scanlan: Nothing to report.

Supervisor Bridges: 1) Attended a Cultural Competency meeting; 2) attended a FIRST5 meeting; 3) will be attending a Nortec meeting; 4) adjourned in memory of Skip Lower.

Supervisor Neely: 1) Requested to donate \$500 from Discretionary Funds for the SIR POW WOW; 2) requested to donate \$250 from Discretionary Funds to the Lassen County Historical Society; 3) requested to donate \$250 to the Lassen Sportsmen's Club Fishing Derby.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RE-FUNDING DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER POSITION

SUBJECT: Reallocate funding to the Administrative Services Budget No. 100031 for the Deputy County Administrative Officer position and allocate Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) Funding No. 113101 to balance the Fair appropriation Fund/Budget Unit No. 175-1751 for 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.

FISCAL IMPACT: No further general fund impact.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Increase the appropriation to Fund No. 100031 by \$160,000; 2) decrease appropriation to Fund/Budget Unit No. 100-1111 by \$160,000; 3) increase appropriation to Fund No. 113101 by \$160,000. (4/5 vote required); and/or 4) provide direction to staff.

Budget Analyst Samantha McMullen stated the action of this item was to reverse the actions taken two meetings ago pertaining de-funding positions within Administrative Services. Appropriations were no longer going to be taken from Administrative Services to fund the fair. Appropriations would be taken from Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) funding, which were one time funds. Supervisor Scanlan asked of the Executive Assistant to the CAO was included in this action. Budget Analyst McMullen stated it was included to keep the Executive Assistant position as it was cleaner for the Auditor's Office. Budget Analyst McMullen clarified to the board those positions were not de-funded, they were unfunded to appropriate to the Fair Budget. The action today would place the funding back into those positions. Supervisor Albaugh discussed how the Fair Department earned revenue. Additional discussion was held.

SPEAKERS: Andrea Traphagan, Jacqui Henry.

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

Aye: 4 - Scanlan, Bridges, Albaugh and Ingram

Nay: 1 - Neely

FAIR FUNDING FOR THE 2025 LASSEN COUNTY FAIR

SUBJECT: Discussion regarding funding the 2025 Lassen County Fair.

FISCAL IMPACT: Undetermined

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) No action; or 2) provide direction to staff.

Supervisor Neely stated the fair was very important to the county and it was disheartening that the county had to put in \$2,000,000 (\$2M) to keep the Fair Department functional. Supervisor Scanlan made the recommendation of privatizing the Fair Department and to conduct business as a type of non-profit organization. Some think the board should consider due to the controversy of the past financial failings. This could've been \$2M spent on law enforcement. Supervisor Bridges stated they didn't take \$2M from the county, it was the prior fair manager that wasted a lot of money. Supervisor Bridges briefly discussed the carnival. Supervisor Albaugh informed the board the fair was also the staging area for the fire fighters, emergency response, evacuation center, housing center, storage, and special events. Supervisor Albaugh also discussed the short comings of the prior Fair Manager. Additional discussion was held.

SPEAKERS: Steve Bejcek, Christine DeForest, Tim Micone, Andrea Traphagan.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

SUBJECT: INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Acting CAO Branning: Nothing to report.

Supervisor Scanlan requested to agendize an item pertaining to the District Attorney's office regarding a Brown Act violation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned in memory of Skip Lowery at 11:13 a.m.

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Michele Yderraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board