



Lassen County

Meeting Minutes

Board of Supervisors

LASSEN COUNTY SUPERVISORS:

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

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

9:00 AM

Board Chambers
707 Nevada Street
Susanville, CA 96130

9:06 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

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

Present: 5 - Chris Gallagher, Aaron Albaugh, Gary Bridges, Tom Neely and Jason Ingram

Excuse: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

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- 1) Liability Claim; - Claimant: Matthew Ceaglio, Agency claimed against: Lassen County.
- 2) Conference with Labor Negotiator Richard Egan: May include the following bargaining units - Lassen County Peace Officers Management Association. (LCPOMA).

CLOSED SESSION

Closed session was held at 9:07 a.m. - 9:21 a.m.

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

RECESS: 9:21 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.

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No reportable action.

AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

Supervisor Albaugh requested to pull Item# G4 - Lassen County Board of Supervisor Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2023 from the agenda.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim McCarthy: Discussed the City of Susanville and public safety.

UNAGENDIZED REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Supervisor Neely: 1) Attended a Trindel employee recognition meeting; 2) attended the Janesville 2nd annual Christmas parade. Huge success. Acknowledged Chris Barcia for heading the event; 3) attended a Lassen County Local Agency Formation Committee (LAFCo) meeting; 4) requested to donate \$1,000 to the American Legion Thomas Tucker Post 204 and \$250 to the Volcanic Legacy; 5) will be participating on the Salvation Army Ringing of the Bells on December 20th with Supervisor Ingram at Walmart and Susanville Supermarket (IGA).

Supervisor Gallagher: 1) Attended a US Highway 395 Coalition meeting; 2) attended the Lassen Transit Service Agency (LTSA) meeting; 3) attended a LAFCo meeting; 4) will be attending an Air Pollution Control District meeting this afternoon.

Supervisor Albaugh: 1) Attended an LTSA meeting; 2) attended a Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) meeting; 3) attended an Office of Emergency Services (OES) meeting put on by the state.

Supervisor Ingram: 1) Attended the Janesville Parade of Lights; 2) the Doyle Parade of Lights event will be the weekend of December 15, 2023; 3) attended a Fentanyl seminar presented by Rocky Herron. Thanked Lassen County

Superintendent of Public Instruction Patty Gunderson for organizing the event; 4) received a phone call over the weekend regarding a road block; 5) separated steers; 6) requested to donate \$500 to DBA: Lassen Grizzly Claybreakers, \$250 to Shafer School, and \$250 to the Volcanic Legacy.

Supervisor Bridges: 1) Attended an agenda meeting; 2) attended an RCRC meeting. Acknowledged the first representative of RCRC who questioned the \$3 million dollars per mile; 3) attended a Zoom training for employee recognition; 4) attended the fentanyl awareness event at the college; 5) attended a Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting; 6) requested to donate \$250 to the Lassen County 4H.

INFORMATION/CONSENT CALENDAR

Supervisor Albaugh requested to pull Item# G5 - Memorandum of Understanding for further discussion.

Present: 5 - Chris Gallagher, Aaron Albaugh, Gary Bridges, Tom Neely and Jason Ingram

Excuse: 0

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DISCRETIONARY FUNDS - SUPERVISOR GALLAGHER

SUBJECT: Request to designate: 1) \$500 to the Volcanic Legacy Community Partnership.

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.

DISCRETIONARY FUNDS - SUPERVISOR BRIDGES

SUBJECT: Request to designate: 1) \$1000 to the Blue Star Moms; and 2) \$500 to the DBA: Lassen Grizzly Claybreakers.

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.

DISCRETIONARY FUNDS - SUPERVISOR ALBAUGH

SUBJECT: Approval of expenditure of Board of Supervisors discretionary fund in the amount of \$739.65 to C&S Waste Solutions of Lassen County,

LLC for Little Valley clean-up costs.

FISCAL IMPACT: Included in Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget. 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
NOVEMBER 14, 2023

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve.

This item was pulled from the agenda.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive and file the following correspondence:

a) Lassen Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) Regular Meeting agenda for December 11, 2023.

b) Lassen County Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting agenda for December 11, 2023.

c) Lassen County Fair Advisory Board Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2023.

d) Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Meeting Notice and agenda for December 14, 2023, and December 15, 2023.

Attachments: [MISC CORR](#)

These Reports were received and filed on the Consent Agenda.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

SUBJECT: Lassen and Plumas County Emergency Communications integration Project: MOU amendment.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is a reduction in revenue related to grant funds associated with this project in the amount of \$64,050 for Lassen County.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Approve the amended MOU with Plumas County; and 2) authorize the County Administrative Officer to execute.

Attachments: [SO MOU Attach](#)

Supervisor Albaugh asked what was the purpose of the amendment. Sheriff's Captain Michael Carney stated they received notification to do a reduction in revenue in conjunction with Plumas County. Captain Carney stated the Sheriff's Office had over budgeted and wanted to do an updated Memorandum of

Understanding (MOU). Plumas County was also doing an amendment to their MOU. Captain Carney reassured the board the project would still be completed.

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

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

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

SENATE BILL 43 (SB 43) RESOLUTION

SUBJECT: Resolution to Defer Implementation of SB 43 until January 1, 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact.

ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt resolution.

Attachments: [H1- BOS BH SB 43 12.12.23](#)

Behavioral Health Director Tiffany Armstrong gave a detailed report of the Senate Bill 43 (SB43) and discussed the resolution. Director Armstrong discussed the implementation, locations for services and time frames. Supervisor Albaugh requested an amendment in the resolution to include additional wording in the "Therefore Now Be It Resolved" section. Brief discussion was held.

A motion was made by Supervisor Albaugh, seconded by Supervisor Gallagher, that this Resolution No. 23-061 be adopted as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: Proposed ordinance of the annual review of a Military Equipment Use Policy pursuant to Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481).

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Receive report; and 2) waive second reading; and 3) adopt ordinance.

Attachments: [SO Ord](#)

Sheriff's Captain Michael Carney reminded the board at the November 14th Board of Supervisor's meeting the Sheriff's office presented the Military Equipment Policy. Assembly Bill 481 (AB481) requires law enforcement to develop a policy, have an ordinance adopted and to be reviewed annually. Last year it was presented as an emergency, and this year was normal circumstances. Captain Carney stated all public and posting requirements were met and a public hearing was held on November 14, 2023. Captain Carney discussed current military equipment at the Sheriff's Office and a recent incident

that required the deployment of the SWAT team with the use of military equipment. Additional discussion was held.

A motion was made by Supervisor Gallagher, seconded by Supervisor Ingram, that this Ordinance No. 2023-10 be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

RESIGNATION OF OFFICE OF LASSEN COUNTY SHERIFF

SUBJECT: Information, discussion and direction to staff regarding filling a vacancy in the elected Office of Lassen County Sheriff-Coroner, upon resignation by the incumbent.

FISCAL IMPACT: To be determined.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Receive information and hold discussion; and 2) provide direction to staff, including direction regarding initiating a recruitment process.

CAO Egan announced the retirement of Sheriff/Coroner Dean Growdon at the end of the month leaving a vacancy in the Sheriff's office that would need to be filled. CAO Egan reminded the board of the Sheriff's term and the change in the length of term. Per Assembly Bill 759 (AB759) signed into law by the Governor, it made the terms of District Attorney's and Sheriffs elected in 2022 to serve a six year term that would align future elections with Presidential elections. CAO Egan also stated the code required the Board of Supervisors to fill by appointment of those offices that become vacant for the duration of that term. County Counsel Uhrhammer informed the board the Election Code specifically stated there was not a Special Election option for this item. CAO Egan briefly discussed vacant elected offices in the county. The senior captain within the Sheriff's Department would fulfill the current duties of the Sheriff per the job description of Sheriff's Captain. Additional discussion was held regarding recruitment. The board thanked Sheriff Growdon for his years of service with Lassen County.

SPEAKERS: Jim McCarthy.

SUBJECT: INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive and file the following correspondence:

- a. California Department of Fish and Wildlife Response to July 2023 Director's Commitments.
- b. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is preparing a Determination of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Adequacy (DNA) that covers the purchase of a 283.24-acres of privately-owned land within Lassen County. This process includes an environmental review, hazardous waste survey, appraisal,

and a fair market value payment to the private landowner. If DNA is approved, the BLM would plan to complete the transaction and acquire the land, by spring 2024. Once acquired these lands would be made part of the public domain and open for public use and enjoyment. The subject parcels are located in Herlong, CA. (APN's: 139-040-032, 139-040-027, and 139-040-028).

c. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is preparing a Determination of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Adequacy (DNA) that covers the purchase of a 760-acres of privately-owned land within Lassen County. This process includes an environmental review, hazardous waste survey, appraisal, and a fair market value payment to the private landowner. If DNA is approved, the BLM would plan to complete the transaction and acquire the land, by spring 2024. Once acquired these lands would be made part of the public domain and open for public use and enjoyment. The subject parcels are located in Standish, CA. (APN's: 131-080-002, 119-450-006, 119-460-010, and a portion of 131-080-003).

Attachments: [I CORR](#)

Supervisor Albaugh stated the county was going to lose property tax for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and requested a Letter of Opposition. CAO Egan gave a brief overview of his perspective and said he didn't know if this was a battle the county wanted to fight. CAO Egan also stated this was a private party and the extent of involvement would be to comment on the action. Director of Planning and Building Services Maury Anderson briefly discussed tax revenues and tourism. Deputy CAO Tony Shaw stated BLM had done a land transfer of a forty acre parcel to environmental mitigation with test wells and have cooperated in the past on land transfers.

SPEAKERS: Denise Pickens.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Michele Yderraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board