



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, May 12, 2026

9:00 AM

Board Chambers
707 Nevada Street
Susanville, CA 96130

9:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

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

Excuse: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shannon Hooven: Discussed the proposed truck stop.

Mike Jimenez: Discussed a community services district in Lassen County.

Supervisor Scanlan clarified Mr. Jimenez was speaking of the Clear Creek Community Services District and fire chief.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

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This item was not needed and pulled from the agenda.

2) Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing litigation pursuant to Subdivision (d)(1) of Government Code Section 54956.9: John Doe J.C. v Progress House, Inc. et al.; Siskiyou Superior Court Case No. 26CV05543.

3) Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing litigation pursuant to Subdivision (d)(1) of Government Code Section 54956.9: Turnage v Lassen County - WCAB Case No. ADJ14747005.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed session was held from 9:07 a.m. - 9:23 a.m.

RECESS: 9:23 a.m. - 9:31 a.m.

9:31 A.M. OPENING CEREMONIES

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

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

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No reportable action.

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Direction to staff was given.

AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

A motion was made by Supervisor Albaugh, 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

Fair Manager Bill Payer: Gave an update regarding the fair.

UNAGENDIZED REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Supervisor Ingram: 1) Announced the Doyle senior bake sale would be held at The Mark this weekend; 2) the Milford food pantry would be open May 14, 2026; 3) requested to donate \$650 to the Doyle seniors for a new oven.

Supervisor Albaugh: 1) Attended a Rural Advocacy Institute (RAI) meeting; 2) wished Sheriff's Lieutenant Mike Carney a happy birthday.

Supervisor Scanlan: 1) Attended a Lassen Regional Solid Waste Management Authority meeting; 2) attended a Westwood Community Services District meeting; 3) met with the California Department Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to discuss the land fill and a possible land exchange; 4) met with Clear Creek Community Services district; 5) attended a Westwood Chamber of Commerce meeting; 6) will be attending a Fair Advisory Board meeting; 7) will be hosting a town hall meeting in Westwood on May 18, 2026, and a second town hall meeting in Spalding on May 21, 2026; 8) requested to donate \$1,500 from Discretionary Funds to the Westwood Chamber of Commerce for a town clean up; 9) requested to donate \$1,000 to the Westwood Chamber of Commerce

from Discretionary funds for the bull dozer monument; 10) requested to donate \$250 from Discretionary Funds to the Westwood Little League.

Supervisor Neely: 1) Stated he had been back and forth to doctor appointments.

Supervisor Bridges: 1) Attended a Treasury Oversight Committee meeting; 2) attended a Cultural Competency meeting; 3) attended the Lassen Community College Tobacco and Vape Awareness Program seminar; 4) attended a FIRST5 meeting; 5) attended an agenda meeting; 6) delivered the 100 year proclamation to rotary; 7) attended a Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting.

INFORMATION/CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

PRISON TRIAL COSTS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM ITEMS
SUBJECT: Recap of High Desert State Prison Trials Cost Reimbursement Billing for the months of July, 2025, through March, 2026.
FISCAL IMPACT: None.
ACTION REQUESTED: Receive and file.

Attachments: [G1](#)

This Report was received and filed on the Consent Agenda.

COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

LASSEN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2026
SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2026.
FISCAL IMPACT: None.
ACTION REQUESTED: Approve.

Attachments: [G2](#)

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Agenda.

LASSEN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2026
SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2026.
FISCAL IMPACT: None.
ACTION REQUESTED: Approve.

Attachments: [G3](#)

These Minutes approved 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 May 11, 2026.
b) Lassen Regional Solid Waste Management Authority Regular Meeting Agenda for April 28, 2026.
c) California Energy Commission Notice of Availability and Opportunity to Comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed replacement Tire Efficient Program (24-TIRE-01).

Attachments: [G4](#)

These Reports were received and filed on the Consent Agenda.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LASSEN COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Adoption of a resolution naming the Lassen County Arts Council as Lassen County’s designated local partner with the California Arts Council for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 State-Local Partnership Program and related authorizations.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt resolution.

Attachments: [H1](#)

Deputy CAO Samantha McMullen informed the board this was an annual resolution designating the Lassen County Arts Council for Lassen County allowing the council to apply for grant funding. Discussion was held pertaining to community involvement.

A motion was made by Supervisor Scanlan, seconded by Supervisor Albaugh, that this Resolution No. 26-022 be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

RECESS: 9:45 a.m. - 10:05 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

APPEAL OF CONDITIONALLY APPROVED USE PERMIT #2026-001, INGRAM

SUBJECT: Appeal by The Hemphill Family, Sonja Hemphill, Jerry A Hemphill, Holly Mueller, Chris Buffham, Donna Buffham, Craig Hemphill, Natalie

Chrestensen, Eric Ewing, Shannon Ewing, Laura Roberts, Tom Neely, and Becky Neely of the Planning Commission's April 7, 2026, conditional approval of Use Permit #2026-001, Ingram, proposing an indoor recycling center for redemption of CRV recyclables. The project site is located at 472-445 Diamond Crest Road. APNs 116-140-020 and 116-140-021.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Receive Planning Commission Resolution No. 4-01-26, which conditionally approved Use Permit #2026-001; and 2) conduct a public hearing; and 3) adopt a resolution approving the appeal; thereby disapproving the use permit; or 4) adopt a resolution disapproving the appeal; thereby approving the use permit.

Attachments: [PBS Attach](#)

[C1 - Public Correspondence](#)

Supervisor Scanlan recused himself and was absent from 10:06 a.m. - 12:08 p.m.; Supervisor Neely recused himself and was absent from 10:06 a.m. - 12:08 p.m.

Planning and Building Services Associate Planner Mindie Hilton gave an overview of the item and a power point presentation. Planner Hilton discussed architectural rendering, surrounding businesses, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), mixed use, building compatibility, general provisions and exceptions, district uses, design review, noise control, conditions, and mandatory filings. Director of Planning and Building Services Gaylon Norwood addressed a letter submitted by the applicants. Discussion was held pertaining to CalRecycle regulations, permits, parking area, loading and storage, hours of operation and noise ordinance.

The public hearing was open from 10:32 a.m. - 11:41 a.m.

SPEAKERS IN FAVOR: Owners of the Blue Water Recycling Garrett and Vanessa Ingram.

SPEAKERS IN OPPOSITION: Michelle Davenport, Holly Mueller, Natalie Chrestensen, Craig Hemphill, Sonja Hemphill, Becky Neely, Eric Ewing, and Chris Buffum.

ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS: Todd Eid.

Supervisor Albaugh made a motion directing the matter to be remanded to the department for an environmental review. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Additional discussion was held.

A motion was made by Supervisor Albaugh, seconded by Supervisor

Ingram, that this Resolution No. 26-023 be adopted to disapprove the appeal and approve the use permit. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Bridges, Albaugh and Ingram

Recuse: 2 - Scanlan and Neely

RECESS: 1208 P.M. - 12:14 P.M.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS - CONTINUED

GRAY WOLF UPDATE

SUBJECT: Presentation, review and approval of the Lassen County Wolf Management Plan by the Lassen County Board of Supervisors.

FISCAL IMPACT: No fiscal impact to the General Fund projected.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Adopt the Lassen County Wolf Management Plan for use by residents of Lassen County; and/or 2) provide direction to staff.

Attachments: [SO Packet](#)

Sheriff/Coroner John McGarva informed the board this item was the implementation and adoption of the wolf plan developed for Lassen County. Sheriff McGarva discussed the process of creating the presented document. Discussion was held pertaining to local ranchers, wolf packs, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), future amendments to the plan, and current plan verbiage. Sheriff McGarva stated the wolf plan would be made available to the public on multiple sites.

SPEAKERS: Taylor Hagata, and Wyatt Hanson.

Supervisor Neely was absent from 12:14 p.m. - 12:20 p.m.

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

SUBJECT: INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CAO Anderson reported: Informed the board the Historic Courthouse was having issues with the chimney due to the last few earthquakes. There were several bricks that had fallen. CAO Anderson thanked the staff at Public Works for repairing the chimney. There were also small cosmetic damages to the board chambers where the plaster and some paint had chipped off.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Michele Yderraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board