



# Lassen County

## Meeting Minutes

### Board of Supervisors

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*LASSEN COUNTY SUPERVISORS:*

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

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

9:00 AM

Board Chambers  
707 Nevada Street  
Susanville, CA 96130

#### 9:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

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

**Present:** 5 - Chris Gallagher, Gary Bridges, Jeff Hemphill, Aaron Albaugh and Tom Hammond

**Excuse:** 0

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Veterans Services Officer Chris Mancebo: Gave an update on the Air Commission Report and veterans clinics.  
Shiela Miner: Discussed crime in Lassen County.

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

CAO Egan reported 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.
- 2) Employee performance evaluation: Director of Child Support Services

#### CLOSED SESSION

Closed session was held from 9:19 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

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

Director of Child Support Services Kelley Cote was present from 9:51 a.m. - 9:36 a.m.

RECESS: 9:45 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.

#### 9:50 A.M. OPENING CEREMONIES

**Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS 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.

No reportable action.

2) Employee performance evaluation: Director of Child Support Services

No reportable action.

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

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

**Aye:** 5 - Gallagher, Bridges, Hemphill, Albaugh and Hammond

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**UNAGENDIZED REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Supervisor Hemphill: 1) Met with Plumas Sierra Lassen College. The college will be providing a lineman program; 2) attended a Sierra Alliance meeting; 3) attended a prison closure broadcast at the memorial building; 4) attended the car races; 5) will be holding a public meeting Thursday evening, April 14th with Tom Neely.

Supervisor Bridges: 1) Attended a Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) meeting; 2) attended the grand opening of the Westwood Wellness Center; 3) attended a Behavioral Health Advisory Board training; 4) attended a Honey Lake Recreation Authority meeting; 5) attended an open house at Public Health; 6) attended a second Behavioral Health Advisory Board training; 7) attended a Lassen County Local Agency Formation Committee (LAFCo) meeting; 8) attended a Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting; 9) requested to adjourn in memory of Tonya Ochotorena and Gail Hardwood.

Supervisor Hammond: 1) Attended a Sierra Alliance meeting; 2) spoke with the base regarding the runway.

Supervisor Albaugh: 1) Attended a Golden State Natural Resources meeting; 2) attended a Honey Lake Valley Recreation Authority meeting; 3) had an Adin town clean up; 4) meeting with Southern Cascades Ambulance and Helicopter in Adin.

Supervisor Gallagher: 1) attended all meetings Supervisor Bridges attended except the Behavioral Health Advisory meeting. Substituted with First5; 2) Westwood Health Center opening was awesome. Congratulated Director of Health and Social Services Barbara Longo and staff. The open house at Public Health was also awesome; 3) attended a Honey Lake Valley Recreation Authority meeting; 4) attended a California Wildfire Protection meeting.

## **MATTERS SET FOR TIME CERTAIN**

### **SUPERVISOR ALBAUGH**

**SUBJECT:** Presentation from Congressman LaMalfa's office regarding illegal cannabis growing in Siskiyou County.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Receive presentation.

Erin Ryan from Doug LaMalfa's office gave a brief overview of her back ground and had a power point presentation on illegal cannabis cultivation in Siskiyou County. Ms. Ryan discussed polluted land and creeks, gang activity, permits, green houses and hoop tents, unlawful subletting of land, abatements, ranching, law enforcement, and destruction of land. Additional discussion was held.

**SPEAKERS:** Quincy McCort, Darwin Solis, Curtis Bortle.

**RECESS:** 10:56 A.M. - 11:07 A.M.

Supervisor Gallagher read a portion of Resolution No. 20-047 Setting Forth the Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure pertaining to disruptions and disruptive behavior.

### **TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR**

**SUBJECT:** Cannabis Business Tax, and Administrative Tax Lien (Cannabis) collection update.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Receive report.

**Attachments:** [Treas Tax Attach](#)

Treasurer/Tax Collector Nancy Cardenas read staff letter and explained the process of tax liens and tax sales. Additional discussion was held regarding taxes on illegal cannabis grows, abatements, and property title changes.

### **SUPERVISOR GALLAGHER**

**SUBJECT:** Indoor marijuana cultivation.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Unknown.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Discuss and consider providing direction to staff.

Supervisor Gallagher informed the board he requested to bring back this item for further discussion and explained his idea of acceptable commercial cannabis grows in Lassen County. Director of Planning and Building Services Maury Anderson gave a brief overview of use permits and zoning. Supervisor Hammond asked about resources for illegal grows in Lassen County.

Sheriff/Coroner Dean Growdon informed the board the Sheriff's Office assists with Planning and Building Services staff on illegal cannabis grows. Deputies go out when available. Sheriff Growdon also stated green houses are not considered enough probable cause and drones cannot fly over personal property without a search warrant. Sheriff Growdon informed the board the Sheriff's Office seeks additional help from other entities with cleaning and destroying the illegal grows. Additional discussion was held pertaining to staffing issues in the Sheriff's Office, cannabis taxes, drug abuse, Proposition 64, and the General Fund. County Counsel Uhrhammer reminded the board to direct staff to return with an outline of what the board suggested. Supervisor Gallagher re-read his opening statement. CAO Egan recommended the most recent process the staff can use as a base and take the few changes into consideration and create a new draft.

SPEAKERS: Carol Clark, Leeann Vanderley, Jerry Rose, Pastor Jeff Root from Highland Baptis Church, Quincy McCort, Curtis Bortle, Erin Ryan from Doug LaMalfa's office, Eileen Richard, Darwin Solis, Treasurer/Tax Collector Nancy Cardenas.

RECESS: 12:20 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.

## INFORMATION/CONSENT CALENDAR

Supervisor Albaugh requested to pull Item# G2 - Minutes, and Item# G5 - Annual PC Refresh; Supervisor Bridges requested to pull Item# G5 - Public Health.

## Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

**Aye:** 5 - Gallagher, Bridges, Hemphill, Albaugh and Hammond

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### LASSEN COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

SUBJECT: As recommended by the Lassen County Fish and Game Commission, a letter from the Lassen County Board of Supervisors urging the California Fish and Game Commission to deny a petition by the Humane Society of the United States to ban bear hunting in California.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Approve Letter, and 2) authorize the Chair to sign.

Attachments: [220412 Bear Hunting Ban Letter](#)

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

THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.

COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

LOCAL EMERGENCY FIRE RESOLUTIONS

SUBJECT: Review Proclamation for the Beckwourth and Dixie Local Emergency (Resolution No. 21-033 and 21-037) and the Beckwourth and Dixie Local Health Emergency (Resolution No. 21-038 and 21-050).

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: That the Board of Supervisors review and continue Resolution No. 21-033, 21-037, 21-038 and 21-050.

**Attachments:** [220412 Local Emergency Resolutions-Fire](#)

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

INFORMATION SERVICES

ANNUAL PC REFRESH

SUBJECT: Annual PC Bulk Purchase.

FISCAL IMPACT: Approximately \$51,476.30 from Fund/Budget Unit No.104-0322.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Approve purchase; and 2) authorize County Administrative Officer to execute.

**Attachments:** [IT ISD Attach 1](#)

[IT ISD Attach 2](#)

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

PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

COUNTY SURVEYOR

SUBJECT: Resolution to approve Parcel Map No. 2021-003 for the Ross Family Trust and the Stampfli Trust, being a proposed division of land that is located in a portion of Section 2, Township 28 North, Range 13 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in Lassen County, California.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt resolution.

**Attachments:** [PBS Parcel Map Attach](#)

**This Resolution No. 22-023 was adopted 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 April 11, 2022.

Attachments: [MISC CORR](#)

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

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

#### MINUTES

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes for March 15, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve.

Attachments: [DRAFT MINS](#)

Supervisor Albaugh stated there were typographical errors in the spelling of the names that were Adjourned in Memory and had spoken with Deputy Clerk of the Board Yderraga. Corrections were made to the Minutes.

**A motion was made by Supervisor Albaugh, seconded by Supervisor Hemphill, that these Minutes be approved as amended.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Gallagher, Bridges, Hemphill, Albaugh and Hammond

### HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

#### PUBLIC HEALTH

SUBJECT: Grant Agreement # 21-10819 between The California Department of Public Health - California Injury and Violence Prevention Branch and County of Lassen for \$50,000 for Comprehensive Suicide Prevention.

FISCAL IMPACT: No impact to County General Fund; this is a revenue agreement.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Approve the Agreement; and 2) authorize the County Administrative Officer to execute the Agreement.

Attachments: [G4 - BOS PH #21-10819 04.12.22](#)

Supervisor Bridges asked if the total amount for awards was based on population. Assistant Director/Personnel Coordinator Danielle Sanchez stated it was based on suicide rates and was previously approved by the Board of Supervisors. Brief discussion was held.

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

**Aye:** 5 - Gallagher, Bridges, Hemphill, Albaugh and Hammond

## PUBLIC HEALTH

SUBJECT: Agreement between Lassen County and Strategies by Design for consulting services related to the Public Health Tobacco Use Reduction Program for \$79,625 through June 30, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT: No impact to County General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Approve the Agreement; and 2) authorize the County Administrative Officer to execute the Agreement.

Attachments: [G5 - BOS PH Strategies by Design 04.12.2022](#)

Briefly discussed plant based and synthetic smoking products. Stated the department was doing a fine job.

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

**Aye:** 5 - Gallagher, Bridges, Hemphill, Albaugh and Hammond

## SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT: Purchase of radio equipment from Motorola Solutions.

FISCAL IMPACT: The funding for the radio purchase is included in the Title III Fund/Budget Unit No. 142-0023. This funding is provided to the county through the US Department of Agriculture.

ACTION REQUESTED: Authorize the purchase of radio equipment from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$38,256.27.

Attachments: [SO Attach](#)

Sheriff/Coroner Dean Growdon gave a brief overview of Title 3 funding through the forest service and help to repair and responde or reimburse response costs on national forest lands. Briefly discussed recents fires and issues using radios in remote areas. Planning to add six dual band hand held's and repeaters. This would be a joint venture with Plumas County and to combine dispatch centers. Brief discussion was held.

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

**Aye:** 5 - Gallagher, Bridges, Hemphill, Albaugh and Hammond

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

## SUBJECT: INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CAO Egan reported: 1) Stated the Board of Supervisors meeting scheduled for April 26, 2022, would be held in Bieber, CA.; 2) suggested the Board of Supervisors meeting scheduled for May 10, 2022, would be held as an evening

meeting to discuss the cannabis ordinance.

## CORRESPONDENCE

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive and file the following correspondence:

- a) Letter to Lassen County in Response to Letter to Budget Subcommittee Chairs (Gray Wolf).
- b) Lassen County Fish and Game Commission request for the Board of Supervisors to adopt a policy governing the disposal of wild animal carcasses occurring on private property.

Attachments: [CORR](#)

Supervisor Albaugh briefly discussed the response letter from Fish and Wildlife Representative Tina Bartlett and deer carcasses within the City of Susanville.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 12:41 p.m. in memory of Tonya Ochotorena, and Gail Hardwood.

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Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

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

ATTEST:

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Michele Yderraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board