



# Lassen County

## Meeting Minutes

### Board of Supervisors

#### *LASSEN COUNTY SUPERVISORS:*

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

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Tuesday, September 28, 2021

9:00 AM

Board Chambers  
707 Nevada Street  
Susanville, CA 96130

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

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

Supervisor Hammond was absent by prearrangement.

**Present:** 4 - Chris Gallagher, Gary Bridges, Jeff Hemphill and Aaron Albaugh

**Absent:** 1 - Tom Hammond

**Excuse:** 0

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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

CAO Egan announced the following closed session items:

- 1) Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing litigation pursuant to Subdivision (d)(1) of Government Code Section 54956.9: Leonard v. Ceaglio, Lassen County Superior Court Case No. LAS20-0007.
- 2) Employee performance evaluation: Agricultural Commissioner.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

Closed session was held from 9:02 a.m. - 9:54 a.m.

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

Supervisor Hemphill recused himself and was absent from 9:02 a.m. - 9:24 a.m.  
Agricultural Commissioner was present from 9:02 a.m. - 9:23 a.m.  
Deputy CAO Tony Shaw was present from 9:24 a.m. - 9:54 a.m.  
Attorneys Andrew Fisher and Jim Wyatt were present from 9:25 a.m. - 9:54 a.m. via teleconference.

RECESS: 9:54 a.m. - 9:57 a.m.

## 9:57 A.M. OPENING CEREMONIES

### Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

After the flag salute invocation was offered by Supervisor Albaugh.

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No reportable action.

2) Employee performance evaluation: Agricultural Commissioner.

No reportable action.

### AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

Supervisor Hemphill requested to adjourn in memory of Jim Patz. Supervisor Bridges requested to adjourn in memory of Bob Dale.

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

**Aye:** 4 - Gallagher, Bridges, Hemphill and Albaugh

**Absent:** 1 - Hammond

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rick Wilson: Discussed property clean up in south county.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

### ADMINISTRATION - BUDGET HEARING

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Hearing and Budget Adoption.

FISCAL IMPACT: Provide appropriations for 2021-2022 Fiscal Year.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Open public hearing on the 2021-2022 Lassen County Budget; and 2) either continue the public hearing or take actions as follows: a) Adopt resolution Establishing Appropriations Limit in the amount not to exceed \$38,456,102, for Fiscal Year 2021- 2022 Pursuant to California Constitution Article XIII-B and Government Code §7910; and b) Approving the 2021 - 2022 Lassen County Budget; c) Setting the 2021 - 2022 Tax Rate; and d) authorize CAO and Auditor to create Funds 106, 143, 163, and transfer the fund balances, budget, and revenues from Fund 138, Budget Units 0552, 0553, and

0554 to the new Funds.

**Attachments:** [FY 21-22 Budget Memo and Resolution](#)

[FY 21-22 Budget Other](#)

[FY 21-22 Fund Summary](#)

[FY 21-22 Intrafund Transfers](#)

[FY 21-22 Transfers](#)

[FY 21-22 Revenues](#)

[FY 21-22 Expenditures](#)

CAO Egan gave a brief summary of the budget and reminded the Board, Supervisor Gallagher had requested to continue this item for Supervisor Albaugh to be present.

The Public Hearing was reopened from 10:02 a.m. - 10:04 a.m.

SPEAKERS IN FAVOR: None.

SPEAKERS IN OPPOSITION: None.

ALL OTHER SPEAKERS: None.

Brief discussion was held.

**A motion was made by Supervisor Gallagher, seconded by Supervisor Bridges, that this Resolution No. 21-045 be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Gallagher, Bridges, Hemphill and Albaugh

**Absent:** 1 - Hammond

ADMINISTRATION - BIEBER LIGHTING DISTRICT

SUBJECT: 10:00 a.m.: PUBLIC HEARING - BIEBER LIGHTING DISTRICT - FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET ADOPTION (Recess as the Board of Supervisors and convene as the Bieber Lighting District).

FISCAL IMPACT: No significant impact.

ACTION REQUESTED: Open public hearing on the 2021/2022 Bieber Lighting District Budget and either continue the public hearing or take actions as follows: 1) Adopt resolution Establishing Appropriations Limit the amount of \$24,130 for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Pursuant to California Constitution Article XIII-B and Government Code Sec. 7910; and 2) approving the 2021/2022 Bieber Lighting District Budget in the amount of \$3,575.

**Attachments:** [210921 Bieber Lighting Budget](#)

[Bieber Lighting Resolution](#)

The Lassen County Board of Supervisors recessed and convened as the Bieber Lighting District

The Public Hearing was reopened from 10:07 a.m. - 10:08 a.m.

SPEAKERS IN FAVOR: None.

SPEAKERS IN OPPOSITION: None.

ALL OTHER SPEAKERS: None.

The Bieber Lighting District adjourned and reconvened as the Lassen County Board of Supervisors.

**A motion was made by Supervisor Gallagher, seconded by Supervisor Hemphill, that this Resolution No. 21-046 be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Gallagher, Bridges, Hemphill and Albaugh

**Absent:** 1 - Hammond

ADMINISTRATION - COUNTY SERVICE AREA #1 HONEY LAKE TV  
SUBJECT: Public Hearing - Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget Hearing and Budget Adoption (Recess as the Board of Supervisors and convene as the County Service Area #1 Budget (Honey Lake TV).

FISCAL IMPACT: No significant impact.

ACTION REQUESTED: Open public hearing on the 2021/2022 County Service Area #1 Budget (Honey Lake TV) Budget and either continue the public hearing or take actions as follows: 1) Adopt resolution approving the 2021/2022 County Service Area #1 Budget (Honey Lake TV) in the amount of \$110,600; and 2) adopting the 2021/2022 TV User Fee in the amount of \$25 per single-family unit and \$10 per multi-family unit.

**Attachments:** [20210921 HLTV Budget](#)

[210921 21-22 HLTV Resolution Adopting Final Budget](#)

The Lassen County Board of Supervisors recessed and convened as the Honey Lake Service Area #1 Honey Lake TV.

The Public Hearing was reopened from 10:09 a.m. - 10:11 a.m.

SPEAKERS IN FAVOR: None.

SPEAKERS IN OPPOSITION: None.

ALL OTHER SPEAKERS: None.

The Honey Lake Service Area #1 Honey Lake Valley TV adjourned and reconvened as the Lassen County Board of Supervisors.

#### UNAGENDIZED REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Supervisor Hemphill: 1) Sold 1900 dinners for the Future Farmers of America (FFA); 2) a lot of COVID-19 going through Lassen County right now and hope

the county can get through it.

Supervisor Bridges: 1) Will be attending a Honey Lake Valley Recreation District (HLVD) meeting; 2) stated the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CAL OES), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and twenty (20) other agencies have been assisting with the Dixie Fire. Thanked Health Department; 3) will be attending the Susanville Symphony.

Supervisor Gallagher: 1) Planned on attending the Susanville Symphony but had a terrible allergy attack. Unable to attend; 2) will be attending a Spalding Community Services District meeting.

Supervisor Albaugh: 1) Apologized for being absent for the September 21, 2021, Board of Supervisors meeting. Had to travel on a business trip; 2) will be attending the Rural County Representative of California (RCRC) meeting in Monterey, California; 3) will be attending a Big Valley Groundwater Authority Committee (BVAC) meeting.

## INFORMATION/CONSENT CALENDAR

### Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

**Aye:** 4 - Gallagher, Bridges, Hemphill and Albaugh

**Absent:** 1 - Hammond

### OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

#### REVIEW OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

SUBJECT: Review proclamation of Beckwourth, Dixie and COVID Local Emergency, resolution NO. 21-033, 20-014, 21-037 and the Beckwourth and COVID Local Health Emergency resolution NO. 21-038 and 20-015.

IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: Review and continue Resolution No. 21-033, 20-014, 21-037 and Resolution No. 21-038 and 20-015.

Attachments: [210928 Resolutions and Declarations](#)

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

### SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

#### TRAINING

SUBJECT: Travel authorization for one deputy sheriff to attend the required Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Basic SWAT School in Sacramento, CA, October 11 - 22, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT: The estimated cost of the training is approximately \$2,897.76; full per diem and tuition are to be provided prior to the start of training session. From Public Safety - Sheriff Patrol Fund/Budget Unit No.

130-0522.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve.

**Attachments:** [SO Attach 1](#)

[SO Attach 2](#)

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

GRANT AGREEMENT

SUBJECT: Authorize Chair to execute a grant agreement with Health Management Associates, Inc. for the County to receive \$50,000 for local access California Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder and Stimulant Use Disorder through county jails and the local justice system.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: Authorize Chairman and County Administrative Officer to execute the agreement.

**Attachments:** [210928 MAT](#)

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

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: Agreement# 21-5021 with California Department of Social Services for legal consultation and representation in Resource Family Approval (RFA) appeal.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no impact to the General Fund.

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

**Attachments:** [G4 - Agreement # 21-5021 CDSS RFA 09.28.2021](#)

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

RECESS: 10:18 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS - CONTINUED**

COUNTY COUNSEL

SUBJECT: Public Hearing to consider an urgency ordinance to establish and enact regulations for the conduct of debris removal by property owners from properties damaged by the 2021 Beckwourth Complex Fire and the Dixie Fire in Lassen County.

FISCAL IMPACT: Unknown.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Conduct a Public Hearing; and 2) introduce, waive the reading of, and adopt/enact ordinance (4/5 vote required); and/or 3) provide direction to staff.

**Attachments:** [210922 Debris Removal Urgency Ordinance](#)

County Counsel Uhrhammer gave a brief overview of the urgency ordinance pertaining to debris removal from the Dixie and Beckwourth Complex Fires. County Counsel Uhrhammer also discussed the programs being offered by the state to residents who were effected by the fires. Office of Emergency Services (OES) Chief Silas Rojas also discussed the program, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and homeowners insurance. OES Chief Rojas also discussed the residents responsibility for cleanup, hazardous material, and how each fire changes qualifications of the program.

The Public Hearing was open from 10:33 a.m. - 10:57 a.m.

SPEAKERS: Rick Wilson, Bob Beckett, Kelly Grossa, Steve Bejcek.

Extensive discussion was held regarding the wild fires, fire damage, and fire cleanup for residents.

**A motion was made by Supervisor Gallagher, seconded by Supervisor Hemphill, that the reading was waived and Ordinance No. 2021-02 be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Gallagher, Bridges, Hemphill and Albaugh

**Absent:** 1 - Hammond

## **MATTERS SET FOR TIME CERTAIN**

### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**SUBJECT:** Verbal report from Plumas National Forest regarding Dixie Fire and Beckwourth Complex Fire post-fire restoration of federal lands.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Unknown.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Receive report.

Extensive discussion was held pertaining to the wild land fires effecting Lassen County.

SPEAKERS: Plumas National Forest Supervisor Chris Carlton, Deputy Regional Forester for the Pacific Southwest Region Tony Scardina, Incident Commander Dave Martin, Plumas National Forest Deputy Fire Management Officer Mitch Wilson, Bob Beckett, Cal Fire Unit Chief Scott Packwood, Plumas National Forest Vegetation Management Officer Will Brendecke, Terilyn Bejcek, Denise Pickens, Plumas National Forest Fuel Officer Ryan Bauer, and Curtis Bortle.

Supervisor Albaugh was absent from 11:28 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Supervisor Gallagher was absent from 11:57 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Deputy Clerk of the Board Yderraga was absent from 12:11 p.m. - 12:15 p.m. and 12:34 p.m. - 12:37 p.m.

Supervisor Albaugh was absent from 1:00 p.m. - 1:05 p.m.

## SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT / OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

SUBJECT: Verbal report by local, state or federal officials about the status of local and/or state of emergency, or Presidential Major Disaster Declaration in Lassen County (if needed).

FISCAL IMPACT: To be determined.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Receive report; and 2) provide direction to staff.

Office of Emergency Services (OES) Chief Silas Rojas briefly discussed residents wanting to return to their damaged homes to sift through ash for belongings. OES Chief Rojas read a Right of Entry Fact Sheet.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

## COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

SUBJECT: Annual Committee Appointments for 2021-2022.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: Make appointments to the following Boards, Committees and Commissions:

California State Association of Counties (CSAC)

a. California Non-Profit Corporation.

b. Shall not be less than one Supervisor for each member county.

CURRENT APPOINTMENT: Gallagher (R), Bridges (A).

The Board agreed to keep the annual committee appointments for CSAC the same as 2020/2021. Supervisor Gallagher would remain as the regular board member and Supervisor Bridges would remain as the alternate board member.

**A motion was made by Supervisor Hemphill, seconded by Supervisor Gallagher, that these Appointments be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Gallagher, Bridges, Hemphill and Albaugh

**Absent:** 1 - Hammond

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

## FAIR

## REVENUE REPORT

SUBJECT: 2021 Lassen County Fair Report.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive report and provide direction to staff.

Attachments: [Fair Attach 1](#)

[Fair Attach 2](#)

Fair Manager Kaitlyn Downing gave a detailed power point presentation on the fair's revenue report and discussed possible changes for the 2022 carnival.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

SUBJECT: INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CAO Egan reported: Will be attending the RCRC meeting in Monterey, California.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 1:52 p.m. in memory of Jim Patz and Bob Dale.

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Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

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

ATTEST:

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Michele Yderraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board