



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ALPINE COUNTY
Board Chambers
County Administration Building
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MINUTES January 6, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

Chair Dobson called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:01 AM with Supervisors Mecak, Griffith, Dobson, and Woodrow present. Supervisor Jim was present via teleconference.

- 1.1. Take nominations and appoint the Chair of the Board of Supervisors for calendar year 2026; Appoint Board members to committees/commissions/boards and similar bodies for calendar year 2026. The presiding officers shall also serve as the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Local Transportation Commission, the County Board of Equalization and the County Water Agency, when such bodies are called into session. – County Clerk

Supervisor Woodrow nominated Supervisor Griffith for Board Chair.

~~Chair Griffith presented Supervisor Dobson with a plaque for service as Chair of the Alpine County Board of Supervisors during calendar year 2025.~~

MOTION Terry Woodrow / SECOND Evan Mecak nominating David Griffith as the Chair of the Board of Supervisors for the calendar year 2026.

**AYES: Charles Dobson, Evan Mecak, Irvin Jim, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith;
MOTION PASSED.**

~~Chair Griffith presented Supervisor Dobson with a plaque for service as Chair of the Alpine County Board of Supervisors during calendar year 2025.~~

Supervisor Jim nominated Supervisor Mecak for Vice Chair.

MOTION Irvin Jim / SECOND Charles Dobson nominating Evan Mecak as the Vice-Chair of the Board of Supervisors for the calendar year 2026.

**AYES: Charles Dobson, Evan Mecak, Irvin Jim, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith;
MOTION PASSED.**

No changes were made to Board member Commission and Committee assignments.

MOTION Terry Woodrow / SECOND Evan Mecak appointing Board members to committees/commissions/boards and similar bodies for calendar year 2026. The presiding officers shall also serve as the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Local Transportation Commission, the County Board of Equalization and the County Water Agency, when such bodies are called into session.

**AYES: Charles Dobson, Evan Mecak, Irvin Jim, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith;
MOTION PASSED.**

2. OPEN SESSION - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ORAL COMMUNICATION - GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Alpine Watershed Group Executive Director Kimra McAfee announced an upcoming community meeting regarding the West Fork Carson River Prioritization Project and highlighted the Watershed Group's accomplishments for 2025.

Alpine County Chamber of Commerce representative Casey Pereira announced open positions of the Chamber of Commerce Board. Pereira also gave an update on the number of riders registered for the 2026 Death Ride.

President of the Parent Advisory Committee for the Alpine Early Learning Center Alex Melgar expressed concern about the Early Learning Center's planned rate increase, citing a lack of funding from historical sources as the primary reason. Melgar stated that the committee had worked closely with the school board but asked if the County could help improve the situation. Vice President of the Parent Advisory Committee Karen Griffin added that current rates were already a burden and that many parents had considered pulling their children out if rates continued to increase. Griffin urged the Board to consider if any County funding could be allocated towards the Early Learning Center. Interim CEO/County Counsel Charles McKee clarified that the Early Learning Center was not a County program, and that any consideration of County funding would first require review of the school district's finances.

Arts and Culture Executive Director January Riddle reported that Arts and Culture Alpine County was one of seven county art agencies that were awarded a Jobs First California grant. Riddle also gave an update on recent and upcoming events.

4. DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public Health Officer Dr. Richard Johnson noted significant concerns regarding the flu and COVID-19 season. Johnson emphasized the importance of early testing and reminded that free test kits for flu and COVID-19 were available both at the Bear Valley Public Safety Office, and the Woodford's Health Department.

Community Development Deputy Director Ethan Gray spoke on the County's snow removal policy in response to public questions and concerns following recent storms. Gray explained that the County adhered closely to its established snow removal policy to balance public safety with operational costs and that staff assessed conditions closely and responded as needed to ensure roads were safe.

Library/Museum/Archives Director Rita Lovell announced new gutters were installed at the library. Lovell also gave updates on an upcoming library closure and a new initiative by the California State Library.

County Clerk Teola Tremayne gave a reminder that several local offices were up for election and were currently in the time frame for the signatures in lieu of the filing fee until February 4, 2026. Tremayne also noted that candidates could run for the state and district offices.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interim CEO/County Counsel Charles McKee reported that County staff worked to ensure the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce was fully operational. McKee also announced the appointment of Angela Slais as the new Health and Human Services Director.

6. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS

Supervisor District 1 Charles Dobson gave an update regarding county business, meetings attended related to appointed commissions and committees and upcoming events.

Supervisor District 2 Evan Mecak gave an update regarding county business, meetings attended related to appointed commissions and committees and upcoming events.

Supervisor District 3 Irvin Jim gave an update regarding county business, meetings attended related to appointed commissions and committees and upcoming events.

Supervisor District 4 Terry Woodrow gave an update regarding county business, meetings attended related to appointed commissions and committees and upcoming events.

Supervisor District 5 David Griffith gave an update regarding county business, meetings attended related to appointed commissions and committees and upcoming events.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Interim CEO/County Counsel Charles McKee pulled Item 7.9 for separate action.

County Clerk Teola Tremayne announced a correction was made to Item 7.2.

MOTION Terry Woodrow / SECOND Evan Mecak approving the Consent Agenda as follows:

AYES: Charles Dobson, Evan Mecak, Irvin Jim, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith;
MOTION PASSED.

- 7.1. Special meeting minutes of 12/16/2025. – County Clerk
- 7.2. Regular meeting minutes of 12/16/2025, as corrected. – County Clerk
- 7.3. County Claims. – Director of Finance
- 7.4. Amended Alpine County Salary Schedule as required by California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 570.5. – Asst. CEO to Personnel and Risk
- 7.5. **Resolution No. R2026-01** authorizing a 3.5% increase effective the first full pay period in January 2026 for all elected and appointed department heads, management, and non-represented employees. – Interim CEO/County Counsel
- 7.6. **Contract No. CC2026-01** with California Department of Public Health, Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Branch (STD CB) to develop, expand, train, and sustain disease investigation and intervention for the term 07/01/2025 – 06/30/2030 in the amount of \$450,644. – HHS Director
- 7.7. **Contract No. CC2026-02** with Lumos and Associates, Inc. for the services of County Engineer and County Surveyor through December 30, 2030, for a not-to-exceed sum of \$1,000,000. – Community Development Deputy Director
- 7.8. **Contract No. CC2026-03** between the County and Bear Valley Mountain Resort,

LCC for the shared use of multiple parking lots in the Bear Valley Village through June 30, 2026. – Community Development Deputy Director

7.9. This item was pulled for separate action.

7.10. **Resolution No. R2026-03** authorizing the Board Chair to sign contracts. – County Clerk

7.11. An increase in appropriations in 100-102-305990 (State Grant Revenue) and 100-102-523410 (Misc. Professional Services) in the amount \$204,050 to provide economic analysis of recreation for Inyo, Mono, and Alpine Counties. The program is grant funded by the State of California and administered by the Sierra Business Council. There will be zero net cost to Alpine County.

ITEMS PULLED FOR SEPARATE ACTION

7.9. **Resolution adopting a revised Governance Manual and Board of Supervisors operating rules and procedures resolution and repealing resolution R2021-55. – Interim CEO/County Counsel**

Interim CEO/County Counsel Charles McKee stated that minor revisions were made to clarify section headings, remove duplicative sections regarding County business and operations, and move some language regarding public hearing procedures.

The Board's consensus was to continue the item to allow for additional review time and bring it back to the next Board meeting.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

9. REGULAR AGENDA – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

10. REGULAR AGENDA – NEW BUSINESS

10.1. **Request adoption of resolution recognizing Nichole Williamson for 16 years of dedicated service to Alpine County. – Interim CEO/County Counsel**

Supervisor Woodrow read the resolution recognizing Nichole Williamson for 16 years of dedicated service.

Multiple staff members and supervisors expressed appreciation for Williamson's service to Alpine County.

MOTION Irvin Jim / SECOND Terry Woodrow adopting Resolution No. R2026-04 recognizing Nichole Williamson for 16 years of dedicated service to Alpine County.

AYES: Charles Dobson, Evan Mecak, Irvin Jim, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith;

MOTION PASSED.

10.2. **Presentation on current Alpine County code titles related to public health,**

safety, welfare and seek guidance from the Board regarding updating the County Code as it pertains to public health, safety, and welfare. Accept a petition from residents regarding a local nuisance. – Assistant County Counsel

Assistant County Counsel Melissa Shaw reported that concerns related to health, safety, and welfare within Alpine County were reviewed to determine whether the existing County Code promoted those goals. Shaw outlined the potential areas for review, including Titles 1, 7, 9, 10, and 18, with an emphasis to establish clearer definitions, identify and measure violations, and determine remedies.

Supervisor Mecak emphasized the need for all supervisors to have the opportunity to submit concerns. Interim CEO/County Counsel Charles McKee recommended that Board members submit concerns individually to staff and that staff would return with organized revisions for Board consideration.

Alpine County resident Lenny Sue Tinseth inquired how the public could be involved in the review process, particularly regarding parental rights, child safety, and curfew provisions. Interim CEO/County Counsel Charles McKee stated that community members could submit comments and suggestions to County Counsel.

The Board's consensus was for staff to proceed with developing proposed revisions, solicit input from supervisors and the public, and return the item to the Board for further action.

10.3. County Fiscal Report. – Director of Finance

Director of Finance Klaus Leitenbauer presented the quarterly fiscal report, noting that secured and unsecured property tax collections to date were slightly ahead of the previous year; Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) collections on a cash basis reflected increases consistent with the recent rate adjustment; and that the mid-year budget update was scheduled to be presented at the February 17, 2026, meeting.

10.4. Presentation and discussion from Community Development and Finance Department staff on Residential Short-Term Rental (STR) and County Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) fiscal results and compliance. – Community Development Director

Community Development Director Sam Booth, joined by Director of Finance Klaus Leitenbauer, gave a presentation on current Short-Term Rental (STR) and Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) processes, including recent improvements and proposed streamlining measures; Senate Bill 346 (Short-Term Rental Facilitator Act of 2025); recent STR and TOT data and possible improvements to the compliance procedures the County used to collect TOT and Short-Term Rental licenses. Booth explained that the presentation was prepared in response to Board direction from October, when questions were raised about whether TOT revenues had increased at the same rate as the approved 40% TOT rate increase.

11. ADJOURN TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES FOR WHICH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SITS AS OFFICERS: BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, LOCAL

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, WATER AGENCY

None

12. CLOSED SESSION

12.1. Public Employee Appointment – Local Mental Health Director for purposes of the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) §54957. – Interim CEO/County Counsel

Interim CEO/County Counsel Charles McKee reported that the Board of Supervisors appointed Health and Human Services Director Angela Slais as the Local Mental Health Director.

12.2. Public Employment/Appointment – Title: County Executive Officer – Government Code section 54957. – Assistant CEO to Personnel and Risk Management

No reportable action was taken.

12.3. Public Employment/Appointment – Title: County Counsel – Government Code section 54957. – Assistant CEO to Personnel and Risk Management

No reportable action was taken.

12.4. Public Employee Appointment – Public Guardian §54957. – Assistant CEO to Personnel and Risk Management

Interim CEO/County Counsel Charles McKee reported that the Board of Supervisors appointed Health and Human Services Director Angela Slais as the Public Guardian.

12.5. Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Initiation of Litigation pursuant to §54956.9(c)-One (1) Case. – Assistant County Counsel

No reportable action was taken.

12.6. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to §54956.9(D)(2) – 1 case. – Interim CEO/County Counsel

Interim CEO/County Counsel Charles McKee announced that the anticipated litigation to be discussed was related to allegations from Kimball Pier tort claim and the facts behind the litigation. No reportable action was taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned to the next regular meeting of January 20, 2026, at 9:00 AM at Alpine County Government Center, 99 Water Street, Markleeville, California.

ATTEST:



Teola L. Tremayne, County Clerk & ex officio
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
By: Michelle Minder, Deputy County Clerk



David Griffith, Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Alpine, State of California

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