



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ALPINE COUNTY
Board Chambers
County Administration Building
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MINUTES September 3, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

Chair Terry Woodrow called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:00 AM with Supervisors David Griffith, Charles Dobson, Ron Hames, and Terry Woodrow present. Supervisor Irvin Jim was absent.

2. OPEN SESSION - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ORAL COMMUNICATION - GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Executive Director of Arts and Culture Alpine County (ACAC) January Riddle reported on upcoming ACAC events and activities.

Executive Director of the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) Meghan Wolff reported hiring a new part-time employee, Casey Nokomis Pereira; that the Chamber was promoting the "Are You Alpine" campaign and would be installing tourism cameras in specific locations; that 2025 Death Ride registration had opened (248 registrants to date); and that the Chamber intended to revive its monthly newspaper. Visit AlpineCounty.com for general information and upcoming events.

4. DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alpine County Public Health Officer Dr. Rick Johnson reported that avian flu (H5N1) had been found in Central Valley dairies but that the milk supply was safe; that the COVID summer surge had been greater than expected and would continue; and that new COVID vaccines would be available soon in pharmacies. Regarding the Lost Lakes incident, Johnson reported that the investigation was ongoing.

Library/Museum/Archives Director Rita Lovell reported on past and upcoming events, including the Library Story Walk scheduled for September 14, 2024.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAO Nichole Williamson introduced Suzanne Garcia as the County's new Health and Human Services Director.

Williamson gave an update on discussions had with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) regarding a possible emergency declaration concerning Fentanyl in Alpine County; Cal OES requested that the County wait to take any action; more discussions were planned. Williamson promised to keep the Board apprised of developments.

5.1. Administrative Announcements - Update on Alpine County Museum

CAO Nichole Williamson reported that a court hearing regarding Alpine County's dispute with the Historical Society was scheduled for September 4, 2024 at 11AM in Department 1 of the Alpine County Superior Court.

Supervisor Griffith commented that the petition received at the August 20, 2024 meeting regarding the Historical Society dispute deserved attention; that its distributors' request to place an item on the agenda regarding the possible rescission of the 1990 agreement termination notice should be honored, though such was not feasible for the current meeting. Supervisor Griffith requested that the item be placed on the September 17, 2024 meeting agenda. The Board agreed by consensus.

Alpine County resident Clint Celio commented about a letter written by counsel representing Alpine County in which the petition was cited as a justification for venue change. Celio asserted that the petition demonstrated the opposite; that Alpine County had an ample population from which to select a fair and impartial jury.

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; advised to avoid the construction area on Hot Springs Road whenever possible.

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

Supervisor District 3 Irvin Jim was absent.

Supervisor District 4 Terry Woodrow gave an update regarding county business, meetings attended related to appointed commissions and committees and upcoming events; HermitFest West was set to occur on September 7, 2024 from noon to 7PM in Bear Valley. Supervisor Woodrow encouraged the submission of applications for the Bear Valley Residential Chipper Program.

Supervisor District 5 David Griffith gave an update regarding county business, meetings attended related to appointed commissions and committees and upcoming events; reported that the California Public Utilities Commission had approved \$7 million in funding for last-mile broadband services in Alpine County; and that the County needed to start prioritizing the development of affordable housing in Alpine County, particularly for its employees, following approval of the year's budget.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor Griffith requested to pull Item 7.6 for separate action.

MOTION Ron Hames / SECOND Charles Dobson approving Consent Agenda as follows:

AYES: Charles Dobson, Ron Hames, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith;

ABSENT: Irvin Jim;

MOTION PASSED.

7.1. Regular meeting minutes of August 20, 2024. - County Clerk

- 7.2. County Claims. - Director of Finance
- 7.3. Addition of a Public Health Program Manager position and removal of a Public Health Program Coordinator position from the budgeted position allocation list. - Deputy Health and Human Services Director, Public Health
- 7.4. Amended plans and specifications for the Turtle Rock Park Tennis Courts, **Contract No. CC2024-38** with Beynon Sports, Inc. for a post-tension overlay of the tennis courts in the amount of \$370,131.00, and increase the appropriations in 100-119- 563480 (Insurance Reimbursable expenses) by \$45,131.00 in the recommended budget. - Community Development Deputy Director
- 7.5. **Contract No. CC2024-39** with Alpine Watershed Group to provide forest health project capacity building services for the term 08/14/2024 – 07/15/2027 in the amount of \$190,438. – Economic Development Director
- 7.6. This item was pulled for separate action.
- 7.7. Allison Baumann, Assistant Auditor / Controller, for the position of Representative to the Audit and Finance Committee. - Director of Finance

ITEMS PULLED FOR SEPARATE ACTION:

- 7.6. **Approve contract for legal counsel services with Sophia R. Meyer Law P.C. for child protective services and public guardian services for the term of July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$25,000 annually, with two subsequent extensions through June 30, 2027 for a total of \$75,000 - HHS Deputy Director - Social Services.**

In response to Supervisor Griffith, HHS Deputy Director of Social Services Erin Dobyns confirmed that the procedure for waiving the County's standard insurance requirements was followed.

MOTION David Griffith / SECOND Charles Dobson approving Contract No. CC2024-40 for legal counsel services with Sophia R. Meyer Law P.C. for child protective services and public guardian services for the term of July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$25,000 annually, with two subsequent extensions through June 30, 2027 for a total of \$75,000 - HHS Deputy Director - Social Services.

AYES: Charles Dobson, Ron Hames, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith;

ABSENT: Irvin Jim;

MOTION PASSED.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

9. REGULAR AGENDA - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

10. REGULAR AGENDA - NEW BUSINESS

10.1. Request approval of four Change Orders to the Hot Springs Road Reconstruction Project contract (CC2024-14), to increase the contract amount by \$32,844.00, for a total contract amount of \$5,257,851.00. - Community Development Director

Community Development Director Sam Booth updated the Board on the progress of the Hot Springs Road construction project; paving would begin as early as October to allow for project completion before winter.

Booth explained the nature of the four Change Orders being requested, noting that certain changes were unavoidable given the nature of the project; overall, the changes called for an additional \$32,844, which required Board approval. Booth noted that adequate discretionary road funding was available in the County's RMRA account.

Supervisor Hames commented about receiving complaints regarding traffic congestion on Hot Springs Road, noting that updates to the public regarding road conditions and project progress were important.

Supervisor Dobson asked whether there was a minimal financial threshold for change orders that required Board approval. Booth responded that the contract allowed for changes but didn't specify who was authorized to approve them; and that, upon the advice of County Counsel Charles McKee, Booth would be seeking a change in policy to allow for such authorizations to occur without appearing before the Board.

MOTION David Griffith / SECOND Ron Hames approving of four Change Orders (Contract Nos. CC2024-41, CC2024-42, CC2024-43, and CC2024-44) to the Hot Springs Road Reconstruction Project contract (CC2024-14), to increase the contract amount by \$32,844.00, for a total contract amount of \$5,257,851.00. - Community Development Director

AYES: Charles Dobson, Ron Hames, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith;

ABSENT: Irvin Jim;

MOTION PASSED.

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. Closed Session: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Name of case: Alpine County Superior Court Case No. C-24-0589 The Historical Society of Alpine County v Alpine County. - County Counsel

There was no reportable action taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned to the next regular meeting of September 17, 2024 at 9:00 am at Alpine County Government Center, 99 Water Street, Markleeville, California.

ATTEST:

Terry Woodrow, Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Alpine, State of California

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

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