



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ALPINE COUNTY
Board Chambers
Administration Building
Markleeville, CA 96120
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MINUTES November 5, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

Chair Woodrow called the regular meeting to order at 9:19 AM with Supervisors Ron Hames, Charles Dobson, David Griffith, and Terry Woodrow present. Supervisor Irvin Jim was absent.

2. OPEN SESSION - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ORAL COMMUNICATION - GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Climate Resiliency Fellow with Alpine Watershed Group Kaitlyn Garber reported on the Forest Health Community Working Group's tree planting event which occurred on Saturday, October 26, 2024; 35 volunteers participated; 320 Jeffrey pine seedlings were planted off Pleasant Valley Road.

Chamber of Commerce ("Chamber") Executive Director Meghan Wolff reported that 2025 Death Ride registration reached 300 as of November 1, 2024; the Chamber would transition to a new registration platform on January 1, 2025. The Chamber scheduled a November 7, 2024 executive session to discuss the terms of the proposed County agreement; A public Chamber Board meeting would be held on November 14, 2024 at 5:30PM at the Visitors Center (Zoom link available at alpinecounty.com). Wolff announced that Grover Hot Springs was now open on Mondays, but still closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; that Christmas tree permits were available at the Visitors Center, Desolation Hotel, and the Markleeville General Store; and that the Chamber was making increased efforts to boost visitor numbers in Bear Valley.

4. DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

County Clerk Teola Tremayne reported that it was Election Day. Polls would be open until 8PM at the Government Administration Building.

Library/Museum/Archives Director Rita Lovell reported that the Markleeville and Bear Valley Libraries would be closed on November 9, 2024 in observance of Veterans Day. The last day of 2024 operations at the Alpine County Museum was October 31, 2024; 400-500 people visited the Museum during the 2024 season.

Human Services Director Suzanne Garcia updated the Board on actions taken since the County issued two emergency declarations regarding fentanyl. Meetings with relevant stakeholders, including the Washoe Tribe and Tribal Law and Policy Institute, were ongoing.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAO Nichole Williamson reported that the Board received a letter about yoga sessions not being scheduled in the County and corrected applicable misinformation therein.

Human Services Director Suzanne Garcia reported that, based on listening sessions with Washoe representatives and other partners, yoga was not high on the list of priorities.

Williamson mentioned that the letter writer was seemingly uninformed regarding the use-it-or-lose-it nature of MHSA funds; MHSA funds operate on a 5-year timeline. Williamson reported that, given the County's emergency declarations regarding fentanyl, MHSA funds would soon be spent differently; it was possible that yoga sessions would be discontinued entirely.

The Board agreed by consensus to add this item to a future agenda concurrent with an MHSA update.

5.1. Update on Alpine County Museum

CAO Nichole Williamson reported that the Historical Society held a meeting on Saturday, November 2, 2024 to discuss the County's settlement proposal. The County had not yet heard back.

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 Ron Hames gave an update regarding county business, meetings attended related to appointed commissions and committees and upcoming events. Supervisor Hames mentioned the value of being certified by Safe Talk for having conversations with potentially suicidal individuals; dial 988 to speak with qualified workers 24/7.

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.

Supervisor District 5 David Griffith gave an update regarding county business, meetings attended related to appointed commissions and committees and upcoming events. Supervisor Griffith proposed updating the governance manual and/or local ordinances to include some type of sanction against supervisors for repeated, unexcused absences. The Board agreed by majority to take up the issue on a future agenda.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION David Griffith / SECOND Ron Hames approving the Consent Agenda as follows:

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

ABSENT: Irvin Jim;

MOTION PASSED.

- 7.1. Regular meeting minutes of October 15, 2024. - County Clerk
- 7.2. County Claims. - Director of Finance
- 7.3. Amended Alpine County Salary Schedule as required by California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 570.5. - Asst. CAO to Personnel and Risk
- 7.4. **Resolution No. R2024-68** pertaining to a Notice of Intent to hold a mining claim, Affidavit of Labor on a mining claim or Notice of Location and repealing Resolution No. 90-78. - Assessor/Recorder
- 7.5. **Resolution No. R2024-69** authorizing the transfer of twenty percent (20%) of Social Services Trust Fund 522 sales tax and vehicle license fees to Public Health Trust Fund 519 for fiscal year 2024-2025. - Director of Budget and Procurement
- 7.6. **Resolution No. R2024-70** ratifying the Sheriff's declaration of a local emergency related to the current fentanyl overdose crisis and extend declaration until 12/03/2024, waiving the 14-day review period in County Code section 2.56.340. - Sheriff
- 7.7. **Resolution No. R2024-71** ratifying the Alpine County Public Health Officer's declaration of a local health emergency related to the current fentanyl overdose crisis and extend declaration until 12/03/2024, waiving the 14-day review period in County Code section 2.56.340. - Deputy Health and Human Services Director, Public Health
- 7.8. Appropriation increases for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 as summarized in Exhibit A. - Director of Budget and Procurement

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1. **Public Hearing and possible action regarding a renewal application for a general license to conduct bingo games for the calendar year 2024 from the Alpine Kids, a non-profit organization. - County Clerk**

County Clerk Teola Tremayne announced that the public hearing was being held in accordance with County Code section 5.08.160. Turkey Bingo was scheduled for Saturday, November 23, 2024 at Turtle Rock Park from 1-4PM. All proceeds would benefit Alpine Kids' Young Adult Program and Ministry of Carson Valley United Methodist Church.

Supervisor Woodrow opened the public hearing, then closed the public hearing without receiving any comment.

MOTION David Griffith / SECOND Charles Dobson approving a renewal application for a general license to conduct bingo games for the calendar year 2024 from the Alpine Kids, a non-profit organization.

Responding to Supervisor Hames, Tremayne stated that licenses were only to be granted on a case-by-case basis, and it was inappropriate to award any licenses for events in 2025. County Counsel Charles McKee added that it would not be appropriate to consider other non-agendized licenses.

**AYES: Charles Dobson, Ron Hames, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith;
ABSENT: Irvin Jim;
MOTION PASSED.**

9. REGULAR AGENDA - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

10. REGULAR AGENDA - NEW BUSINESS

10.1. **Land acknowledgment by Woodfords Community Council Chair Geoffrey Ellis and request adoption of a resolution proclaiming November 2024 as Native American Heritage Month in Alpine County and recognizing the contributions of Alpine County's Native American employees and leadership. - County Clerk**

County Clerk and Western Shoshone Teola Tremayne introduced Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California Woodfords Community Council Chairman Geoffrey Ellis.

Ellis provided a land acknowledgment.

Tremayne read aloud an article from RightLivelihood.org about two Western Shoshone sisters' battle to reclaim ancestral lands. Tremayne then read aloud the proposed resolution in its entirety.

Responding to Supervisor Griffith's comment regarding positive experiences of Indian boarding schools, Tremayne commented that, based on family experience, Indian boarding schools caused more harm than good. Ellis commented that, based on family experience, the boarding schools offered some value to Native Americans. A major criticism, however, was the schools' prohibition on speaking Native languages; everything was taught in English, which limited students' ability to learn about indigenous cultures.

MOTION David Griffith / SECOND Ron Hames adopting Resolution No. R2024-72 proclaiming November 2024 as Native American Heritage Month in Alpine County and recognizing the contributions of Alpine County's Native American employees and leadership.

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

ABSENT: Irvin Jim;

MOTION PASSED.

- 10.2. Select one member of the Board of Supervisors to act as the 2024/2025 CSAC Representative and one member to act as the 2024/2025 CSAC Alternate Representative for the CSAC Association beginning November 18, 2024. - County Clerk**

County Clerk Teola Tremayne explained that, because Supervisor Hames would not be on the Board in 2025, it was appropriate to name the 2024/2025 CSAC representative and CSAC alternate representative in advance of the CSAC Conference on November 18, 2024.

County Counsel Charles McKee clarified that the Board would nominate both CSAC representatives, and those nominated would ultimately be appointed by CSAC. McKee suggested that the Board nominate CSAC representatives each fall to align with CSAC's calendar. McKee continued that any supervisor-elect was eligible for nomination; a statute was on the books to allow a supervisor-elect to attend the CSAC conference with all expenses covered by the County.

MOTION David Griffith / SECOND Charles Dobson nominating Supervisor Terry Woodrow to act as the 2024/2025 CSAC Representative and Supervisor-elect Evan Mecak to act as the 2024/2025 CSAC Alternate Representative for the CSAC Association beginning November 18, 2024.

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

ABSENT: Irvin Jim;

MOTION PASSED.

- 10.3. Request approval of transfers of unappropriated fund balance from Fund 522 "Transfer Out" line in the amount of \$75,000 and Fund 523 "Transfer Out" line in the amount of \$785,000 to be transferred into Social Services operating Fund 210 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and increase the corresponding appropriations in Fund 210 to \$860,000. - Director of Budget and Procurement**

CAO Nichole Williamson explained that the proposed transfer represented the Social Services share of costs that the County was required to pay to the State via realignment.

County Counsel Charles McKee clarified that the updated transmittal for the item reflected a more direct way of transferring the funds.

MOTION Ron Hames / SECOND David Griffith approving transfers of unappropriated fund balance from Fund 522 “Transfer Out” line in the amount of \$75,000 and Fund 523 “Transfer Out” line in the amount of \$785,000 to be transferred into Social Services operating Fund 210 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and increasing the corresponding appropriations in Fund 210 to \$860,000.

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

ABSENT: Irvin Jim;

MOTION PASSED.

10.4. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding South Tahoe Public Utility District Wastewater Strategic Plan.

CAO Nichole Williamson reported that Alpine County residents could comment online regarding the South Tahoe Public Utility District's proposed Recycled Wastewater Strategic Plan. Many elements of the proposal would impact Alpine County. Public comment would be accepted through November 11, 2024.

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

The Board adjourned to the Local Transportation Commission at 11:00 AM.

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

The Board voted to form an advisory committee comprised of Supervisors David Griffith and Charles Dobson to work on a possible settlement regarding the ongoing litigation with the Historical Society of Alpine County.

12.2. CLOSED SESSION: Government Code section 54956.9 (b) & 54956.95: Worker’s Compensation claim Robert Levy TIBV-600115. - Assistant CAO to Personnel and Risk Management

No reportable action was taken.

12.3. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Name of case: Yolo County Superior Court Case No. CV-2021-1686 Alpine County v STPUD. - CAO

This item was removed from the agenda.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned to the next regular meeting of December 3, 2024 at 9:00 AM at Alpine County Government Center, 99 Water Street, Markleeville, California.

Terry Woodrow

Terry Woodrow (Dec 3, 2024 14:55 PST)

ATTEST:

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

Daniel Honchariw

Teola L. Tremayne, County Clerk & ex officio Clerk of
the Board of Supervisors

By: Daniel Honchariw, Deputy County Clerk

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