



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ALPINE COUNTY
Board Chambers
County Administration Building
Markleeville, CA 96120
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MINUTES

January 21, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

Vice Chair Griffith called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:00 AM with Supervisors Mecak, Jim, Griffith and Woodrow present; Chair Dobson was absent.

2. OPEN SESSION - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ORAL COMMUNICATION - GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Markleeville Resident Graham Davis announced a notice for a meeting with Sierra Pines tenants on January 22, 2025, at 5:30 PM and requested Board representation. Davis explained that locals were concerned about Sierra Pines being condemned in the near future. CAO/Human Services Director Nichole Williamson requested a copy of notice and informed Davis on potential representation from Northern Nevada Indian Legal Services; will follow up with Davis individually.

Chamber of Commerce Board Member Carol Hannagan expressed gratitude for attendance at the Chamber meeting and thanked Upcountry Cafe for providing food. Hannagan reported that repairs for water leaks and floors in the Chamber building were in progress through contract with Community Development Director Sam Booth.

Markleeville Resident Beverly Crawford commented on signing an agreement for historical society to not go to litigation, since the costs were more than \$50,000. Crawford stated that historical society members were willing to peacefully settle outside of court, but the Board did not approve the settlement plan, nor was the counter proposal agreed on. Crawford requested more transparency to promote accountability with elected officials.

4. DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1. Presentation of Alpine County official pins by Economic Development Director JT Chevallier - Economic Development Director

Economical Director JT Chevallier presented pins designed for Alpine County and handed out pins to the Board to distribute.

Director of Finance Klaus Leitenbauer reported on the upcoming audit in Finance Department next week and stated midyear audit adjustments report would be presented to Board at end of February. Leitenbauer reported County budget strategies would shift away from deficit spending and the State 2025-2026 budget looked optimistic. Leitenbauer reported a shortfall of \$319,000 owed to the County; so far County was paid for current fiscal year, received \$166,000 and expecting future amount of \$185,000 going towards general funds. Leitenbauer explained budgeting would be analyzed with different approaches, including possible raising local sales tax rate to from 7.25 to 7.75 percent.

In a response to Supervisor Mecak's question related to timeline of adjustment reports, Leitenbauer responded that the county would report on a "seven plus five" timeline for adjustments. Supervisors Mecak suggested that financial reports be agendized upcoming meetings to answer Board members questions related to anything financial. County Counsel Charles McKee stated wording on agenda would need to be specific for transparency. Leitenbauer stated now that financials were caught up, regular financial reports would be agendized for future Board meetings.

Fire Chief Paul Washam reported that Eastern Alpine County fire rigs were sent to Los Angeles fires to assist with hotter parts of the fire and returned safely.

Community Development Director Sam Booth announced staffing and personnel changes in department. Booth stated promotion of Matt Sherman to Road Maintenance Foreman, promotion of Austin Hickman to Road Maintenance Lead, new hires Eric Rogers, Ted Overman, new hire Fiscal and Technical Specialist Yolanda Marty, and promotion of Julio Haro to Building and Grounds Supervisor.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAO Nichole Williamson/HHS Director stated that Supervisor Griffith requested yoga agenda item be moved to next scheduled Board meeting, when Chair Dobson would be present. Williamson introduced new hire Leila Gail as ~~Social Services Director~~ Deputy Director of Social Services, Chad Cooney as Fiscal and Administrative Supervisor, Kimbal Pier as Deputy Director of Behavioral Health, and Angela Slais as Public Health Deputy Director.

6. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS

Supervisor District 1 Charles Dobson was absent.

Supervisor District 2 Evan Mecak reported no comment.

Supervisor District 3 Irvin Jim reported on doctor's appointments and a few meetings attended.

Supervisor District 4 Terry Woodrow gave an update regarding county business, meetings attended related to appointed commissions and committees and upcoming events, including a meeting with Assembly member Heather Hadwick.

Supervisor District 5 David Griffith gave an update regarding county business, meetings attended related to appointed commissions and committees and upcoming events, including a meeting with Assembly member Heather Hadwick.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

In response to Supervisor Woodrow comment related to Kirkwood, Wildfire Project Coordinator Clint Celio clarified that Kirkwood was omitted from grant by mistake and would be added to project list.

Supervisor Griffith pulled item 7.4.

MOTION Woodrow / SECOND Jim Approving the Consent Agenda as follows:

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

ABSENT: Dobson

MOTION PASSED.

- 7.1. Regular meeting minutes of January 7, 2025. - 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. Item pulled for separate action.
- 7.5. Purchase of hand held radios not to exceed the amount of \$30,200, authorizing the CAO (as purchasing agent) to sign a purchase order and request to waive the RFP process - Sheriff
- 7.6. Reappointment of Rebecca Thornburg to the Mental Health Board representing Family Member for the unexpired term ending May 30, 2026. - County Clerk

ITEMS PULLED FOR SEPARATE ACTION:

- 7.4 **Approve contract with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for the amount of \$80,001 for Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) services for the term 07/01/2024 through 06/30/2025. - Director HHS**

Supervisor Griffith stated that the contract was outdated with former employees listed with expired insurance certificates. CAO/HHS Director Nichole Williamson stated the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) already approved the contract, so no revisions needed to be made, and clarified the Board historically approved the contract each year. Deputy Public Health Director Angela Slais stated that CDPH did not require contact names changed since the contract was reviewed when initially submitted. Williamson clarified to the Board that since the contract was an allocation, there was no need to wait for a signature to spend funds.

MOTION Griffith / SECOND Mecak approving Contract No. CC2025-01 with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for the amount of \$80,001 for Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) services for the term 07/01/2024 through 06/30/2025.

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

ABSENT: Dobson

MOTION PASSED.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

9. REGULAR AGENDA - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

10. REGULAR AGENDA - NEW BUSINESS

- 10.1. **Continued update and presentation by USDA Forest Service regarding issues affecting Alpine County. (Ref. 04/18/2023 and continuing the second meeting of each month). - County Clerk**

USDA Forest Service Director Matt Zumstein reported on an upcoming meeting to discuss \$100,000 to review and propose projects. Zumstein gave a planning update on replacing equipment destroyed by Tamarack fire and discussed upcoming projects in Alpine County. Zumstein reported on the signing of MOU to address staffing replacement needs.

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/Recruitment – Human Services Director – Government Code Section 54957. - County Counsel**

County Counsel Charles McKee reported on correction with the agenda title to change to Health and Human Services Director. McKee reported the reappointment of Nichole Williamson as Health and Human Services Director. McKee reported on the appointment of Kimbal Pier as Mental Health Director. Items 12.1 and 12.2 were approved in a single motion.

MOTION Griffith / SECOND Mecak appointing Nichole Williamson as Health and Human Services Director and appointing Kimbal Pier as Mental Health Director.
AYES: Irvin Jim, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith, Evan Mecak;
ABSENT: Dobson
MOTION PASSED

12.2. Public Employee Appointment/Recruitment – Mental Health Director for purposes of DHCS – Government Code Section 54957. - CAO

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12.3. 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

No reportable action.

12.4. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS - Government Code Section 54956.8 Property: APN#s 002-320-007, 002-250-009, 002-250-010, 002-260-002, 002-280-001, 002-300-003, 002-320-007, 002-330-011, 002-330-012, 002-330-013, 002-340-002 Agency negotiator: Charles McKee and Nichole Williamson Negotiating parties: Mary Ann Park Under negotiation: Price and Terms - CAO

No reportable action.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned to the next regular meeting of Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 9:00 AM at the Alpine County Government Center, Markleeville, California.

ATTEST:

Teola L. Tremayne

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

Charles Dobson

Charles Dobson (Feb 4, 2025 12:06 PST)

Charles Dobson, Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Alpine, State of California

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