



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ALPINE COUNTY
Board Chambers County
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MINUTES
February 4, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

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

2. OPEN SESSION - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ORAL COMMUNICATION - GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Meghan Wolff reported on the progress of repairs at the Visitor Center and announced Chamber memberships due in February with applications sent to members. Wolff provided updates on Death Ride and distribution of the newsletter this week.

District and County Superintendent Ken Burkhardt announced a change of name of Opportunity School to Eastern Alpine Academy and reported 31 participants in Wellness Center. Burkhardt announced the loss of Secure Rural School funding to the schools, which impacted the school budget negatively by \$196,000. In response to Griffith's question related to contacting Congressman Kevin Kiley, Burkhardt stated that the school reached out to Kiley for support. Director of Finance Klaus Leitenbauer commented that the Community Development Agency budget was negatively impacted, and Title III Fire Safe Council budget lost between \$37,000 to \$40,000.

4. DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assessor Donald O'Connor introduced new hire Jacqueline Carlson as Senior Appraiser.

Sheriff Tom Minder reported updates on current incidents in Alpine County and expressed gratitude to outside agencies for assisting with incidents. In response to Supervisor Griffith's question related to strain on the department, Sheriff Minder stated the department was extended overtime. Chair Dobson expressed gratitude to the Sheriff's department for service.

Library/Museum/Archives Director Rita Lovell reported an increase in library program attendance. Lovell announced the upcoming avalanche training.

Director of Finance Klaus Leitenbauer reported on past visits by external auditors.

Director of Budget and Procurement Matt McSorley reported on midyear adjustments scheduled for the first Board meeting on March 1, 2025.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

5.1. Update on County Museum

County Counsel Charles McKee reported on progress towards a resolution between the County and the Historical Society; the closure to lawsuit and operations to museum would resume soon.

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 Mecak reported on attending a meeting at Sierra Pines and the plans for permanent housing to be built. In response to Chair Dobson's question related to the timeline, Supervisor Mecak stated building plans would occur between a 1-to-3-year window. Supervisor Mecak reported attending the Golden Sierra Job meeting and was voted Vice Chair.

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 met with multiple agencies regarding Rite of Passage concerns.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor Griffith pulled items 7.7 and 7.10 were pulled for separate action.

MOTION Mecak / SECOND Griffith Approving the Consent Agenda as follows:
AYES: Charles Dobson, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith, Evan Mecak;
ABSENT: Jim;
MOTION PASSED.

- 7.1. Regular meeting minutes of 01/21/2025. - County Clerk
- 7.2. County Claims. - Director of Finance
- 7.3. **Contract No. CC 2025- 06** Memorandum of Understanding by and between the County of Alpine and the Alpine County IHSS United Domestic Workers, AFSCME Local 3930 AFL-CIO, effective 7/1/2024 through 6/30/2028. - Assistant CAO to Personnel and Risk Management.
- 7.4. 2025 Equal Employment Opportunity Policy and Plan Statement- Assistant CAO to Personnel and Risk
- 7.5. **Contract No. CC2025-02** Amendment #6 to contract #CC2022-14 with CG Celio & Sons to revise the effective date of amendment #5 from December 17, 2024, to November 1, 2024. - Community Development Director
- 7.6. **Contract No. CC2025-03** Amendment #1 to renew and amend the contract (CC2024-11) with Design Workshop to amend Section VIII to extend the Service Performance Time from 12/31/24 to 06/30/2025 in order to allow additional time to complete the project. - Community Development Director
- 7.7. Item pulled for separate action.
- 7.8. **Contract No. CC2025-04** amendment #1 to CC2024-51 updating Exhibit A of the contract with Kings View from \$81,651 from \$79,531 to include Provider Directory Setup. - Deputy Director of Behavioral Health
- 7.9. Payment from Fund 273 unappropriated fund balance in the amount of \$259,897 to California Department of Public Health and increase appropriations in the same amount in 273-273-528640-Return of Funding for ELC Enhancing Detection Expansion advance funding that was not expended. - Director of Budget and Procurement.
- 7.10 Item pulled for separate action.
- 7.11. Letter of support for Alpine Watershed Group's funding request to the Carson Water Subconservancy District for \$83,350 for "East Fork Carson Prioritization Project" for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026. -Supervisor District 2
- 7.12. Purchase of two Microwave Links not to exceed the amount of \$87,590, authorize the CAO (as purchasing agent) to sign a purchase order and request to waive the RFP process – Sheriff

ITEMS PULLED FOR SEPARATE ACTION:

7.7. Addendum to the Alpine County Wildfire Risk Mitigation Plan Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) to increase the boundary of the Mesa Vista MS2 project area in the approved IS/MND. - Community Development Director

Community Development Director Sam Booth explained the item was pulled due to the expansion of the map. Booth stated this would be the third addendum made during the project.

Wildfire Project Coordinator Clint Celio stated boundaries were expanded to include 60 acres. Supervisor Griffith expressed gratitude to Celio and Fire Safe Council for the addendum.

MOTION Mecak / SECOND Griffith approving an addendum to the Alpine County Wildfire Risk Mitigation Plan Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) to increase the boundary of the Mesa Vista MS2 project area in the approved IS/MND.

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

ABSENT: Jim;

MOTION PASSED.

7.10. Approve a letter of support for Alpine Watershed Group's funding request to the Carson Water Subconservancy District for \$30,000 for "Upper Carson River Watershed Programs" for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026. - Supervisor District 2

Supervisor Griffith stated that the study seemed unnecessary, and that erosion was a natural process; the East Fork of the Carson River had no human development, and the Carson River near Highway 4 had little human activity contributing to the erosion process. Griffith stated a willingness to wait for studies on the West Fork of the Carson River to be finished to assess the benefits of the study; Griffith stated a lack of value to the results of this study for the County. No public comments were made.

MOTION Mecak / SECOND Woodrow approving a letter of support for Alpine Watershed Group's funding request to the Carson Water Subconservancy District for \$30,000 for "Upper Carson River Watershed Programs" for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

AYES: Charles Dobson, Terry Woodrow, Evan Mecak;

NO: David Griffith;

ABSENT: Jim;

MOTION

PASSED.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

9. REGULAR AGENDA - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

10. REGULAR AGENDA - NEW BUSINESS

10.1. Presentation by Behavioral Health Deputy Director Dr. Kimball Pier on Proposition 1: Behavioral Health Transformation - CAO / Director Human Services

Behavioral Health Deputy Director Dr. Kimball Pier gave a presentation on Proposition 1's impact on Alpine County Behavioral Health budget and services. Pier elaborated on the state's requirement for budget allocations for Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding, including allocating 35% of funding towards Full-Service Partnerships, 30% towards housing intervention, and 35% towards behavioral health services. Pier explained that target services were geared towards high-risk populations, treatment for substance-use disorders, housing support, and early intervention. Pier reported changes to the budget occurred due to lack of accountability, with specific rules towards spending.

In response to Supervisor Griffith's question related to mobile emergency services reimbursement and the number of residents in need of services, Pier stated that Medi-Cal would not reimburse for services rendered since rural costs for emergency services were too high and stated 40– 80 residents of Alpine County would be eligible for services. Pier stated that the state would sanction and give action plans if the County did not meet the level of care requirements listed in Proposition 1. In response to Supervisor Griffith's question related to tribe funding, Pier stated funding was allocated apart from County allocated funds.

Supervisor Woodrow commented that CAO/ Human Services Director Nichole Williamson was working on an exemption for Alpine County to meet state requirements due to high costs. In response to Chair Dobson's question related to partnering with Nevada resources, Pier stated that contracting with mental health services would not be possible.

In response to Supervisor Mecak's question related to whether Proposition 1 was in effect and the timeline of audit, Pier responded that the Proposition was in effect already but would be enforced in July 2026. In response to Supervisor Mecak's question related to the consequences of state disapproval of spending, Pier stated that MHSA funding would be responsible for paying back the state. Pier commented that Proposition 1 was intended to help counties be good stewards of money.

Markleeville Resident Kate Harvey commented on the benefits of prevention services, especially for senior citizens.

Supervisor Griffith and Supervisor Mecak commented on the need to be cautious about appropriately spending money to avoid repaying money back to state. In response to Chair Dobson's question related to Sierra Pines residents' housing, Pier stated that residents qualify for assistance through MHSA funding and discussed a possible single case agreement with Progress House in Bishop to help stabilize residents. Chair Dobson and Supervisor Mecak commented on the need to keep current mental health programs going in Alpine County.

Mental Health Board Member Rita Lovell commented that the Mental Health Board would be working on the MHSA plan and recruiting members.

Director of Budget and Procurement Matt McSorley commented that if the County had to refund money to the state, then funds would come from the Mental Health Realignment Fund. Director of Finance Klaus Leitenbauer commented that finance would work offensively to ensure the general fund was protected.

10.2. Quarterly update on First 5 Alpine by Executive Director Amy Broadhurst - Economic Development Director

Economic Development Director JT Chevallier introduced First Five Alpine Executive Director Amy Broadhurst to present the quarterly report. Broadhurst gave an update on quarterly activities, including the average of 32 children served for the current fiscal year. Broadhurst reported the First Five Alpine Committee had \$10,000 funding from grants for the budget, but no Committee applicants this year. Broadhurst announced upcoming meetings and ways funding were utilized in the County. In response to Supervisor Griffith's question related to First Five Alpine being federally funded, Broadhurst explained funding comes from the Tobacco Tax, approximately \$104 received per month from Alpine County, and stated First Five was a California program, not federal.

10.3. Request adoption of a resolution proclaiming Arts and Culture Alpine County as the Arts and Culture Organization in Alpine County - Economic Development Director

Economic Development Director JT Chevallier introduced a resolution for Arts and Culture stating a proclamation that would open doors for grants at state level. Arts and Culture Executive Director January Riddle recognized Arts and Culture Alpine County (ACAC) Board Chair Ken Burkhart. In response to Supervisor Griffith's question related to the impact on Bear Valley, Riddle responded that Arts and Culture Alpine County was trying to recruit a second Bear Valley representative for the ASAC Board. Supervisor Griffith commented that the entire county would need to benefit from the Arts and Culture Organization.

MOTION Griffith / SECOND Mecak adopted Resolution No. R2025-03 proclaiming Arts and Culture Alpine County as the Arts and Culture Organization in Alpine County.

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

ABSENT: Jim;

MOTION PASSED.

10.4. Request approval for a contract with Alpine County Arts & Culture for the purpose of providing public arts programming and development in Alpine County for the term of 07-01-2024 - 06/30/2025 in the amount of \$5,000 . - Economic Development Director

Economic Development Director JT Chevallier explained the purpose of having a contract, as recommended by the Board in past meetings, and stated the contract will formalize a process to be used for upcoming years. Director of Finance Klaus Leitenbauer stated that the contract follows standard guidelines required for any procurement exceeding \$3000 but was working with County Counsel to change County Code to streamline contracts.

In response to Supervisor Mecak's question related to deliverables listed in the contract, Riddle clarified that events listed in the contract had already taken place and provided further details. Supervisor Mecak recommended hosting events in District 2 to boost economic development.

In response to Supervisor Mecak's question related to the County having no funds available to support the contract, Leitenbauer clarified that the Board approved the contract during the Budget Hearing. Director of Budget and Procurement Matt McSorely stated that reserves covered the funding. Supervisor Mecak commented that during the last Board meeting, finance stated the budget had a \$300,000 short fall. Leitenbauer clarified the County used reserves in the general fund to cover deficits, and if it continued, the reserves would run out.

Supervisor Griffith commented that the budget was balanced by using reserves, and this process was going to change.

Supervisor Mecak recommended this item come for approval after the Budget Hearing in March when budget adjustments are made. County Counsel Charles McKee stated approval for the contract was made during Budget Hearing and the formal contract came after.

MOTION Griffith / SECOND Woodrow approving Contract No. CC2025-05 with Alpine County Arts & Culture for the purpose of providing public arts programming and development in Alpine County for the term of 07-01-2024 - 06/30/2025 in the amount of \$5,000.

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

ABSENT: Jim;

MOTION PASSED.

10.5. Adopt a resolution delegating the Director of Finance to accept donations on behalf of Alpine County. - Director of Budget and Procurement

Director of Budget and Procurement Matt McSorley thanked Director of Finance, Klaus Leitenbauer, for being a designee to accept donations to the County of more than \$10,000. In response to Supervisor Griffiths' question related to volunteer firefighters being a 501 (c)(3), Leitenbauer responded that volunteer fire departments were 501 (c) (3) and received and managed donations. County Counsel Charles McKee clarified and stated the fire department was county funded, so any donations would be for the county. Supervisor Griffith commented that Search and Rescue had money raised that did not belong to the county and the resolution contained an error dollar amount to be corrected. Sheriff Tom Minder explained that Search and Rescue was a 501(c) (3) with donations separate from the county funding.

MOTION Griffith / SECOND Mecak adopted Resolution No. R2025-04 delegating the Director of Finance to accept donations on behalf of Alpine County as amended.

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

ABSENT: Jim;

MOTION PASSED.

10.6. Discussion and direction to staff regarding a letter to Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil stating issues of importance to Alpine County Board of Supervisors – CAO/ HHS Director

Director of Budget and Procurement Matt McSorley reported on items listed in a letter drafted to Senator Alvarado-Gil, such as mandated programs and the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF).

Director of Finance Klaus Leitenbauer discussed sufficient ERAF funding, Secure Rural Schools Act, and Capital Projects. Supervisor Griffith clarified that the Secure Rural Schools Act was a federal act, not applicable in a letter to a state senator.

Supervisor Woodrow discussed editing phrasing related to opening Monitor Pass and discussion on Rite of Passage. Supervisor Mecak recommended the letter be paused until a draft was reviewed and added Woodford's speed limit to the draft. Additionally, Supervisor Mecak commented that transmittal information [related to Senator Alvarado-Gil asking for an individual letter](#) was incorrect.

County Counsel Charles McKee stated the letter should state priorities and be revised at the next meeting. Supervisor Woodrow informed the Board that most of the items in the letter had already been discussed with Senator Alvarado-Gil during a meeting with Supervisor Woodrow and Supervisor Griffith.

Supervisor Mecak announced an individual meeting with Senator Alvarado-Gil was scheduled for February 19, in case the timing was relevant. Chair Dobson recommended the Board also send a letter to federal representative Kevin Kiley with federal related items. McKee informed the Board a speed study may be done and counterproductive if the speed limit concern was added to the letter. Leitenbauer clarified that the finance team would produce a draft letter for review by the next scheduled Board meeting

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

No reportable action.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned to the next regular meeting of Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 9:00 AM at the Alpine County Government Center, Markleeville, California.

Charles Dobson
Charles Dobson (Feb 18, 2025 16:34 PST)

ATTEST:

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

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

By: Miriam Andrade, Deputy County Clerk

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