

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ALPINE COUNTY
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MINUTES
March 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; Supervisor Jim was present via teleconference. Supervisor Woodrow was absent.

2. OPEN SESSION - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ORAL COMMUNICATION - GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Fire Safe Council Member Kris Hartnett announced two Firewise presentations occurring on March 15, 2025, and March 22, 2025, to educate residents on fire safety and insurance benefits. In response to Supervisor Griffith's question related to insurance reductions, Hartnett stated there were challenges to obtaining insurance reductions with Firewise participants. County Counsel Charles McKee recommended speaking with the insurance commissioner about insurance reductions.

Arts and Culture Director January Riddle announced details of an upcoming quilt show at the library, and announced two new Arts and Culture board members, Brian Lowry and Lynette Noah.

Chamber of Commerce Director Megan Wolff reported progress on the Death Ride cycling event; explained new bicycle club membership discount and Kirkwood lodging packages. In response to Chair Dobson's question related to the price of Death Ride, Wolff explained the current price was \$209 but would increase next month to the final price.

4. DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Library/Museum/Archives Director Rita Lovell announced the release of the library newsletter and that 25 park passes were available during library hours.

Fire Chief Paul Washam reported on upcoming fire hydrant maintenance and testing and discussed upcoming planned power outages due to pole replacement. Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Megan Wolff stated the Grover Hot Springs would be closed because of a power outage.

Economic Development Director JT Chevallier reported on Electric Vehicle (EV) charging structure development, discussed details of the Bear Box program, and the upcoming Fish and Game Commission meeting. In response to Chair Dobson's question related to the deadlines of the Bear Box program, Chevallier responded that the box installment deadline was May 31, 2025, to receive reimbursement.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

County Counsel Charles McKee provided updates on the ongoing lawsuit with Alpine County and the Historical Society. McKee explained that while the settlement was not finalized, new leadership in the Historical Society would foster progress towards resolving the case. McKee announced the next court date for resolution was set for March 26, 2025, but if no resolution was agreed on, then negotiations would continue until August 6, 2025. In response to Supervisor Mecak's question related to the public release of draft agreement documents, McKee stated the decision was made to keep the drafts confidential.

Economic Development Director JT Chevallier gave an update on the scheduled power outage, including areas affected, and that a message to impacted customers was sent directly to the customer through email.

6. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS

Supervisor District 1 Charles Dobson gave an update regarding Supervisor Woodrow's trip to Washington DC.

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 the meeting with Senator Alvarado-Gil and gave a report on the attendance of Supervisor training in Sacramento.

Supervisor District 3 Irvin Jim gave an update regarding family and personal issues.

Supervisor District 4 Terry Woodrow was absent.

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

MOTION Griffith / SECOND Mecak approving the Consent Agenda as follows:

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

ABSENT: Terry Woodrow;

MOTION PASSED.

7.1. Special meeting minutes of 02/18/2025. - County Clerk

7.2. Regular meeting minutes of 02/18/2025. - County Clerk

7.3. County Claims. - Director of Finance

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

9. REGULAR AGENDA - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.1. Approve edited letter to Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil - Assistant CAO to Personnel and Risk

Supervisor Griffith reiterated that the letter should contain specific wording regarding when to keep Monitor Pass open. Supervisor Mecak stated opposition to including Monitor Pass in the letter, citing the need to have consensus with first responders. In response to Supervisor Griffith's question related to abstaining a vote, County Counsel McKee stated while rules did not prevent abstaining while present, pros and cons existed. Director of Finance Klaus Leitenbauer suggested removing the Monitor Pass topic from the letter. Supervisor Griffith confirmed that Mono County and Inyo County both supported keeping Monitor Pass open and encouraged a [National Scenic Byway](#). Chair Dobson recommended incorporating stronger language concerning Monitor Pass. The Board's consensus was to submit the letter as is and continue to advocate issues pertaining to Monitor Pass.

MOTION Mecak / SECOND Jim approving edited letter to Senator Marie Alvarado- Gil.

AYES: Charles Dobson, Irvin Jim, David Griffith, Evan Mecak

ABSENT: Woodrow;

MOTION PASSED.

10. REGULAR AGENDA - NEW BUSINESS

- 10.1. Consider approval of a letter in support of AB 240 (Alanis) which would require the Little Hoover Commission (LHC) to conduct a study evaluating the educational needs and opportunities that exist for the five rural counties that are not included in a California Community College (CCC) district. - Supervisor District 5**

Supervisor Griffith explained that the letter addressed the educational needs of rural counties like Alpine County, which was one of five counties in California that was not a part of a community college district. The bill advocated ~~for rural counties in California, and explained to commission a study to~~ examine ~~ing~~ how rural counties could better access community college services. Supervisor Mecak recommended collaborating with the County School Superintendent before sending the letter. Supervisor Griffith confirmed that the County School Superintendent was already part of the bill discussion in the past year with full knowledge of bill impact for Alpine County.

MOTION Griffith / SECOND Mecak approving of a letter in support of AB 240 (Alanis) which would require the Little Hoover Commission (LHC) to conduct a study evaluating the educational needs and opportunities that exist for the five rural counties that are not included in a California Community College (CCC) district.

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

ABSENT: Woodrow;

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. 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 was anticipated at the conclusion of Closed Session.

- 12.2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-Initiation of litigation pursuant to Section 54956.9 (d) (4) - (1) one case. - Assistant CAO to Personnel and Risk**

No reportable action was anticipated at the conclusion of Closed Session.

- 12.3. 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, Nichole Williamson, and Sam Booth

Negotiating parties: Mary Ann Park

Under negotiation: Price and Terms - CAO

No reportable action was anticipated at the conclusion of Closed Session.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Board will adjourn to the next regular meeting of March 18, 2025, at 9:00 am at Alpine County Government Center, 99 Water Street, Markleeville, California.

Charles Dobson

Charles Dobson (Mar 19, 2025 13:01 PDT)

ATTEST:

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

Teola L. Tremayne

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

By: Miriam Andrade, Deputy County Clerk

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