

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ALPINE COUNTY
Board Chambers
County Administration Building
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MINUTES August 19, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

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

2. OPEN SESSION - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ORAL COMMUNICATION - GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Markleeville resident Amy Skewes-Cox gave an update on a guestbook placed at the Cutthroat to see who visited Markleeville and noted that the book received numerous signatures from visitors across the United States as well as internationally. Skewes-Cox also encouraged that, given the influx of visitors, the County continued to improve tourist amenities.

Arts and Culture Executive Director January Riddle gave an update on recent activities and upcoming events.

Alpine County resident Lenny Sue Tinseth expressed concerns in the form of an ode. Through the ode, Tinseth highlighted concerns regarding community rights. Tinseth noted that documents obtained from the County revealed that State regulations provide the public with the right to participate in the certification process of homes like Rite of Passage. However, Tinseth stated that community concerns had not been adequately incorporated into the process. Additionally, Tinseth stated that the California Department of Social Services was aware of these concerns but had not ensured that there was meaningful consultation.

4. DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Development Director Sam Booth gave an update on the opening of Turtle Rock Park's biomass collection.

Eastern Alpine Fire Chief Paul Washam reported increased interest from new members in the fire department, which has led to increased activity around the stations. Washam stated more regular coverage could now be expected throughout the week.

Library, Museum & Archives Director Rita Lovell gave a reminder about upcoming events. Lovell also announced that the library was accepting volunteer applications due to the ongoing hiring freeze, which caused the library to experience a lot of service gaps.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

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 gave a reminder about the upcoming celebration of life for Ginger Craik.

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 emphasized the need to prioritize the governance manual being updated.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Item 7.6 was pulled for separate action.

Supervisor Griffith pulled item 7.7 for separate action.

MOTION Terry Woodrow / SECONDED David Griffith approving the Consent Agenda as follows:

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

ABSENT: Irvin Jim

MOTION PASSED.

7.1. Regular meeting minutes of 08/05/2025. - County Clerk

7.2. County Claims. – Director of Finance

7.3. **Contract No. CC2025-56** with Jeffrey R. Hodgson MD Corp, DBA More to Life Recovery (MTLF) for substance abuse treatment services for the retroactive term of April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2029, not-to-exceed \$100,000 per year. – Chief Probation Officer

7.4. **Contract No. CC2025-57** change order #1 to contract #CC2025-46 with Wunschel and Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$64,711 to increase the total contract amount to \$299,979, and authorize the CAO to approve change orders, not to exceed 10% of the total contract price. – Community Development Deputy Director

7.5. One 1-year customer authorization letter and one 5-year customer authorization letter from Pacific Gas and Electric Company to authorize defensible space maintenance work to occur on Alpine County owned property in Bear Valley. – Community Development Deputy Director

7.6. This item was pulled for separate action.

7.7. This item was pulled for separate action.

- 7.8. A special event permit fee waiver (\$175) and facility rental fee waiver (\$250) for a total amount of \$425 for the 2025 Hermit Fest Fundraising Event permit #20252015. – Economic Development Director
- 7.9. **PUR2025-08** with Axon Enterprise, Inc. from 7/1/2025 to 6/30/2030 in the amount of \$74,178 for the purchase and support of new Taser units and accessories and authorize the Sheriff to sign contract. – Sheriff
- 7.10. **Contract No. CC2025-58** Specialized Forensic Services Agreement with County of El Dorado from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2030, for Autopsy and morgue services not to exceed \$300,000 and authorize Finance to make appropriations. – Sheriff

ITEMS PULLED FOR SEPARATE ACTION:

- 7.6. **Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Alpine County and Calaveras County to facilitate the disposal of solid waste generated in the Bear Valley, Mt. Reba, and Lake Alpine areas of Alpine County. – Assistant Auditor/Controller**

This item was pulled.

- 7.7. **Approve updated Alpine County Library Collection Development Policy. – Library, Museum, & Archives Director**

Library, Museum, & Archives Director Rita Lovell explained that Supervisor Griffith pointed out minor corrections that were needed in the policy, including the removal of duplications and the insertion of a missing word.

MOTION Evan Mecak / SECOND David Griffith approving updated Alpine County Library Collection Development Policy, as amended.

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

ABSENT: Irvin Jim;

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**

Deputy District Ranger Kalie Crews gave the following updates: the Forest Service continued with hand-cut piling and future burning of small conifer trees off Monitor Pass; a power line rebuild project in coordination with Liberty Energy was underway; the installation of vault toilets at Scotts Lake was finished, now open to the public; reported vandalism at the ~~Zaca~~ ~~Zaka~~ Mine filtration galleries; and theft of locks from multiple Forest Service facilities across Alpine County.

In response to Supervisor Griffith's question about whether survey stakes along Crystal Springs Road were related to the power line rebuild project, Crews responded that any connection to the survey stakes was unknown.

In response to Supervisor Mecak's inquiry regarding restroom maintenance at Scotts Lake, Crews stated that the Forest Service had staff that maintained those facilities.

In response to Chair Dobson's question about whether the locks were being cut or accessed with keys, Crews responded that it appeared to be both.

In response to Chair Dobson's question about the current fire season, Crews stated that the Forest Service managed the season effectively so far. Crews reported several small lightning-caused and human-caused fires have occurred but were successfully contained by initial attack teams.

10.2. Presentation on K9 Program. – Sheriff

Undersheriff Taylor Green presented an overview of the Sheriff's Office's proposed narcotics and firearms detection K9 program, intended to enhance public safety, support law enforcement, and protect community well-being. The program would demonstrate a proactive response to drug- and firearm-related threats.

In response to Supervisor Griffith's question about traffic stops, Green clarified that if a K9 handler was present, the dog may only be deployed during the timeframe of a lawful stop, as deputies cannot detain drivers longer than required to address the violation; if the dog alerted positively, deputies have probable cause to search the vehicle.

In response to Supervisor Woodrow's inquiry on whether the K9 program would be brought to Bear Valley, Green confirmed that the program would extend to Bear Valley.

Library, Museum & Archives Director Rita Lovell suggested that the K9 participate in story time at the Markleeville and Bear Valley libraries as a way to introduce the K9 to the community and set a positive tone.

In response to Director of Finance Klaus Leitenbauer's inquiry about vehicle updates, Green stated that safety measures must be added to the K9 vehicle. Green stated that a modified patrol vehicle was being prepared, with a cage that would allow for transport of both individuals and the K9 in separate compartments. Green stated that the Sheriff's Office has already received the vehicle, but additional parts were still needed before completion.

In response to Chair Dobson's concerns about health risks to the dog, Green acknowledged that there was always some risk of exposure during searches, particularly within homes, though most use of the K9 will occur outside of vehicles.

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. Public Employment/Appointment – Title: County Administrative Officer— Government Code section 54957. – Assistant CAO to Personnel and Risk Management

No reportable action.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned to the next regular meeting of September 2, 2025, at 9:00 AM at
Alpine County Government Center, 99 Water Street, Markleeville, California.

ATTEST:



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

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Charles Dobson (Sep 3, 2025 08:49:50 PDT)

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

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