



Board of Supervisors

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MEETING MINUTES

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF PLUMAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA HELD IN QUINCY ON JANUARY 20, 2026

STANDING ORDERS

Live Stream of Meeting

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Public Comment Opportunity/Written Comment

Members of the public may submit written comments on any matter within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, regardless of whether the matter is on the agenda for Board consideration or action. Comments will be entered into the administrative record of the meeting. Members of the public are strongly encouraged to submit their comments on agenda and non-agenda items using e-mail address Public@countyofplumas.com

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call.

Present: Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2, Vice-Chair Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4, Chair Hall

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Marcy DeMartile (Clerk Recorder/Registrar of Voters) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

Chair Hall requested that Item 2.D be removed from the Consent Agenda and handled under Departmental Matters..

PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

Matters under the jurisdiction of the Board, and not on the posted agenda, may be addressed by the general public at the beginning of the regular agenda and any off-agenda matters before the Board for consideration. However, California law prohibits the Board from taking action on any matter which is not on the posted agenda unless it is determined to be an urgency item by the Board of Supervisors. Any member of the public wishing to address the Board during the "Public Comment" period will be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes.

There were 0 public comments received electronically prior to the meeting, and 6 during the meeting in person and on zoom.

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

Brief announcements by, or brief reports on their activities by County Department Heads

ACTION AGENDA

1. CONSENT AGENDA

These items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. The Board of Supervisors will act upon them at one time without discussion. Any Board members, staff member or interested party may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda for discussion. Additional budget appropriations and/or allocations from reserves will require a four/fifths roll call vote.

Motion: Approve the following consent matters, as submitted, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 2, Vice-Chair Goss, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2, Vice-Chair Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4, Chair Hall.

Amended Consent Agenda item 1.D.1 was handled separately.

A. SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- 1) Approve and authorize Chair to ratify and sign an agreement between Plumas County Sheriff's Office and Quincy Tow Service and Repair Inc., to provide towing services; effective October 25, 2025; not to exceed \$9,999.00; (General Fund Impact) as approved in adopted budget (various budgets); approved as to form by County Counsel.

B. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- 1) Approve and authorize Plumas County Behavioral Health to pay CEP America Psychiatry a non-contract \$7,108.00 invoice, Specialty Mental Health doctor fees; (No General Fund Impact) State and Federal Funds.

C. PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY

- 1) Approve and authorize Chair to sign an agreement between Plumas County Public Health Agency and Idea Engineering Inc.; effective January 20, 2026; not to exceed \$34,000.00; (No General Fund Impact); Opioid Settlement Funds; approved as to form by County Counsel.
- 2) Approve and authorize Public Health Agency to recruit and fill, funded and allocated, a vacant 0.875 FTE Assistant Cook for Quincy Nutrition Center's Senior Services; (General Fund Impact) as approved in the FY25/26 adopted budget.

D. COUNTY COUNSEL

- 1) Approve and authorize Chair to sign an agreement between Plumas County and Prentiss Law and Associates to provide Public Defender attorney services upon court order; effective January 26, 2026, through June 30, 2027; not to exceed \$9,597.88 per month; (General Fund Impact) as approved in FY25/26 budget (20320/526900) Public Defender/Contracts; approved as to form by County Counsel.

Motion: Approve and authorize Chair to sign an agreement between Plumas County and Prentiss Law and Associates to provide Public Defender attorney services upon court order; effective January 26, 2026, through June 30, 2027; not to exceed \$9,597.88 per month; (General Fund Impact) as approved in FY25/26 budget (20320/526900) Public Defender/Contracts; approved as to form by County Counsel.,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 2, Vice-Chair Goss, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel.

Vote: Motion Passed by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2, Vice-Chair Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4, Chair Hall.

County Counsel Josh Brechtel presents

Deb H. comments

Clint K. comments

E. SOLID WASTE

- 1) Approve and authorize Chair to sign agreement between Plumas County Public Works and Vestra Resources Inc., for reporting assistance services; effective January 1, 2026; not to exceed \$25,190.00; No General Fund Impact; Solid Waste Funds; approved as to form by County Counsel.

F. FACILITY SERVICES & AIRPORTS

- 1) Approve and authorize Board Chair to waive facility-use fees for the use of the Courthouse grounds and Dame Shirley Plaza for the Quincy Chamber of Commerce to host their annual public event, Groundhog Fever Festival on Saturday, February 7, 2026. General Fund impact: loss of \$160 in revenue.

2. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

A. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Chad Hermann

- 1) Approve and authorize Chair to approve purchase by Plumas County Sheriff's Office to Bounce Imaging for the fixed asset purchase of Deployable camera system; total not to exceed \$19,100; (No General Fund Impact) State AB443 funds(70331/543900); discussion and possible action.

Motion: Approve and authorize Chair to approve purchase by Plumas County Sheriff's Office to Bounce Imaging for the fixed asset purchase of Deployable camera system; total not to exceed \$19,100; (No General Fund Impact) State AB443 funds(70331/543900); discussion and possible action., **Action:**

Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 2, Vice-Chair Goss, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel.

Vote: Motion Passed by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2, Vice-Chair Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4, Chair Hall.

Sheriff Hermann presents

Dan K. comments

Supervisor McGowan comments

- 2) Approve and authorize Plumas County Sheriff's Office to recruit and fill, funded and allocated, vacant (1) FTE Communications Supervisor; (General Fund Impact) as approved in FY 25/26 Adopted budget.

Motion: Approve and authorize Plumas County Sheriff's Office to recruit and fill, funded and allocated, vacant (1) FTE Communications Supervisor; (General Fund Impact) as approved in FY 25/26 Adopted budget., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel.

Vote: Motion Passed by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2, Vice-Chair Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4, Chair Hall.

Sheriff Hermann presents

- 3) Approve and authorize a capital improvement project for the Lassen and Plumas County Emergency Communications Integration Project (radio system upgrade). The total cost estimated for the project is \$1,630,563.00; (No General Fund Impact) Communications/Communications Equipment (70375-542200) \$850,000.00 and Sheriff's Small & Rural Law Enforcement Funds (AB443)/Communications Equipment (70331-542200) \$780,563.00; discussion and possible action. **Four/Fifths roll call vote**

Motion: Approve and authorize a capital improvement project for the Lassen and Plumas County Emergency Communications Integration Project (radio system upgrade). The total cost estimated for the project is \$1,630,563.00; (No General Fund Impact) Communications/Communications Equipment (70375-542200) \$850,000.00 and Sheriff's Small & Rural Law Enforcement Funds (AB443)/Communications Equipment (70331-542200) \$780,563.00; discussion and possible action.

Four/Fifths roll call vote, Action: Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 2, Vice-Chair Goss, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel.

Vote: Motion Passed by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2, Vice-Chair Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4, Chair Hall.

Sheriff Hermann presents

Plumas Sun comments

- 4) Approve and authorize a supplemental budget request in the amount of \$732,225.00 to Sheriff's Small & Rural Law Enforcement (AB443) (department #70331), revenue account — Transfer In (#48000), and fixed asset expenditure account — Communications Equipment (#542200); approved by the Auditor/Controller; discussion and possible action. **Four/Fifths roll call vote**

Motion: Approve and authorize a supplemental budget request in the amount of \$732,225.00 to Sheriff's Small & Rural Law Enforcement (AB443) (department #70331), revenue account — Transfer In (#48000), and fixed asset expenditure account — Communications Equipment (#542200); approved by the Auditor/Controller; discussion and possible action. **Four/Fifths roll call vote, Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 2, Vice-Chair Goss.

Vote: Motion Passed by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2, Vice-Chair Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4, Chair Hall.

Sheriff Hermann presents

- 5) Approve and authorize a budget transfer in the amount of \$48,338.00 for Sheriff's Small & Rural Funds (AB443) (70331) from services and supplies account for Maintenance Building & Grounds (521300) to fixed asset account for Communication Equipment (542200); approved by the Auditor-Controller; discussion and possible action. **Four/Fifths roll call vote**

Motion: Approve and authorize a budget transfer in the amount of \$48,338.00 for Sheriff's Small & Rural Funds (AB443) (70331) from services and supplies account for Maintenance Building & Grounds (521300) to fixed asset account for Communication Equipment (542200); approved by the Auditor-Controller; discussion and possible action. **Four/Fifths roll call vote, Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola.

Vote: Motion Passed by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2, Vice-Chair Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4, Chair Hall.

Sheriff Hermann presents

- 6) Approve and authorize Chair to sign the first amendment to agreement between Plumas County Sheriff's Office and Berry Enterprises, Inc. dba Sierra Electronics; not to exceed \$2,000,000.00; (No General Fund Impact); Bureau of Justice Assistance grant funds, Sheriff's Communications funds, Secure Rural Schools - Title III allocated funds; approved as to form by County Counsel; discussion and possible action.

Motion: Approve and authorize Chair to sign the first amendment to agreement between Plumas County Sheriff's Office and Berry Enterprises, Inc. dba Sierra Electronics; not to exceed \$2,000,000.00; (No General Fund Impact); Bureau of Justice Assistance grant funds, Sheriff's Communications funds, Secure Rural Schools - Title III allocated funds; approved as to form by County Counsel; discussion and possible action., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 2, Vice-Chair Goss, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 3 McGowan.

Vote: Motion Passed by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2, Vice-Chair Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4, Chair Hall.

Sheriff Hermann presents

Chair Hall comments

Deb H. comments

Plumas Sun comments

Supervisor Hall comments

B. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - Allen Hiskey

- 1) Approve and authorize a supplemental budget transfer of \$732,225.00 from Use of Fund Balance to CONTRIB/TRANS/OES/SHERIFF (#58516A #20027 Title III); approved by the Auditor/Controller; discussion and possible action. **Four/Fifths roll call vote**

Motion: Approve and authorize a supplemental budget transfer of \$732,225.00 from Use of Fund Balance to CONTRIB/TRANS/OES/SHERIFF (#58516A #20027 Title III); approved by the Auditor/Controller; discussion and possible action. **Four/Fifths roll call vote, Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 2, Vice-Chair Goss.

Vote: Motion Passed by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2, Vice-Chair Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4, Chair Hall.
Auditor Ma

C. PLANNING - Tracey Ferguson

- 1) **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING TIME CERTAIN 11:00 AM:** Adopt the Franks Code Amendment (CA 6-24/25-02) **RESOLUTION** and **ZONING ORDINANCE** of the County of Plumas, State of California, first introduced on January 13, 2026, amending Plumas County Code Title 9 Planning and Zoning, Chapter 2 Zoning, Article 12.8. Lot Line Adjustment, Sec. 9-2.1284. Requirements; Article 30. Agricultural Preserve Zone, Sec. 9-2.3004(c); Article 31. General Agriculture Zone, Sec. 9-2.3104(c); Article 32. Timberland Production Zone (TPZ), Sec. 9-2.3204(b); Article 33. General Forest Zone (GF), Sec. 9-2.3304(c); and Article 34. Mining Zone (M), Sec. 9-2.3404(c); approved as to form by County Counsel; discussion and possible action. **Roll call vote**

Motion: Approve **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING TIME CERTAIN 11:00 AM:** Adopt the Franks Code Amendment (CA 6-24/25-02) **RESOLUTION No. 26-9104** and **ZONING ORDINANCE No. 26-1165** of the County of Plumas, State of California, first introduced on January 13, 2026, amending Plumas County Code Title 9 Planning and Zoning, Chapter 2 Zoning, Article 12.8. Lot Line Adjustment, Sec. 9-2.1284. Requirements; Article 30. Agricultural Preserve Zone, Sec. 9-2.3004(c); Article 31. General Agriculture Zone, Sec. 9-2.3104(c); Article 32. Timberland Production Zone (TPZ), Sec. 9-2.3204(b); Article 33. General Forest Zone (GF), Sec. 9-2.3304(c); and Article 34. Mining Zone (M), Sec. 9-2.3404(c); approved as to form by County Counsel; discussion and possible action. **Roll call vote, Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 2, Vice-Chair Goss.

Vote: Motion Passed by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2, Vice-Chair Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4, Chair Hall.

Planning Director Tracey Ferguson comments

D. Hopkins comments

Chair Hall comments

Supervisor McGowan comments

D. AUDITOR-CONTROLLER - Martee Nieman

- 1) Approve and authorize supplemental budget transfer of \$365,884.00 from Fund Balance to ANN SOFTWARE FEE MAINT #510411 to cover software expenses no longer paid by Information Technologies, not budgeted during the budget meetings; approved by Auditor/Controller.

Four/Fifths roll call vote

Motion: Approve and authorize supplemental budget transfer of \$365,884.00 from Fund Balance to ANN SOFTWARE FEE MAINT #510411 to cover software expenses no longer paid by Information Technologies, not budgeted during the budget meetings; approved by Auditor/Controller. **Four/Fifths roll call vote, Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola.

Vote: Motion Passed by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2, Vice-Chair Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4, Chair Hall.

Auditor-Controller Martee Nieman presents

Supervisor Engel comments

Chair Hall comments

Supervisor McGowan comments

Dan K. comments

Deb H. comments

Plumas Sun comments

3. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A. APPOINTMENTS

- 1) Appoint Darla Thompson and Charlotte Willis to the Grizzly Lake Community Services District (GLCSD) for a term ending December 2027; discussion and possible action.

Motion: Approve Appoint Darla Thompson and Charlotte Willis to the Grizzly Lake Community Services District (GLCSD) for a term ending December 2027; discussion and possible action., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 2, Vice-Chair Goss, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola.

Vote: Motion Passed by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2, Vice-Chair Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4, Chair Hall.

Supervisor McGowan comments

Vice Chair Goss comments

Chair Hall comments

- 2) Appoint Terry Williams, Edward Fruchtenicht, and Gray France to the Portola Cemetery District for a term ending December 2030; discussion and possible action.

Motion: Approve Appoint Terry Williams, Edward Fruchtenicht, and Gary France to the Portola Cemetery District for a term ending December 2030; discussion and possible action., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola.

Vote: Motion Passed by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2, Vice-Chair Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4, Chair Hall.

Plumas Sun comments

- B. **Informational Item Only:** Ralph M. Brown Act, wholesale update of the Brown Act under Senate Bill (SB) 707; discussion item only.

The Board received an update from County Counsel on SB707.

D. Hopkins comments

Planning Director Tracey Ferguson comments

- C. Approve and authorize Chair to sign the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 Certification of Title III expenditures by Plumas County; discussion and action.

Motion: Approve and authorize Chair to sign the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 Certification of Title III expenditures by Plumas County; discussion and action., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 2, Vice-Chair Goss, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 3 McGowan.

Vote: Motion Passed by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2, Vice-Chair Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4, Chair Hall.

Clerk of the Board Allen Hiskey presents

Janet C. comments

- D. Argument in Favor of Plumas County Essential Public Services Sales Tax Measure; discussion and possible action.

Motion: Approve Argument in Favor of Plumas County Essential Public Services Sales Tax Measure; discussion and possible action., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 2, Vice-Chair Goss.

Vote: Motion Passed by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2, Vice-Chair Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4, Chair Hall.

Motion was to approve with edits.

Chair Hall presents

Dan K. comments

Vice Chair Goss comments

Deb H. comments

Supervisor McGowan comments

Supervisor Ceresola comments

Supervisor Engel comments

Plumas Sun comments

Supervisor McGowan comments

- E. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Letter addressed to Local Agency Formation Commission regarding the request for Coordination on Fire District Boundary and Sphere of Influence GIS Data; discussion and possible action.

Motion: Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Letter addressed to Local Agency Formation Commission regarding the request for Coordination on Fire District Boundary and Sphere of Influence GIS Data; discussion and possible action., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola.

Vote: Motion Passed by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2, Vice-Chair Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4, Chair Hall.

Chair Hall presents

Planning Director Ferguson comments

- F. Correspondence and weekly reports by Board members of meetings attended, key topics, project updates, standing committees and appointed Boards and Associations

Reported by Supervisor Hall regarding matters related to County Government and include touring Seneca Hospital, Town Hall Meeting, and the Emergency Medical Care Meeting.

Reported by Supervisor Goss regarding matters related to County Government and included attending RCRC Meeting in Sacramento, and correspondence regarding Frontier Communications.

Reported by Supervisor Engel regarding matters related to County Government and included Grizzly Lake CSD, and visiting the Delleker fire burner.

Reported by Supervisor Ceresola regarding matters related to County Government and included Water Board Meeting, CDFW Meeting.

4. CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

- A. Personnel: Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Building Director (Board Only)

REPORT OF ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)

Chair Hall reported there was no reportable action taken during closed session.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned meeting to Tuesday, February 3, 2026, Board of Supervisors Room 308, Courthouse, Quincy, California