



William Moule, District 1
Candy Carlson, District 2
Pati Nolen, District 3
Matt Hansen, District 4, Vice Chair
John Leach, District 5, Chairman

Gabriel Hydrick
Chief Administrator

Margaret Long
County Counsel

Jennifer A. Vise
Clerk of the Board
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9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rollcall

Present: Supervisor Candy Carlson, Chairperson John Leach, Vice Chair Matt Hansen, Supervisor Pati Nolen, and Supervisor William Moule

Chairman Leach presided. Present in the chambers were Clerk of the Board Jennifer Vise, County Counsel Margaret Long, and Chief Administrator Gabriel Hydrick.

Chairman Leach led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Camp led a prayer and spoke about taking a personal inventory.

Liz Merry spoke about the building interim position that began working before a contract was approved.

Kathy Nelson asked when the jail project was going to start and what the next step is.

Martha Kleykamp said she is struggling with the cost of insurance and said the County spends so much money behind closed doors.

John Prinz spoke about medical marijuana and opiates and displayed a book about medical marijuana.

Morae Arthur said she was pleased by all the work being done at the mobile home park and said some of the residents need help, adding she is hoping the County is aware.

Michael Kain said he received a packet from the Groundwater Agency, but he lives in the city and asked when the Board is going to take control. He also said the County is sitting on \$3 million in investments and should use those funds instead of taking money from departments, conduct a forensic audit and hold regular meetings at a sensible time.

Ed Baker said the Board has been listening to the same information for over a year and said it would be a novel idea to do what they were elected to do.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AGENDA CORRECTIONS

None.

PREVIOUS REPORTABLE ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

None.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEE

Fire Committee (Standing) (Leach, Hansen) - Not met.

Public Works Committee (Standing) (Leach, Nolen) - Not met.

Veterans Halls Ad Hoc Committee (Carlson, Leach) - Not met.

Rescue Act Ad Hoc Committee (Carlson, Moule) - Not met.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED INCLUDING AB1234

Supervisor Moule - Tehama County Transportation Commission.

Supervisor Carlson - None.

Supervisor Nolen - Meeting with Tehama District Fairgrounds.

Supervisor Hansen - Groundwater Sustainability ad hoc; Tehama County Transportation Commission.

Chairman Leach - Met with Corning City Manager.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

Public Works Director Jim Simon thanked his operations crew for their hard work.

Administrative Analyst Tom Provine gave an update on the Aircon project and said the County received almost \$36,000 in solar credits for the Administration building and Red Bluff Vets Hall from July thru December 2023.

Agricultural Commissioner Doni Rulfolson said prune day will be at the Elks Lodge on 2/1/24 and walnut day will also be at the Elks Lodge on 2/29/24.

Health Services Agency Executive Director Jayme Bottke gave an update on Covid 19 guidelines.

Chief Administrator Gabriel Hydrick said all three cities and the County are updating the Housing element with Placeworks and added they may not be getting economies to scale as there is some shared information. Mr. Hydrick also announced their new administrative secretary is Ashley King.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Supervisor Moule, seconded by Vice Chair Hansen, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

RESULT: APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOVER: William Moule

SECONDER: Matt Hansen

AYES: Supervisor Carlson, Chairperson Leach, Vice Chair Hansen, Supervisor Nolen, and Supervisor Moule

1. GENERAL WARRANT REGISTER - January 7-13, 2024 **24-032**

2. HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY / PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION **24-050**

a) AGREEMENT - Approval and authorization for the Executive Director to sign the agreement with the Tehama County Fire Department for the purpose of providing Hepatitis A vaccinations and/or Hepatitis B vaccinations to certain employees of contractor determined to be at risk, for the cost of the vaccine plus an administration fee per injection, in accordance with the fee schedule Exhibit B, for the term of 1/1/24 and shall terminate at midnight on 1/1/29.

Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2024-028

3. HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY / ADMINISTRATION **24-051**

a) AGREEMENT - Approval and authorization for the Executive Director to sign Amendment #3 to the agreement with Express Services Inc. dba Express Employment Professionals (Misc. Agree. #2022-281 as amended by Misc. Agree. #2022-375 & Misc. Agree. #2023-222), for the purpose of providing temporary employees, thereby updating Exhibit "B" with a total maximum amount not to exceed \$650,000.

Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2024-029

4. CLERK & RECORDER **24-084**

a) Approval and authorization for the Clerk & Recorder to sign the Agreement with California Integrated Vital Records System (Cal-IVRS) Local Health Department Participation Agreement for the purpose of protecting the privacy and provide for the security of Cal-IVRS Data in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws, effective upon date of signing.

Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2024-030

5. COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS / SPECIAL DISTRICT **24-127**

a) TEHAMA COUNTY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT - One appointment to fill the unexpired term of Charles Brower, with term expiring 12/31/24 (Interested person: Bob Chaney)

REGULAR AGENDA

6. HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY **24-098**

a) Approval of certificates recognizing the following employee for their years of faithful and dedicated service to the County of Tehama:

1) HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY - Rosalie Nunez, 10 years

Health Services Agency Executive Director Jayme Bottke spoke about her employee's dedication to the County.

7. HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY - Executive Director Jayme Bottke **24-052**

a) AGREEMENT - Approval and authorization for the Executive Director to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with XFERALL, LLC for the purpose of participating in the pilot project for a Patient Transfer application software at no cost to the County, effective 2/1/24 and shall terminate 12/31/25.

Health Services Agency Executive Director Jayme Bottke reviewed the purpose of the agreement.

In response to Supervisor Carlson, Mrs. Bottke said they have received demos but not tested it although they have heard it speeds up the time it takes getting a patient admitted.

RESULT: APPROVE
MOVER: William Moule
SECONDER: Candy Carlson
AYES: Supervisor Carlson, Chairperson Leach, Vice Chair Hansen, Supervisor Nolen, and Supervisor Moule
Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2024-031

b) AGREEMENT - Approval and authorization for the Executive Director to sign the Business Associate Agreement (BAA) with XFERALL, LLC for the purpose of utilizing the Business Associate's mobile application software that serves to automate the patient transfer process.

RESULT: APPROVE
MOVER: William Moule
SECONDER: Pati Nolen
AYES: Supervisor Carlson, Chairperson Leach, Vice Chair Hansen, Supervisor Nolen, and Supervisor Moule
Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2024-032

8. HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY - Executive Director Jayme Bottke **24-086**

a) AGREEMENT - Approval and authorization for the Executive Director to sign the Letter of Acknowledgement with Tehama County Continuum of Care (Tehama CoC) and CoC-member organizations to share a commitment to preventing and responding to homelessness and housing insecurity in Tehama County.

Health Services Agency Executive Director Jayme Bottke said the agency will not be applying for these funds but the COC will and the agency supports those efforts.

In response to Supervisor Carlson, Mrs. Bottke said yes this falls under the

consolidating efforts with the Cities.

In response to Supervisor Leach, Mrs. Bottke confirmed they are not applying for funding but will support the COC's application as it will help provide additional services the agency is already doing.

RESULT: APPROVE

MOVER: Pati Nolen

SECONDER: Matt Hansen

AYES: Supervisor Carlson, Chairperson Leach, Vice Chair Hansen, Supervisor Nolen, and Supervisor Moule
Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2024-033

9. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Sheriff Dave Kain

24-047

a) **AGREEMENT** - Approval and authorization for the Chairman to sign the Amendment #2 to the Agreement with Bennet Omalu Pathology (Misc. Agree. #2018-65 as amended by Misc. Agree. #2020-45) for the provision of providing forensic pathology services not to exceed \$80,000 per year except that the maximum compensation payable for the contract year ending 3/1/24 shall not exceed \$210,000, effective thru 2/28/25. *(subject to receipt of required insurance documentation).*

Sheriff Dave Kain said fentanyl deaths have increased the department costs.

Supervisor Hansen - discussed where the grant funds were going and questioned if the money had already been spent.

Mr. Kain stated this shortfall was due to budget cuts and added he was thankful for the grant funds or the department would be on the hook for this increased cost. Mr. Kain added the autopsies run between \$3,000 and \$5,000 each.

Supervisor Hansen said this did not go through the RFP process and we are now giving him an additional \$130,000.

Mr. Kain clarified that all fentanyl deaths were autopsied last year because the doctor would not sign off on the death certificate without the autopsy.

Supervisor Hansen asked how much the Sheriff paid for the contract last year and added proper procurement process should be followed.

John Prinz said he supports the Sheriff, he added the deaths will quadruple next year and the Board needs to find the money.

Michael Kain said Supervisor Hansen fights with the Sheriff and District attorney.

Supervisor Hansen stated the Sheriff needs to follow the same rules as everyone else.

Mr. Kain stated the Board knew in October 2023, the department was going to have a budget shortfall in services.

Martha Kleykamp asked what the Sheriff is supposed to do if there is a requirement to

do an autopsy.

Kathy Nelson asked the Board why they favor certain departments and take it out on others.

Liz Merry said she doesn't think the Board has a choice if the department must do an autopsy.

Supervisor Carlson said she wants to see a policy that requires an RFP.

Supervisor Moule stated it was hard to follow the as there was no way to track where the money was coming from.

Mr. Kain said the department has a lot of new people in positions that are not doing their regular job and they are trying to move these contracts forward. Mr. Kain added he has due diligence to safeguard public trust and public finance and has done so.

Discussion took place regarding the signature dates on the agreements.

RESULT: APPROVE
MOVER: William Moule
SECONDER: Pati Nolen
AYES: Supervisor Carlson, Chairperson Leach, Vice Chair Hansen, Supervisor Nolen, and Supervisor Moule
Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2024-034

10. PERSONNEL - Director Coral Ferrin 23-313

a) Adoption of revised TCPR §6111: Paid Sick Leave for Temporary or Extra Help Employees.

10:15 A.M. Supervisor Nolen departed the meeting.

Personnel Director Coral Ferrin stated the change is to increase the amount of sick leave from 24 hours to 40 hours due to Senate Bill 611.

10:17 A.M. Supervisor Nolen rejoined the meeting.

RESULT: APPROVE
MOVER: Pati Nolen
SECONDER: Candy Carlson
AYES: Supervisor Carlson, Chairperson Leach, Vice Chair Hansen, Supervisor Nolen, and Supervisor Moule

11. PERSONNEL / PUBLIC WORKS - Director Jim Simon 24-021

a) Approval of the Personnel Action Form appointing candidate as a Public Works Maintenance Worker I at Range 15, Step D, effective 2/11/24 or upon successful completion of all pre-employment requirements.

RESULT: APPROVE
MOVER: William Moule

SECONDER: Pati Nolen
AYES: Supervisor Carlson, Chairperson Leach, Vice Chair Hansen,
Supervisor Nolen, and Supervisor Moule

10:19 A.M. RECESS to convene as the Tehama County Sanitation District No. 1

10:21 A.M. ADJOURN to reconvene as the Tehama County Board of Supervisors

14. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Clerk & Recorder Jennifer Vise 23-348

a) Waive the reading and approve the minutes of the following meetings:

- 1) Regular meeting held 12/5/23.
- 2) Special meeting held 12/5/23.
- 3) Regular meeting held 1/9/24.

RESULT: APPROVE

MOVER: Pati Nolen

SECONDER: William Moule

AYES: Supervisor Carlson, Chairperson Leach, Vice Chair Hansen,
Supervisor Nolen, and Supervisor Moule

15. PUBLIC SAFETY TAX INITIATIVE WORKING GROUP 24-031

a) Authorize formation of a Public Safety Tax Initiative Working Group with the County's Public Safety Department Heads.

Supervisor Hansen said the cost of public safety is going up faster than we can keep up. Supervisor Hansen added other agencies have done something similar and suggested a sales tax. Supervisor Hansen also stated the auditor said a half cent sales tax would have generated \$1.1 million dollars the past year and added this would encompass all public safety departments.

Supervisor Hansen asked for a formal committee comprised of public safety department heads, union representation, members of the public and some Board members to be established.

Discussion took place regarding the difference between a general tax versus special tax.

Chairman Leach said it must be earmarked for public safety.

Michael Kain asked why the Board would want to pass a tax on the citizens of the County when the Board is taking money away from law enforcement and doesn't think there will be public support.

Liz Merry spoke about Measure G that was not earmarked for anything and said it was a 1 cent increase. She added the people support public safety and believes they could get a 2/3'rds vote for a special tax. She also said something to consider in the future, Shasta Lake passed a cannabis tax of 6%.

Kathy Nelson said she will be against a tax because the Board never spends the

money where they say they will.

Martha Kleykamp said the public expects a measure that is established according to their expectations.

Morae Arthur supportive of more public safety and said the Board will need to advertise and campaign what the money will be used for.

Public Works Director Jim Simon asked the Board to consider his department a public safety department.

John Prinz said the taxpayers aren't going to support this measure and said we need more people working in Tehama County and it will increase the sales tax.

John Ward said the County should put two measures on the ballot, a special tax and a general tax and whatever one passes is the one that will move forward.

District Attorney Bureau of Investigations Lieutenant Jeff Wing said the District Attorney supports the tax as long as current budgets are not cut and the tax supplements the current budgets.

Fire Chief Monty Smith stated he is in support of forming a group to discuss this. Mr. Smith added his volunteer firefighters responded to over 7500 calls last year which means the department asks 75 volunteers to go out 3 times a day with equipment that is 47 years old.

Chairman Leach agreed the County needs more workers and more jobs.

Sheriff Dave Kain agrees with prospect of a sales tax as it is spread amongst everyone the department serves. Mr. Kain added you will need 66.6% to pass the tax and an oversight committee to determine how the funds are spent.

Supervisor Hansen agreed with the priorities and said the Board should be transparent with the funds.

Supervisor Carlson said she likes the idea of looking at two different measures and added it is important to define where the money will be allocated.

Supervisor Moule made a motion to form a working group that includes all public safety departments, union representation, members of the public and Board members.

RESULT: APPROVE

MOVER: William Moule

SECONDER: Pati Nolen

AYES: Supervisor Carlson, Chairperson Leach, Vice Chair Hansen, Supervisor Nolen, and Supervisor Moule

16. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

24-083

- a) STUDY SESSION - To review and receive input regarding Tehama County Marijuana Cultivation, County Code Chapter 9.06.

Senior Planner Jessica Martinez reviewed state law and what is occurring in other counties. Ms. Martinez added only Trinity County allows more than 6 plants to be grown outdoors.

John Prinz referred to Senate Bill 94 and said the information presented was not correct. Mr. Prinz added it is medicine, referred to the compassionate use act and said the Board has been put on notice.

Martha Kleykamp said Mr. Prinz is an expert and she expected to find a staff report attached to the agenda item but there was no useful information. The current ordinance promotes disrespect within the community and public safety. Ms. Kleykamp added the County is missing a huge opportunity to promote growth and said she should have the right to grow her 6 plants outdoor.

Liz Merry said the information provided was inadequate and said the Butte County information provided was incorrect and referred to Butte County's website.

Robert Halpin said to consider the current ordinance a starting point for establishing a new ordinance.

b) Discussion and possible direction to staff for any changes or updates to the current Ordinance for Marijuana Cultivation.

Supervisor Nolen said Humboldt County is doing it right as they have been doing it for six years and the program is well funded.

Supervisor Carlson stated AB243, AB266 and SB643 established a state framework and added the County's ordinance was set to be restrictive. Supervisor Carlson added if nothing else is done, she wants the ordinance to include a medical exemption. Supervisor Carlson also stated it has been 6 years and there is still no solution so she would like it to go to the planning commission and be thoroughly vetted and revise current ordinance.

Chief Administrator Gabriel Hydrick said study sessions don't come with recommendations but staff was asked to find out what other counties are doing.

Additional discussion took place.

Supervisor Hansen recommended sending it back to the planning commission and investigate what impact the changes would have to the county.

Supervisor Hansen made a motion to refer the ordinance to the Planning Commission for changes that support possible medical marijuana exemption, fiscal impact, any other potential changes and have something back to the Board in 60 days.

RESULT: REFER
MOVER: Matt Hansen
SECONDER: Pati Nolen
AYES: Supervisor Carlson, Chairperson Leach, Vice Chair Hansen,

17. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

23-275

a) **STUDY SESSION** - Regarding Tehama County Code Chapter 17.86, Occupation of Trailers and Recreational Vehicles

Supervisor Nolen said she would like to amend the current code to allow property owners to occupy their property while going through the permit process.

Kelsey Welch from County Counsel's office reviewed the current code.

Discussion took place regarding the current permit process and potential changes to that process.

Environmental Health Director Tia Branton said currently you can put a well or septic on your property without having a building permit. Mrs. Branton added there needs to be a permitted use for a well and many people do it due to cost.

In response to Supervisor Carlson, Senior Planner Jessica Martinez stated no one has applied or paid the \$1300 fee for temporary occupancy.

Robert Halpin gave history regarding permitted uses and said what Supervisor Nolen is bringing forward is a separate issue and should be approached that way.

Supervisor Hansen said he is happy with the current ordinance as it is a great tool to mitigate public nuisances but is okay to refer it to the Planning Commission.

Supervisor Carlson made a motion to refer to the Planning Commission for review, look at alternatives.

RESULT: REFER

MOVER: Candy Carlson

SECONDER: Pati Nolen

AYES: Supervisor Carlson, Chairperson Leach, Supervisor Nolen, and Supervisor Moule

NAYS: Vice Chair Hansen

12:17 P.M. RECESS

1:30 P.M. RECONVENE

CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Leach announced item 18 would follow closed session.

Several IHSS providers asked for a livable wage and for the Board to approve a contract.

An IHSS provider spoke about the people she cares for including her family and played a recording from a recipient.

An IHSS provider from Shasta County spoke in support of Tehama County IHSS

workers. She also discussed the needs of the people she cares for.

Sarah Casha talked about caring for a family member and how she gave up 9 years of her professional life to care for them. She summarized a document the Board was given stating 1,300 people rely on IHSS in Tehama County. She added there is \$847,000 available in the general fund and \$5.5 million of realignment funds available. The difference in what IHSS is requesting versus the Board's proposal is \$142,000.

Martha Kleykamp spoke in support of IHSS workers and said they have helped the community. She also referred to the extra help benefit increase on today's agenda.

An IHSS provider read a statement from another IHSS provider and added until the job becomes attractive there will continue be an influx of family providers.

An IHSS provider spoke about a person who does not have the ability to have an IHSS worker as there are not enough.

Several IHSS providers asked to be paid a livable wage and to approve a contract.

REPORTABLE ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

Item 19: Labor Negotiations. Deputy Sheriff's Association
Continued to next regularly scheduled meeting.

Item 20: Labor Negotiations. Joint Council of IUOE, Local 39
Direction was given to negotiators.

Item 21: Labor Negotiations. In Home Supportive Services Care Providers
Direction was given to negotiators.

Item 22: Appointment or Employment. Interim Social Services Director
Direction was given to staff.

Item 23: Anticipated Litigation.
Direction was given to staff.

18. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS / STRATEGIC PLAN / RETREAT 24-108

a) Discussion and possible further direction to staff, if necessary, on completion of the County's 2024 Strategic Plan

b) Hold Board of Supervisors Retreat to discuss goals, objectives and priorities of the Board members

RESULT: CONTINUE

MOVER: Matt Hansen

SECONDER: Pati Nolen

AYES: Supervisor Carlson, Chairperson Leach, Vice Chair Hansen, Supervisor Nolen, and Supervisor Moule

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Nolen asked to have the Sierra Nevada Conservancy committee appointment on the next agenda. (Consensus was received.)

5:00 P.M. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST: February 13, 2024

APPROVED _____
Chairman of the Board
of Supervisors

JENNIFER A. VISE, Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors
