

Tehama County
Tuesday, October 8, 2024 9:00 AM
Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes



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Board Chambers

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

Sean Houghtby
Clerk of the Board
(530) 527-3287

9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Chairman Leach presided. Present in the chambers were Clerk of the Board Sean Houghtby by Deputy Mary DiMaggio, County Counsel Margaret Long, and Chief Administrator Gabriel Hydrick by Administrative Services Director Tom Provine.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Camp led prayer and discussed the upcoming presidential election.

Louise Wilkinson commented on elections support of political research and thanked Administrative Services Director Tom Provine.

Event organizer Marcie Skelton announced the 27th annual Dairyville Orchard Festival will be held 10/19/24 at Lassen View Elementary School from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

John Prinz commented on the cancellation of the planning commission meeting and discussed Supervisor Carlson's Town Hall meeting with Dr. Umma regarding the support of medicinal cannabis.

New State California members commented on violations of the AB969 urgency clause referencing to the Help America Vote Act regarding inaccurate and ineligible voter rolls in Tehama County.

Supervisor Nolen read a letter from Jenny Alexander.

Supervisor Carlson announced an upcoming Town Hall Meeting on the fourth Monday of October or an alternate date in December pertaining to VCC air pollution control to present additional resources pertaining to Park Fire.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AGENDA CORRECTIONS

The clerk announced Consent items #4 and #10 have been moved to Regular Agenda and

Closed Session item #18 has been moved to 10/22/24.

PREVIOUS REPORTABLE ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

20. CLOSED SESSION 24-1072 a) PERSONNEL/PERFORMANCE EMPLOYEE

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957) Title: Part One of the Tehama County Public Guardian/Public Administrator Annual Performance Evaluation Process

Report Out: Direction to staff and matter continued to 10/8/24 closed session agenda.

21. CLOSED SESSION 24-1420 a) PERSONNEL/PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957) Title: Part Two of the Tehama County Health Services Agency Director Annual Performance Evaluation Process

Report Out: Evaluation held.

22. CLOSED SESSION 24-1596 a) Liability Claims Pursuant to Government Code 54956.95 Claimant: Kirk Oral Brown Agency Claimed against: Tehama County

Report Out: Claim denied 5-0.

23. CLOSED SESSION 24-1603 a) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -INITIATED LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Name of case: Ford v. County of Tehama, 24CI-000234

Report Out: Direction to staff to refer to Trindel for assignment of defense counsel.

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 Advisory Committee (Standing) (Carlson, Leach) - Met 10/7/24.

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

Public Safety Tax Initiative Working Group (Hansen, Moule) - Not met.

Personnel Procedures & Guidelines Ad Hoc Committee (Hansen and Carlson) - Not met.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED INCLUDING AB1234

Supervisor Moule - Solid Waste Management Agency.

Supervisor Carlson - Solid Waste Management Agency.

Supervisor Nolen - Solid Waste Management Agency, Basin-wide Air Pollution Control Council, and First 5 Tehama Annual Evaluation.

Supervisor Hansen - Solid Waste Management Agency and Corning Sub-basin Advisory Board.

Chairman Leach - Solid Waste Management Agency.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

Auditor-Controller Krista Peterson announced there will be a software update and will be going live 10/21/24 and thanked Information Systems Manager David Bliss, Assistant Auditor-Controller Julianne Manning and the payroll staff.

Librarian Alicia Meyer thanked 4H team members and announced the library has first time voter guides available in English and Spanish and a ballot drop box.

Clerk and Recorder Sean Houghtby announced the ballots were sent to the post office this week and late voter registrations should receive their ballots by the end of the week.

Public Works Director Jim Simon presented plan sheets on the 99W S Main Street project and discussed the unsuitable materials and the plans of the change order and suggestions to suspend the project.

In response to Chairman Leach, Mr. Simon discussed the design plans for the extension of the turns.

In response to Supervisor Nolen, Mr. Simon explained the updated advisory on the situation and the time sensitive issues.

Discussion took place revolving the contractors, re-design of the structure and discussed the financial cost of contingency funds.

Supervisor Hansen requested special meeting on 10/15/24 to agendize this item for change order (Consensus Received).

Mrs. Peterson corrected that payroll will go live on next year.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda.

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

RESULT: APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOVER: William Moule

SECONDER: Candy Carlson

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

1. **GENERAL WARRANT REGISTER - 9/15/24 - 9/21/24** **24-1650**
2. **AUDITOR'S CLAIM** **24-1671**
 - a) Court Operations, 2026-53230, Benjamin E. Magid, \$6,224.
3. **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE** **24-1661**
 - a) AGREEMENT - Approval and authorization for the Agricultural Commissioner to sign the Cooperative Agreement No. 24-0236-025 SF with the California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) for the provision of Asian Citrus

Psyllid detection trapping in the amount not to exceed \$16,976, effective 10/1/24 and shall terminate 6/30/25.

Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2024-316

5. LIBRARY 24-1548

a) AGREEMENT - Approval and authorization for the Chair to sign the Lease Agreement with the Nagos Family Revocable Trust of December, 1990, for lease of the Los Molinos Branch of the Tehama County Library in the amount of \$675 per month, with maximum compensation not to exceed \$8,100 per year, effective 10/1/24 and shall terminate 9/30/27.

Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2024-319

6. LIBRARY 24-1683

a) AGREEMENT - Approval and authorization for the County Librarian to sign Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Quality Counts North State (QCNS) for the purpose of supporting quality improvement efforts through mentor services, professional development and allocation funding; and accept funds in an amount to be determined based on criteria met but anticipated to be \$3,000, effective 7/1/24 through 6/30/25.

Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2024-320

7. SOCIAL SERVICES 24-1602

a) AGREEMENT - Approval and authorization for the Social Services Director or Designee to sign the Agreement with Peerless Building Maintenance Company for the purpose of janitorial services at the office located at 310 S. Main St, Red Bluff, for the amounts as set forth in Exhibit "D", with maximum compensation not to exceed \$111,581.50, effective 11/1/24 and shall terminate 10/31/25 (*subject to receipt of required insurance documentation*).

Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2024-322

8. SOCIAL SERVICES / COUNTY COUNSEL 24-1259

a) AGREEMENT - Approval and authorization for the Social Services Director and County Counsel to sign the Interagency MOU for the purpose of providing legal services involving Welfare and Institutions Code 300 cases, in an amount not to exceed \$325,783, effective 7/1/24 and shall terminate 6/30/25.

Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2024-321

9. VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE / PERSONNEL 24-1721

a) OTHER THAN STEP "A" - Approval to appoint the applicant as Office Assistant II, Range 12, Step B, upon successful completion of all pre-employment Requirements.

11. COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS 24-1513

a) COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY TRIPARTITE ADVISORY BAORD -One appointment to fill the unexpired term of Samantha Andrews as Private Representative with term expiring 12/31/25.
(Interested person: Laura Sullivan)

REGULAR AGENDA

10. CONSENT / APPROVAL OF MINUTES 24-1729

- a) Waive the reading and approve the minutes of the following meetings:
- 1) Regular meeting held 9/17/24.
 - 2) Regular meeting held 9/24/24.

Clerk and Recorder Sean Houghtby asked the board why the minutes were pulled off consent.

Supervisor Carlson discussed the changes in format of how the minutes were written.

Supervisor Moule and Chairman Leach discussed why the minutes should be kept on the consent agenda.

Supervisor Carlson discussed the rules of the Chairman of the Board.

In response to Supervisor Hansen, Supervisor Carlson discussed the agenda review process and difference between consent and regular items.

Supervisor Nolen comment on the votes of Closed Session.

In response to Supervisor Nolen, County Counsel Margaret Long discussed the process of the votes being recorded.

Louise Wilkinson commented on Brown Act violations that have not been approved or disclosed and is in support of the minutes being on the regular agenda.

Discussion took place regarding the minutes being on consent or regular agenda and explanation of the process.

Supervisor Carlson discussed the decisions made from prior practices and the discussion for minutes being on consent or regular needs to be agendized.

Motion made by Supervisor Moule and seconded by Supervisor Nolen.

In response to Mr. Houghtby, Supervisor Nolen requested the votes to be recorded from the Closed Session items.

In response to Supervisor Nolen, Mr. Houghtby stated County Counsel discloses the information then provides the report out of closed session items.

Discussion took place between Supervisor Nolen and Mrs. Long regarding the clarification of Closed Session items final report out and Brown Act clarification.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: William Moule

SECONDER: Patti Nolen

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

4. CONSENT / HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY / ADMINISTRATION

24-1674

- a) AGREEMENT - Approval and authorization for the Chairperson to sign the

Agreement to Sell Customer Vehicles with Enterprise Fleet Management for the sale of County owned vehicles, effective 8/22/24.

Health Services Agency Executive Director Jayme Bottke gave additional background information about the fleet agreement.

In response to Supervisor Hansen, Mrs. Bottke confirmed there are currently seven vehicles that still need to be disposed of and discussed the change of dollar amount.

In response to Supervisor Hansen, Mrs. Bottke confirmed there is a positive relation with Enterprise regarding the trade of vehicles.

In response to Supervisor Hansen, Mrs. Bottke discussed the fleet agreement and the mix of lease vehicles and county owned vehicles.

Discussion took place regarding the cost of trade of county owned vehicles and alternative options for better rates.

Supervisor Carlson commented on the change of lease agreements with Enterprise.

b) AGREEMENT - Approval and authorization for the Chairperson to sign the Consignment Auction Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for the sale of County owned vehicles, effective 8/22/24.

RESULT: APPROVED IN ONE MOTION

MOVER: Matt Hansen

SECONDER: William Moule

AYES: Supervisor Moule, Supervisor Carlson, Supervisor Nolen, Vice Chair Hansen, and Chairperson Leach
Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2024-317 & MISC. AGR 2024-318

12. AG EXTENSION - Director Josh Davy, 4-H Ambassadors and 4-H BLAST Team members 24-1518

a) PROCLAMATION - Adoption of the 4-H Week Proclamation proclaiming the week of October 6-11, 2024, as National 4-H Week throughout Tehama County with the introduction of the 2024/2025 4-H Leadership teams; Ambassador members & BLAST Members (Becoming Leaders & All-Star Trainee).

AG Cooperative Extension Director Josh Davy thanked the Board for the acknowledgement of 4H week and introduced the 4H ambassadors, 4H blast team members, and 4H administrators.

Los Molinos 4H blast team members introduced themselves and read the proclamation.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Candy Carlson

SECONDER: Pati Nolen

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

13. EMPOWER TEHAMA - Outreach Manager Jennifer Moniz 24-1638

a) PROCLAMATION - Adoption of a proclamation proclaiming the month of October as “National Domestic Violence Awareness Month” in Tehama County.

Empower Tehama Director of Client Services Kimberly Monroe discussed the awareness of domestic violence and services that can be provided for support.

Ms. Monroe read the proclamation.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Candy Carlson

SECONDER: William Moule

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

14. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 24-1651

a) Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding questions associated with the Corning Veterans Hall remodel project.

Administrative Services Director Tom Provine addressed any outstanding questions for construction of the Corning Veterans Hall remodel project and recapped the prior discussion from the Veterans Hall Advisory Committee.

Mr. Provine addressed the timeline of the project, the cost of storage, moving materials and location of veteran’s meeting and social events.

In response to Supervisor Carlson, Mr. Provine stated it’s required by law to provide meeting space for the veterans’ meeting during renovations.

Chairman Leach stated the American Legion will be meeting in Orland during the time of renovation and VFW is still looking for a meeting space.

In response to Supervisor Carlson, Mr. Provine discussed the plans for the Corning Veterans Hall use of social events for bingos and other events.

In response to Supervisor Carlson, Mr. Provine stated there will be periodic updates for the construction of the Corning Veterans Hall.

15. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - Agricultural Commissioner 24-1668

Thomas Moss and Agricultural Biologist/W&M Specialist Kim Smith

a) INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION - Regarding the 2023 Tehama County Agricultural Crop & Livestock Report.

Agricultural Commissioner Thomas Moss presented the annual 2024 agricultural crop and livestock report, discussed the top five grossing crops for Tehama County, and process of the assessment.

Mr. Moss introduced Agricultural Biologist Specialist Kim Smith who discussed the theme of the of the wild art horses and went over the increases and decreases of crop value.

In response to Supervisor Moule, Mr. Moss stated there was a substantial increase in lumber however it did not make the top five within the County.

In response to Chairman Leach, Mr. Moss discussed the decrease in costs of pistachios and explained the production decreases.

Ken Reiders commented that Shasta County's highest valued crop is cannabis.

In response to Mr. Reiders, Mr. Moss stated cannabis is not recognized federally as agricultural commodity which is why it's not featured in the Tehama County crop report.

In response to Supervisor Hansen, Mr. Moss discussed the cost comparison between the previous and current years of the value of crops.

Supervisor Carlson thanked Mr. Moss and Mrs. Smith for the presentation of the report.

Chairman Leach announced the 10/29/24 meeting will be cancelled.

16. PERSONNEL / SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Sheriff Dave Kain

24-1669

a) Approval of the new classification specification of Major Crimes Analyst, within the Deputy Sheriff's Association bargaining unit, effective 10/8/24.

Sheriff Dave Kain presented the new classification of Major Crime Analyst and said it is instrumental through their department.

In response to Supervisor Moule, Mr. Kain stated there are people in the department that can apply for this position and this position would be funded by the Justice Assistance Grant which is ongoing.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Pati Nolen

SECONDER: Candy Carlson

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

b) **RESOLUTION** - Adoption of a resolution amending Resolution 2024-080, the FY 2024/25 Position Allocation List (PAL), by deleting 1.00 FTE Administrative Secretary III (DSA) allocation and adding 1.00 FTE Major Crimes Analyst allocation, effective 10/8/24.

In response to Supervisor Moule, Mr. Kain discussed the differences between the pay in benefits of the Secretary III and the Major Crime Analyst.

In addition, Mr. Kain discussed the reasoning of the deletion of the Secretary III position to create the Major Crime Analyst.

In response to Supervisor Hansen, Mr. Kain confirmed the Major Crime Analyst would be grant funded and discussed the salary savings.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Pati Nolen
SECONDER: Candy Carlson
AYES: Supervisor Moule, Supervisor Carlson, Supervisor Nolen, Vice Chair Hansen, and Chairperson Leach
Enactment No: RESO NO. 2024-082

17. PUBLIC WORKS - Director Jim Simon 24-1681

a) INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION - Update to Public Works access to StreetSaver webtool.

b) AGREEMENT - Approval and authorization for the Director to sign the annual Order Acknowledgement with StreetSaver (a division of Metropolitan Transportation Commission) for continued use and technical support services for the department's pavement management software, effective 10/8/24 and renews annually until cancelled.

Public Works Director Jim Simon discussed the StreetSaver webtool.

In response to Supervisor Nolen, Mr. Simon discussed the usage of the pavement condition analysis after the fire and the benefits of taking photos and functionality.

In addition, Mr. Simon explained why there was no approval as to form for the StreetSaver agreement.

In response to Supervisor Nolen, Mr. Simon confirmed that he is comfortable with renewing annually until cancelled or better solution.

Supervisor Carlson discussed why she is not in favor of an open-ended contract.

In response to Supervisor Nolen, Mr. Simon stated this is funded through the road department and does not affect the general fund.

In response to Supervisor Carlson, Supervisor Moule discussed the contract is an open ended and can come to the Board anytime to cancel.

In response to Supervisor Moule, Mr. Simon discussed the change in the contract language.

Discussion took place for the contract needing to be renewed and reviewed annually.

Motion made by Supervisor Carlson to approve the agreement effective 10/8/24 to terminate 10/8/25 with the option to renew seconded by Supervisor Nolen.

Supervisor Hansen agreed with Supervisor Carlson and suggested the next time this agreement be brought back as a multi-year contract which would be the best benefit with option to cancel.

Mr. Simon suggested the change in expiration to 8/31/25 to allow a 60-day grace

period.

Motion made by Supervisor Carlson to approve the agreement effective 10/8/24 to terminate 8/31/25 with the option to renew seconded by Supervisor Nolen.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Candy Carlson

SECONDER: Pati Nolen

AYES: Supervisor Moule, Supervisor Carlson, Supervisor Nolen, Vice Chair Hansen, and Chairperson Leach
Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2024-323

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Hansen requested study session for the minutes with potential direction to staff (Consensus Received).

CLOSED SESSION

Louise Wilkinson commented on Closed Session items 18, 19 and 22 and discussed the labor laws and regulations.

In response to Mrs. Wilkinson, Supervisor Hansen stated the Board is doing their best to properly evaluate employees and to hire employees with no personal involvement.

Supervisor Nolen disagrees with Supervisor Hansen.

Supervisor Moule commented on how the public receives information.

11:31 A.M. RECESS

1:30 P.M. RECONVENE

Supervisor Carlson was absent.

1:31 P.M. RECESS to convene as the Tehama County Board of Equalization

23. TEHAMA COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION - County Assessor 24-1677 Burley Phillips

a) Waive the reading and approve the minutes from the meeting of 9/10/24.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: William Moule

SECONDER: Matt Hansen

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

ABSENT: Supervisor Carlson

b) Approval of the following stipulations as recommended by the County Assessor:

1) Assessment Appeal No.06-2023, Ron Rath.

County Assessor Burley Phillips discussed the stipulation of Assessment Appeal NO.06-2023 and agrees with the owner and the Assessor Department.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: William Moule
SECONDER: Matt Hansen
AYES: Supervisor Moule, Supervisor Nolen, Vice Chair Hansen, and
Chairperson Leach
ABSENT: Supervisor Carlson

1:35 P.M. ADJOURN to reconvene as the Tehama County Board of Supervisors

4:51 P.M. RECONVENE

REPORTABLE ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

Supervisor Hansen and Supervisor Carlson were absent.

18. CLOSED SESSION 24-1425 a) PERSONNEL/PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957) Title: Part One of Tehama County Public Works Director

Report Out: Continued by CA to 10/22/24.

19. Annual Performance Evaluation Process CLOSED SESSION 24-1549 a) PERSONNEL/PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT OR EMPLOYMENT (Government Code Section 54957) Title: Director of Planning

Report Out: Direction given me to staff - Item moved to 10/22/24.

20. CLOSED SESSION 24-1657 a) ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Conference with Legal Counsel (Government Code Section 54959.9, subdivision (d) (2)) Sheriff Complaint

Report Out: Direction given to staff.

21. CLOSED SESSION 24-1658 a) ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Conference with Legal Counsel (Government Code Section 54959.9, subdivision (d) (2)) One Case

Report Out: Direction given to staff.

22. CLOSED SESSION 24-1727 a) PERSONNEL / PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957) Title: Part One of Tehama County Public Guardian / Public Administrator Annual Performance Evaluation Process


Report Out: Direction given to staff - Item continued to date uncertain.

ADJOURN

4:55 P.M. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

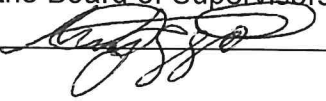
ATTEST: October 11, 2024

APPROVED



Chairman of the Board
of Supervisors

SEAN HOUGHTBY, Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors

by  Deputy

PUBLIC COMMENT for 10/8/24

From jeneric@digitalpath.net <jeneric@digitalpath.net>
Date Sun 2024-10-06 5:01 AM
To Tehama County Board of Supervisors <tcbos@tehama.gov>

Please accept this email as a public comment. I sent the email below on September 26, 2024 which was 10 days ago and did not receive an answer to it. Your personnel rules dictate a response whether you like us or our question(s).

The matter of qualified planning and building personnel does matter and affects public safety.

My email was both courteous and respectful and deserving of an answer.

Since John Stover's retirement, administration and the board has failed to hire a qualified building official which the exception of Mr. Hanner who did obtain his building official cert shortly after being hired.

I would like to point out that the code suggests that a job should be recruited before the interim process is used and the building official job has not been flown. The Planning Director job, now vacant almost a year, was "flown" just so you could say it was flown. The outside source SHN was hired in December 2023 before it was approved by the Board.

I ask that this email and statement be retained as my public comment for 10/08/24 and be attached to the minutes.

Thank you.

Jenny Alexander

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Building Official/Planning Director
From: jeneric@digitalpath.net
Date: Thu, September 26, 2024 8:03 am
To: ghydrick@tehama.gov
Cc: pnolen@tehama.gov

Mr. Hydrick:

As you recall, an interim Building Official was named a while ago now. I expected to see the position advertised but haven't so far. Is there any information you can give me regarding that position? Is there some reason why we aren't actively recruiting that position?

Also, same thing with the Planning Director...An interim was named but the position is not being recruited.

I think the public should know what is happening with these jobs are they are important to economic development in our community.

Are you thinking of a merge of a few departments? If so, can you address the fact that Building is self funded and Planning is not? The Funds, according to previous auditors, must be kept separate. I have not seen a closed session or open session agenda item anywhere since Ed left as to what the County intends to do aside from the named interim but that does not apparently mean a discussion hasn't been held.

I cannot see anywhere in the law that allows the County NOT to have a qualified Building Official.

There are also limits to how long interims can be used.

I believe I heard you are away this week. Hope you are somewhere nice and enjoyable.

Jenny Alexander

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PUBLIC COMMENT 10/8/24

From jeneric@digitalpath.net <jeneric@digitalpath.net>

Date Tue 2024-10-08 7:13 AM

To Tehama County Board of Supervisors <tcbos@tehama.gov>

Please attach these comments to the minutes of today's meeting.

Thank you.

Jenny Alexander

In January 2024, a transfer for \$90,000 was made and presented without full transparency to the public. This transfer was \$80,000 to SHN a consulting group for Planning Director functions. What was not stated in public was the contract with CGM for \$10,000 to discuss the possible reorganization of the Public Guardian. This sneaky around the back of a transfer without disclosure of the CGM contract was a blatant and intentional act to keep this out of the public eye. I obtained the information in a public records request but of course, the county refused to produce the report written by CGM which would likely show their retaliatory intentions in writing.

It seems to suggest the elimination of Melani Kain's position and/or reassignment to some lesser function. According to the charter, the County is required to have a Public Guardian and any reorganization requires a public hearing.

I see this action as political retaliation against the Sheriff who is not well liked by the Chief Administrator or Supervisor Matt Hansen. Mr. Hydrick has made false statements to the public about the sheriff and Supervisor Hansen has thoroughly questioned Sheriff Kain on many items yet has not questioned other department heads in the same manner. This coupled with the fact that the Public Guardian's evaluation has repeatedly been rescheduled and her contract extended to 11/15/24 manifests the county's dysfunction and lack of regard for the longest serving department head. Ms. Kain has successfully served our county for 12 years and has been given contracts regularly. It appears that Prentice Long could benefit financially from such an arrangement as it seems reasonable to expect that they would assume the duties of the public guardian. How that would be a cost saving mechanism to the county remains a mystery to me. I hope in January 2025 that the new board will consider flying the County

Counsel position before our county is completely bankrupted and rogue.

I am not against the county saving money but I am against reorganizing a department or reassigning/eliminating a department head because you don't like her husband. I truly hope this isn't the reality of our Public Guardian but as Bill Moule would say, "Not good optics."

Jenny Alexander

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