

Tehama County  
Tuesday, August 19, 2025 9:00 AM  
Board of Supervisors  
Meeting Minutes



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Board Chambers

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Pati Nolen, District 3, Vice Chair  
Matt Hansen, District 4, Chairman  
Greg Jones, District 5

Gabriel Hydrick  
Chief Administrator

Margaret Long  
County Counsel

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

**Present:** Supervisor Greg Jones, Supervisor Rob Burroughs, Supervisor Tom Walker, Vice Chair Pati Nolen, and Chairperson Matt Hansen

## **9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Hansen presided. Present in the chambers were Clerk of the Board Sean Houghtby, County Counsel Margaret Long by Deputy Daniel Klausner, and Chief Administrator Gabriel Hydrick.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

A resident led a prayer, commented on the budget and asked that the Board expand upon their report outs from meetings attended.

A resident played a recording.

A resident commented about a newspaper article regarding an incident in the Jail.

A resident complimented the Social Services Director for her department's response, along with Code Enforcement, to a situation with a citizen.

A resident commented about a court hearing on Aug 12th and the attendance of a County employee at that hearing.

A resident commented about the Bend RV park and a rent control ordinance.

A resident commented about a rent control ordinance and issues with mobile homeowners in the local mobile home parks.

A resident commented on mobile home parks and a rent control ordinance.

A resident commented about the town hall meeting held in Corning and being environmentally sustainable.

A resident commented about the interim Public Guardian appointment.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF AGENDA CORRECTIONS**

None.

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEE**

Public Works Committee (Standing) (Hansen, Walker) - meets Wednesday

Veterans Halls Advisory Committee (Standing) (Burroughs, Jones) - has not met

Public Safety Tax Initiative Working Group (Hansen, Jones) - next meeting scheduled in Oct

Personnel Procedures & Guidelines Ad Hoc Committee (Burroughs, Walker) - has not met

City of Red Bluff/Tehama County Ad Hoc Committee (Walker, Burroughs) - met and discussed Baker Road repair/improvements, economic development and sewer issues.

## **REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED INCLUDING AB1234**

Supervisor Jones - Town Hall with Supervisor Hansen

Supervisor Burroughs - Groundwater Commission, Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Supervisor Walker - Rep. Doug LaMalfa town hall

Supervisor Nolen - Public Works Interview, Sierra Sacramento EMS, K9 foundation fundraiser, Continuum of Care, Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Supervisor Hansen - Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Town Hall with Supervisor Jones, Rural County Representatives of California, Rep. Doug LaMalfa town hall, Golden State Connect

## **PREVIOUS REPORTABLE ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**8/5/25**

### **19. CLOSED SESSION**

**25-1092**

a) PERSONNEL / PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957)

Title: Part Two of the Child Support Services Director Annual Performance Evaluation Process

**Reportable Action:** Part Two Completed

### **20. CLOSED SESSION**

**25-1193**

a) PERSONNEL / PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957)

Title: Part Two of the Social Services Director Annual Performance Evaluation Process

**Reportable Action:** Part Two Completed

**21. CLOSED SESSION 25-1327**

a) Liability Claims Pursuant to Government Code 54956.95

Claimant: Raquel Jacinto

Agency claimed against: Tehama County

**Reportable Action:** Claim denied 5-0

**22. CLOSED SESSION 25-1328**

a) Liability Claims Pursuant to Government Code 54956.95

Claimant: CSM,LLP o/b/o USAA a/s/o Bryan Gregory

Agency claimed against: Tehama County

**Reportable Action:** Direction given to staff

**23. CLOSED SESSION 25-1361**

a) Liability Claims Pursuant to Government Code 54956.95

Claimant: G.T by and through Guardian Ad Litem, Morgan Trevino

Agency claimed against: Tehama County

**Reportable Action:** Claim denied 5-0

**24. CLOSED SESSION 25-1372**

a) PERSONNEL / PUBLIC APPOINTMENT OR EMPLOYMENT (Government Code Section 54957)

Title: Public Guardian / Public Administrator

**Reportable Action:** Continued to 8/7/25

**8/7/25**

**1. CLOSED SESSION 25-1360**

a) PERSONNEL / PUBLIC APPOINTMENT OR EMPLOYMENT (Government Code Section 54957)

Title: Director of Public Works

**Reportable Action:** Direction to Staff

**2. CLOSED SESSION 25-1403**

a) PERSONNEL / PUBLIC APPOINTMENT OR EMPLOYMENT (Government Code Section 54957)

**Reportable Action:** 4-0 to appoint Bekkie Emery as interim Public Guardian/Public Administrator

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COUNTY DEPARTMENTS**

Sheriff Dave Kain announced that the consoles for the radio project are close to being shipped and that the first payment of the project will be due at that time. Mr. Kain also updated the Board on the status of the grant application for the radios.

Supervisor Hansen announced that the Glenn County Emergency Room has lost their funding and is no longer operating their emergency room.

Chief Administrator Gabriel Hydrick announced that Public Works has received an award for their I-5 interchange project.

Environmental Health Director Tia Branton thanked everyone for calling in the mercury spill and updated the Board on the completion of the cleanup.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

**RESULT:** APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA

**MOVER:** Pati Nolen

**SECONDER:** Greg Jones

**AYES:** Supervisor Jones, Supervisor Burroughs, Supervisor Walker, Vice Chair Nolen, and Chairperson Hansen

1. **GENERAL WARRANT REGISTER 7/20/25 - 8/2/25** **25-1386**
2. **AUDITOR'S CLAIMS** **25-1357**
  - a) Court Operations, 2026-53221, Donald R. Luster, \$1,010.30
  - b) Court Operations, 2026-53221, Associated Financial Advisors LTD, DBA: Forensic Science Services, \$250.00
3. **SHERIFF / PERSONNEL** **25-1342**
  - a) OTHER THAN "A" STEP - Request approval to appoint applicant as Deputy Sheriff I, Range 36, Step 2, upon successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
4. **SHERIFF / PERSONNEL** **25-1393**
  - a) OTHER THAN "A" STEP - Request approval to appoint applicant as Dietary Cook, Range 15, Step 2, upon successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
5. **FIRE** **25-1374**
  - a) Request approval for the Fire Chief to sign the Termination of Miscellaneous Agreement Book #82-1991 letter with the Vina Volunteer Fire Department
6. **FIRE** **25-1394**

a) RESOLUTION - Request adoption of a resolution adopting portions of the Tehama County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 Update applicable to the County of Tehama

Enactment No: RESO 2025-073

b) Request adoption of the finding that the Tehama County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15060, subdivision (c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15061, subdivision (b)(3) (there is no possibility the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment); in addition to the foregoing general exemptions, the County of Tehama further finds that the Tehama County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan is exempt from review under CEQA under CEQA Guidelines section 15262 (feasibility or planning studies); and authorization for the Public Works Director to file the Notice of Exemption

**7. PROBATION DEPARTMENT 25-1376**

a) AGREEMENT - Request approval and authorization for the Chairman to sign the agreement with County of Siskiyou to provide board and care of Siskiyou County youths for specified per-person daily rates effective 7/1/25 and shall terminate 6/30/26  
Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2025-252

**8. PROBATION DEPARTMENT 25-1402**

a) AGREEMENT - Request approval and authorization for the Chairman to sign the agreement with County of Glenn to provide board and care of Glenn County youths for specified per-person daily rates in an amount not to exceed \$1,350,000, effective 7/1/25 and shall terminate 6/30/26  
Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2025-253

**9. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH 25-1397**

a) AGREEMENT - Request approval and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 with Hill Enterprise's Towing (Misc. Agree. #2025-087), for the purpose of removal of abandoned vehicles and parts thereof in various states of condition within both the incorporated and unincorporated areas for fees as listed in Exhibit "C", effective 5/1/25 and shall terminate 4/30/28  
Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2025-254

**10. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH 25-1398**

a) AGREEMENT - Request approval and authorization for the Environmental Health Director to sign the Amendment with HS GovTech (Misc. Agree. #2025-220), for the purpose of providing Single Sign-On integration for authentication purposes, in an amount not to exceed \$3,500  
Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2025-255

**11. SOCIAL SERVICES / HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY 25-1391**

a) AGREEMENT - Request approval and authorization for the Social Services Director and the Health Services Agency Executive Director to sign the Interagency Memorandum of Understanding to provide home visiting services to CalWORKs eligible families with a maximum compensation not to exceed \$186,806.25, effective 7/1/25 through 6/30/26

- 12. HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY / MENTAL HEALTH 25-1409**  
a) AGREEMENT - Request approval and authorization for the Executive Director to sign Amendment No. 1 to the Misc. Agreement 2023-17 with the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) for participation in the Statewide Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) program, for a maximum compensation amount not to exceed \$89,510.40, thereby amending the term effective 7/1/22 and extending through 6/30/26  
Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2025-257
- 13. HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY / MENTAL HEALTH 25-1411**  
a) AGREEMENT - Request approval and authorization for the Executive Director to sign Amendment No. 1 to the Misc. Agreement 2024-117 with Poor And The Homeless Tehama County Coalition (P.A.T.H.) for the Navigation Center Operations, thereby amending the agreement to include Exhibit F, in the amount of \$1,055,654.50, effective 5/1/24 and terminate on 6/30/30 (*Subject to receipt of required insurance documentation*)  
Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2025-258
- 14. HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY / PUBLIC HEALTH 25-1414**  
a) AGREEMENT - Request approval and authorization for the Executive Director to sign the Future of Public Health (FoPH) Funding Acknowledgement of Allocation Letter and the Annual Certification for the Future of Public Health Funding Award Number FoPH-055 for the maximum amount of \$267,867 per fiscal year, effective 7/1/25 and shall terminate 6/30/27  
Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2025-259
- 15. HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY / PUBLIC HEALTH 25-1415**  
a) AGREEMENT - Request approval and authorization for the Executive Director to sign the grant funding agreement with First 5 Tehama/Tehama County Children and Families Commission for the purpose of providing funding to the Health Services Agency for the perinatal/postpartum initiative, up to \$15,000, effective 7/1/25 and shall terminate 6/30/26  
Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2025-260
- 16. HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY / PUBLIC HEALTH 25-1417**  
a) Request approval and authorization for the Executive Director to sign and submit the application for the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP), State General Fund (GF) Pandemic Influenza (Pan Flu), and Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Funding Allocation in the amount of \$336,639, effective for the term 7/1/25 through 6/30/26  
Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2025-261
- 17. ELECTIONS 25-1439**  
a) AGREEMENT - Request approval and authorization for the Clerk & Recorder to sign the agreement with ProVote Solutions, a Division of ProDocument Solutions, Inc. for the purpose of printing and mail preparation of election related materials in an amount not to exceed \$450,000, effective 8/1/25 through 12/31/26  
Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2025-272
- 18. AUDITOR/CONTROLLER 25-1421**

a) AGREEMENT - Request approval and authorization for the Chairman to sign the Agreement with Hinderliter, De Llamas and Associates, a California Corporation for the purpose of providing sales tax audit and information services with the Contractor being paid 15% of all new Sales and/or Use tax revenue, effective 7/1/25 and shall terminate June 30, 2030

Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2025-262

**19. PUBLIC WORKS 25-1422**

a) AGREEMENT - Request approval and authorization for the Interim Director to sign Amendment No. 1 to Misc. Agreement 2022-166, with UBEO Business Services (Formerly Ray Morgan Company) for the purpose of leasing one Canon imageRunner Advance DX C7765i color copier, in the amount not to exceed \$41,000 and thereby extending the termination date of the agreement to 9/28/27

Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2025-263

**20. ADMINISTRATION 25-1430**

a) AGREEMENT - Request approval and authorization for the Chair to sign the agreement with APEX Technology Management for the purpose of providing remote support services for servers, computers and network, and on-site and cloud backup services, with maximum compensation not to exceed \$260,000, effective 7/1/25 and shall terminate 6/30/26

Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2025-264

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**21. HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY - Executive Director Jayme Bottke & Public Health Director Minnie Sagar 25-1413**

a) PROCLAMATION - Request adoption of a proclamation proclaiming the month of August 2025 as "National Breastfeeding Month" in Tehama County

Health Services Agency Executive Director Jayme Bottke introduced Public Health Director Minnie Sagar who read the proclamation.

**RESULT:** APPROVE

**MOVER:** Pati Nolen

**SECONDER:** Tom Walker

**AYES:** Supervisor Jones, Supervisor Burroughs, Supervisor Walker, Vice Chair Nolen, and Chairperson Hansen

**22. HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY - Executive Director Jayme Bottke and Continuum of Care Coordinator Andrea Curry 25-1408**

a) Request approval and adoption of the Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan (Plan), which is a requirement of the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Round 6 (HHAP-6) grant program

Health Services Agency Executive Director Jayme Bottke gave some background on the HHAP grant and the partnership with the Continuum of Care.

Continuum of Care Coordinator Andrea Curry explained the plan for the use of HHAP funds and the priority to sustain current programs and outreach. Ms. Curry further

explained actions in the plan regarding homeless issues.

In response to Supervisor Hansen, Ms. Curry explained the role of the Vitality Project in this grant as the business entity because the Continuum of Care is a collaborative body.

**RESULT:** APPROVE  
**MOVER:** Tom Walker  
**SECONDER:** Greg Jones  
**AYES:** Supervisor Jones, Supervisor Burroughs, Supervisor Walker, Vice Chair Nolen, and Chairperson Hansen

b) AGREEMENT - Request approval and authorization for the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Tehama, the Tehama County Continuum of Care, and The Vitality Project, as the Administrative Entity for the Continuum of Care regarding the HHAP-6 grant program; and further authorization for the Executive Director to act on behalf of the County by signing the necessary documents in connection with the application and award of HHAP-6 funds. The MOU delegates the County of Tehama's HHAP-6 funds to the Tehama County Continuum of Care

**RESULT:** APPROVE  
**MOVER:** Pati Nolen  
**SECONDER:** Tom Walker  
**AYES:** Supervisor Jones, Supervisor Burroughs, Supervisor Walker, Vice Chair Nolen, and Chairperson Hansen  
Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2025-273

## **RECESS to convene as the Tehama County Board of Equalization**

### **24. TEHAMA COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION - County Assessor 25-1424 Burley Phillips**

a) Request approval of the following stipulations as recommended by the County Assessor:

- 1) Assessment Appeal No. 14-2023, DirecTV LLC
- 2) Assessment Appeal No. 11-2021, 29-2022, 19-2023 & 14-2024; Tesla Energy Operations

**RESULT:** APPROVE  
**MOVER:** Pati Nolen  
**SECONDER:** Greg Jones  
**AYES:** Supervisor Jones, Supervisor Burroughs, Supervisor Walker, Vice Chair Nolen, and Chairperson Hansen

b) Request approval of the following withdrawal as recommended by the County Assessor:

- 1) Assessment Appeal No. 11-2023 & 8-2024, DaVita Inc.
- Principal Appraiser Patrick Archer gave background on the stipulations and the agreement reached with the appellants.

**RESULT:** APPROVE  
**MOVER:** Pati Nolen

**SECONDER:** Greg Jones

**AYES:** Supervisor Jones, Supervisor Burroughs, Supervisor Walker, Vice Chair Nolen, and Chairperson Hansen

## **ADJOURN to reconvene as the Tehama County Board of Supervisors**

**10:00 A.M.**

**23. PUBLIC HEARING / COUNTY BUDGET, FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 - 25-1405  
ADMINISTRATION**

a) PUBLIC HEARING - On the FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget Report to the Board

b) Call for Public Comments

c) Request Board consensus to accept the FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget as presented

Administrative Fiscal Manager Orepá Mamea gave an overview of the Adopted Budget.

Supervisor Jones requested that the County pay for a membership to the Los Molinos Chamber of Commerce the same as is currently being paid to the Red Bluff and Corning Chambers.

Supervisor Hansen commented that he would be in favor of directing any excess fund balance carry over to the Sheriff Radio Project.

Consensus was not received to purchase membership in the Los Molinos Chamber of Commerce.

Auditor Krista Peterson explained the current fund balance carry over estimate and discussed options for the use of the excess carry over.

Consensus was received to put any excess carry over in the Strategic Priority fund.

Sheriff Dave Kain discussed the new Captain position and his commitment to use AB 443 to pay for portions of the Sheriff's Office projects.

Supervisor Burroughs thanked Mrs. Mamea for her hard work on the budget.

Chairman Hansen opened the public hearing at 10:17 A.M.

Louise Wilkinson thanked Mrs. Mamea and Mrs. Peterson for their hard work on the budget and asked the Board to be aware of reducing reserve accounts.

Jenny Alexander commented that the Board has not directed reductions in spending. Ms. Alexander further commented about reducing contracts and staffing.

Jessica Clark commented about a budget deficit and reducing the budget. Ms. Clark further commented on principles of economics and verifying that expenditures are necessary.

Sharon Novak commented about reducing the budget and identifying services that are being provided. Ms. Novak further commented about funds spent on homelessness, poverty, mental health and identifying the funds that are available.

Martha Kleykamp discussed sustainable practices and including that in the budget. Ms. Kleykamp further commented about private and public cooperation to implement sustainability and technology.

Consensus was received to adopt the budget as presented.

**25. HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY / PUBLIC HEALTH - Executive 25-1410**

**Director Jayme Bottke**

a) AGREEMENT - Request approval and authorization for the Executive Director and other designated Health Services Agency staff to sign the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division Agreement Funding Application (AFA) and related documents for the purpose of the California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) and Evidenced-Based Home Visiting (EBHV) expansions in the amount of \$1,211,377.11, effective 7/1/25 through 6/30/26

Health Services Executive Director Jayme Bottke gave background and statistics on the home visiting program.

Supervisor Burroughs asked why the County is telling parents how to raise their children and why are we spending \$1.2 million on this.

In response to Supervisor Burroughs, Mrs. Bottke explained that this program receives referrals from Child Welfare Services and works to provide tools to help parents keep their children in the home and out of the Child Welfare system.

Social Services Director Bekkie Emery explained that this program has helped to decrease numbers in Child Welfare and that these efforts are helping families. Mrs. Emery further explained that this program is evidence based and is not funded by the General Fund.

Supervisor Nolen commented that involvement in First 5 and other organizations would help to educate the Board on the need for this program.

**RESULT:** APPROVE

**MOVER:** Pati Nolen

**SECONDER:** Greg Jones

**AYES:** Supervisor Jones, Supervisor Burroughs, Supervisor Walker, Vice Chair Nolen, and Chairperson Hansen  
Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2025-265

**26. HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY - Executive Director Jayme Bottke 25-1418**

a) AGREEMENT - Request approval and authorization for the Executive Director to sign the sub-contract agreement with Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. (AHP), AHP serves as the Administrative Entity on behalf of DHCS for the SOR IV grant, for the

purpose of providing funding for the improvement, expansion, and increase of the California Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) Hub & Spoke System (CA H&SS) under the State Opioid Response (SOR) Round IV grant, in the amount of \$481,156.47, effective 1/1/25 through 9/29/27

Health Services Agency Executive Director Jayme Bottke explained how the grant is used to cover costs of substance use recovery activities.

**RESULT:** APPROVE

**MOVER:** Pati Nolen

**SECONDER:** Greg Jones

**AYES:** Supervisor Jones, Supervisor Burroughs, Supervisor Walker, Vice Chair Nolen, and Chairperson Hansen  
Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2025-266

**27. HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY - Executive Director Jayme Bottke 25-1419**

a) AGREEMENT - Request approval and authorization for the Executive Director to sign Amendment No. 2 with Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC (Misc. Agree. 2023-300), as amended by Misc. Agree. 2024-165, for Narcotic Replacement Therapy (NRT) services thereby increasing the maximum compensation not to exceed to \$1,600,000, effective 7/1/23 through 6/30/26

In response to Supervisor Burroughs, Health Services Agency Executive Director Jayme Bottke explained that this program is required by the State and that costs have been rising. Mrs. Bottke further explained that there are some grants that can help offset the costs.

**RESULT:** APPROVE

**MOVER:** Greg Jones

**SECONDER:** Pati Nolen

**AYES:** Supervisor Jones, Supervisor Burroughs, Supervisor Walker, Vice Chair Nolen, and Chairperson Hansen  
Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2025-267

**28. PROBATION DEPARTMENT - Chief Probation Officer Pam Gonzalez 25-1401**

a) BID WAIVER

1) Request to adopt the finding that the acquisition of Axon TASERS and accessories from Axon Enterprise, Inc., without allowing for otherwise equal substitutes, is desirable to meet the goal of compatibility and standardization of equipment within the department, which will allow consistent specialized training for staff, easier coordination of equipment maintenance services, increased familiarity with uniform equipment and simplified supply and accessories inventory

2) Request to adopt the finding that Axon Enterprise, Inc. is the only distributor authorized to sell Axon Enterprises, Inc. TASERS and accessories in the United States

3) Request to find it in the best interest of the County to waive the formal bid process for the acquisition of twenty-five (25) Axon TASERS plus accessories,

from Axon Enterprise, Inc.

**RESULT:** APPROVE  
**MOVER:** Pati Nolen  
**SECONDER:** Tom Walker  
**AYES:** Supervisor Jones, Supervisor Burroughs, Supervisor Walker, Vice Chair Nolen, and Chairperson Hansen

b) AGREEMENT - Request approval and authorization for the Chief Probation Officer to sign the first amendment to the Master Services and Purchasing Agreement (Misc. Agree. #2024-113) with Axon Enterprise, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$203,164.80 for the acquisition of TASERS accessories. This agreement shall commence on the date of signing and shall terminate upon completion of all payments  
*(Subject to receipt of required insurance documentation)*

In response to Supervisor Jones, Deputy Chief Probation Officer Clayton Bennet explained that these Tasers are now on a lease program and not purchased directly.

**RESULT:** APPROVE  
**MOVER:** Pati Nolen  
**SECONDER:** Tom Walker  
**AYES:** Supervisor Jones, Supervisor Burroughs, Supervisor Walker, Vice Chair Nolen, and Chairperson Hansen  
Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2025-268

**29. SOCIAL SERVICES / COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY - Ex Officio 25-1382**  
**Executive Director Bekkie Emery**

a) AGREEMENT- Request approval and authorization for Tehama County Community Action Agency ex officio Executive Director Bekkie Emery to sign subaward A24-0011-S004 with Chico State Enterprises, on behalf of the Area 3 Agency on Aging for the provision of the Modernizing Older Californians Act funding for the Meals on Wheels program in an amount not to exceed \$151,585, effective 7/1/25 through 3/31/27

Social Services Director Bekkie Emery explained the Meals on Wheels program and how this grant will be utilized in that program.

**RESULT:** APPROVE  
**MOVER:** Rob Burroughs  
**SECONDER:** Pati Nolen  
**AYES:** Supervisor Jones, Supervisor Burroughs, Supervisor Walker, Vice Chair Nolen, and Chairperson Hansen  
Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2025-269

**30. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Sheriff Dave Kain 25-1426**

a) AGREEMENT - Request approval and authorization for the Chair and the Sheriff to sign the Agreement with Day Wireless Systems, for the purpose of R56 site grounding remediation for three repeater towers located at Rancho Tehama, Inskip and the Tehama County Jail/Dispatch Center, with maximum compensation not to exceed \$63,366.25 effective upon signing and shall terminate upon completion

**RESULT:** APPROVE

**MOVER:** Pati Nolen  
**SECONDER:** Rob Burroughs  
**AYES:** Supervisor Jones, Supervisor Burroughs, Supervisor Walker, Vice Chair Nolen, and Chairperson Hansen  
Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2025-270

**RECESS to convene as the Tehama County Sanitation District No. 1**

**31. TEHAMA COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO.1- Finance Manager 25-1375**

**Danielle Peterson**

a) Request approval of the claims paid April 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$50,653.87

**RESULT:** APPROVE

**MOVER:** Pati Nolen

**SECONDER:** Tom Walker

**AYES:** Supervisor Jones, Supervisor Burroughs, Supervisor Walker, Vice Chair Nolen, and Chairperson Hansen

**ADJOURN to reconvene as the Tehama County Board of Supervisors**

**32. PUBLIC WORKS - Interim Director Will Pike 25-1433**

a) ROAD AGREEMENT - Request approval and authorization for the Chair and the Interim Director to sign the revised Recipient Designated Subrecipient Agreement between the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the County of Tehama for the Woodson Bridge Feasibility Study Project and authorize the Interim Public Works Director (or designee) to take all actions necessary to implement the Agreement

Interim Public Works Director Will Pike thanked Gabriel Hydrick for recognizing the award that Public Works has received. Mr. Pike further thanked his staff Jessica Riske-Gomez, Shawn Furtado, and Jessica Pecha for their work on that project.

Mr. Pike explained the Woodson Bridge project and the agreement.

Transportation Commission Director Jessica Riske-Gomez explained that this project will be a full study of the bridge to identify the next steps with the bridge and open opportunities for funding.

In response to Supervisor Walker, Ms. Riske-Gomez explained that she is not sure if the erosion issues near the bridge can be added to the project scope. Ms. Riske-Gomez stated that the study could take 2 to 4 years.

**RESULT:** APPROVE

**MOVER:** Pati Nolen

**SECONDER:** Greg Jones

**AYES:** Supervisor Jones, Supervisor Burroughs, Supervisor Walker, Vice Chair Nolen, and Chairperson Hansen  
Enactment No: ROAD AGR 2025-006

**33. ELECTIONS - Clerk & Recorder Sean Houghtby 25-1358**

a) ORDINANCE NO. 2148 - Request the adoption of an ordinance adding Chapter 2 Article 28 to the Tehama County Code requiring electronic filing of campaign statements

- 1) Waive the first reading
- 2) Accept the introduction

Clerk & Recorder Sean Houghtby explained the need for the ordinance to assist the County with complying with new State requirements and allowing easier access to candidates filing paperwork.

**RESULT:** APPROVE

**MOVER:** Pati Nolen

**SECONDER:** Tom Walker

**AYES:** Supervisor Jones, Supervisor Burroughs, Supervisor Walker, Vice Chair Nolen, and Chairperson Hansen

**34. CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES / PERSONNEL / ADMINISTRATION - 25-1387**

**Chief Administrator Gabriel Hydrick**

a) AGREEMENT - Request approval and authorization for the Chair to sign an Employment Agreement with Tonya Moore for the position of Child Support Services Director, effective 9/1/25 through 8/31/28

Chief Administrator Gabriel Hydrick gave an overview of Child Support Director Tonya Moore's employment contract.

**RESULT:** APPROVE

**MOVER:** Tom Walker

**SECONDER:** Greg Jones

**AYES:** Supervisor Jones, Supervisor Burroughs, Supervisor Walker, Vice Chair Nolen, and Chairperson Hansen  
Enactment No: MISC. AGR 2025-271

**35. HEALTH INSURANCE / PERSONNEL - Personnel Director Coral 25-1384**

**Ferrin**

a) Request approval of the following recommendations from the Tehama County Health Insurance Advisory Committee:

1) Increase the medical insurance premiums by 14.20% for the renewal period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, for the EPO and PPO plans

2) Increase the dental insurance premiums by 8.22% (this includes proposed two-year buy down option outlined below) for the renewal period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026

3) Increase the vision insurance premiums by 15.3% for the renewal period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026

4) Schedule the 2026 Open Enrollment period for October 1-31, 2025

In response to Supervisor Hansen, Personnel Director Coral Ferrin explained the employee benefits package. Mrs. Ferrin explained that the County portion of the package is \$2,205.86 and the employee portion is \$266.97 per month.

Louise Wilkinson requested the names of the members of the Tehama County Health Insurance Advisory Committee and asked if the insurance was sent to a request for proposal.

Mrs. Ferrin explained that the County is a member of PRISM health and further explained changes in the program.

Jessica Clark commented that employees should have to pay more for insurance.

Mrs. Ferrin explained that the cost to employees of insurance is negotiated with the unions. Mrs. Ferrin further showed information about increases to insurance costs over the last 10 years and the cost of other options.

Martha Kleykamp asked for clarification on PRISM Health being nonprofit or for profit.

Mrs. Ferrin explained that PRISM Health is an insurance pool for self insurance.

Chief Administrator Gabriel Hydrick further explained the size of the PRISM Health pool and the benefits of membership.

In response to Supervisor Burroughs, Mrs. Ferrin explained that to reduce the cost of claims, employees should take advantage of preventative options.

**RESULT:** APPROVE  
**MOVER:** Pati Nolen  
**SECONDER:** Greg Jones  
**AYES:** Supervisor Jones, Supervisor Burroughs, Supervisor Walker, Vice Chair Nolen, and Chairperson Hansen

b) Request authorization for the Personnel Director and/or the Auditor to take the necessary steps to notify Alliant Insurance Services (broker), PRISM Health Insurance Program, and the third-party administrator, BCC

**RESULT:** APPROVE  
**MOVER:** Pati Nolen  
**SECONDER:** Tom Walker  
**AYES:** Supervisor Jones, Supervisor Burroughs, Supervisor Walker, Vice Chair Nolen, and Chairperson Hansen

**36. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**25-1379**

a) Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding required responses to the Grand Jury Report for FY 24-25

Supervisor Hansen proposed that he draft the response to the Grand Jury report.

Jenny Alexander asked if there was going to be public comment on the Grand Jury

report at this time.

Supervisor Hansen stated that he felt it was better for the Board to draft a response first instead of staff, the findings were focused on the Board and bring it back for public review and discussion.

Martha Kleykamp asked that the board listen to the public.

Consensus received to have Supervisor Hansen draft the response and review with Supervisor Burroughs before the response is brought back to the full Board.

**37. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 25-1381**

a) Request approval and authorization for the Chair to sign a letter of support for the Fix Our Forests Act (FOFA)

**RESULT:** APPROVE

**MOVER:** Pati Nolen

**SECONDER:** Tom Walker

**AYES:** Supervisor Jones, Supervisor Burroughs, Supervisor Walker, Vice Chair Nolen, and Chairperson Hansen

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Supervisor Burroughs - Rent control study session to include ordinance examples (Consensus Received), Study session on energy generation options within the County specifically to include biomass. (Consensus Received)

**CLOSED SESSION**

**38. CLOSED SESSION 25-1296**

a) PERSONNEL / PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957)

Title: Part One of the Agricultural Commissioner Annual Performance Evaluation Process

**39. CLOSED SESSION 25-1298**

a) PERSONNEL / PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957)

Title: Part One of the Air Pollution Control Officer Annual Performance Evaluation Process

**40. CLOSED SESSION 25-1463**

a) PERSONNEL / PUBLIC APPOINTMENT OR EMPLOYMENT (Government Code Section 54957)

Title: Director of Public Works

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**REPORTABLE ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

38. CLOSED SESSION 25 1296

a) PERSONNEL / PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957)

Title: Part One of the Agricultural Commissioner Annual Performance Evaluation Process

**Reportable Action: Part One Completed**

39. CLOSED SESSION 25 1298

a) PERSONNEL / PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957)

Title: Part One of the Air Pollution Control Officer Annual Performance Evaluation Process

**Reportable Action: Part One Completed**

40. CLOSED SESSION 25 1463

a) PERSONNEL / PUBLIC APPOINTMENT OR EMPLOYMENT (Government Code Section 54957)

Title: Director of Public Works

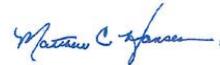
**Reportable Action: Direction given to staff**

## **ADJOURN**

3:02 P.M. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST: August 21, 2025

APPROVED



Chairman of the Board  
of Supervisors

SEAN HOUGHTBY, Clerk  
of the Board of Supervisors

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## Sean Houghtby

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**From:** jeneric@digitalpath.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 19, 2025 12:51 PM  
**To:** Tehama County Board of Supervisors  
**Cc:** Krista Peterson  
**Subject:** BUDGET SUGGESTION

Board:

I forgot to add one of the most important budget suggestions. The budget preparation and administration tasks belong to our Chief Administrator yet he has apparently delegated these duties to Orepa. I haven't heard him offer anything of substance regarding the budget or its process. It is odd that we are paying him so much money and that is stated as one of his primary duties. I propose that we reduce his salary by \$100,000 and give \$50,000 to Orepa and put the rest back in the general fund. I know that will never happen but how can the board hold the Chief Administrator accountable when something goes wrong with the budget when he is so uninvolved? We are paying him for something he isn't doing and Orepa is being paid for duties that exceed her responsibility and accountability.

Just a thought.

Jenny Alexander

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## Sean Houghtby

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**From:** jessica.clark <jessica.clark.vr@proton.me>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 19, 2025 10:31 AM  
**To:** Sean Houghtby  
**Subject:** Can you please add this to the minutes

Thank you Orepa. Thank you Rob. I couldn't agree more. I feel you need to start now.

Matt, I love that you said we need to have tough decisions. Can we please walk that walk rather than speaking about it just to pacify.

The most basic economic principles tell us this county is on an unsustainable path. Gregory Mankiw, in his Ten Principles of Economics, lays out lessons so simple they are taught in Econ 101, and yet, looking at this \$11.3 million deficit, it is clear those principles are being ignored.

One principle says, "People face trade-offs." Our county acts as though we can spend freely, hand out raises, and expand services without making cuts elsewhere. But the truth is every dollar spent here means a dollar not spent somewhere else. A few years ago, \$6 million in raises were pushed through. That was not sustainable then, and it is proving unsustainable now. If we keep approving budgets with deficits, we will never catch up. We will never find a way out.

Another principle: "The cost of something is what you give up to get it." When those raises were approved, we gave up financial stability. When we leave lights burning in empty buildings, we give up resources that could go to deputies, fire crews, or roads. When we spend on perks instead of priorities, we give up the ability to keep our county secure and solvent.

Principle three says, "Rational people think at the margin." Rational budgeting means asking if the next dollar of spending is worth it. Do we really need to be paying for a stack of county cell phones, or should we dwindle it down to just the ones absolutely necessary, like the Sheriff's office, probation, PG&E and road crews, one on-call phone for social services, and one for health services? That is rational.

Do we need to keep paying a \$55,000-plus PG&E bill without questioning how to bring it down? Why not turn the thermostat up instead of freezing people out of chambers and empty offices? Why aren't lights turned off when rooms are vacant? Why are we wasting taxpayer dollars on comforts and conveniences instead of necessities? These are simple, rational adjustments that add up.

And one more principle: "Governments can sometimes improve outcomes, but they can just as easily destroy them." Approving budgets where expenditures outpace revenues year after year destroys

stability. It destroys confidence. It drives our kids and grandkids away from Tehama County because they see no future here.

So I have questions that demand answers.

What are we going to do to stabilize this budget?

When will you start the tough conversations about real cuts, furloughs, and efficiencies?

Are we paying only what we are required to pay for government services, or are we paying more than necessary without proof?

Why aren't we doing more with less?

Why do we keep calling it "balanced" when spending exceeds revenue?

Supervisors, how many of you have children? Do they live here? Do you want them to stay here, raise their families here, and give you the chance to see your grandkids grow up nearby? Because if this county keeps making irresponsible decisions, they will not. They will leave for places where leaders are fiscally responsible.

This \$11.3 million deficit is not just a number on paper. It is a warning. It is a chance to finally apply the most basic principles of economics to our county government. Cut where we can. Do more with less. Protect reserves for true emergencies. Build a budget where revenues actually cover expenditures. If we do not start now, then when?

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