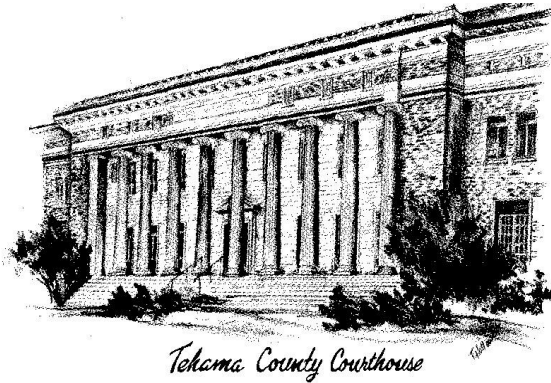


*Board of Supervisors*  
COUNTY OF TEHAMA

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July 29, 2025

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To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Tehama, we are requesting that the Department of Justice and Attorney General's Office assume control of an investigation and any potential prosecution of a matter within our County. All individuals involved in this matter, including the Board of Supervisors and Sheriff, have a potential conflict of interest, personal involvement and bias, and, therefore, an outside agency is needed to ensure that the investigation is performed in a fair and proper manner.

As brief background, on March 25, 2025, three Board Members discovered that Supervisor Pati Nolen was in possession of a travel cup containing a liquid with the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage during a County Board of Supervisors meeting. Supervisor Pati Nolen had forgotten her cup in County Counsel's office and upon discovering it, the cup was secured and turned over to the District Attorney's office for testing. The testing confirmed the cup contained an alcoholic beverage.

It was believed Supervisor Nolen had been drinking the alcoholic beverage during the meeting. Not knowing her exact condition and out of concern, a call was made to notify the Red Bluff Police Department of what had been discovered. Based on this information, Supervisor Nolen was stopped by the Red Bluff Police Department while driving home from the Board meeting, and evaluated for possibly driving under the influence of alcohol. She was not arrested or charged.

On March 26, 2025, Supervisor Nolen attempted to file a complaint with the City of Red Bluff Police Department alleging the call to the Red Bluff Police was a false police report. The City of Red Bluff Police Department did not accept her complaint.

In addition, Tehama County District Attorney Mathew D. Rogers investigated the issue of the alleged filing of a false police report, and has issued a statement indicating that nothing criminal had occurred.

On July 1, 2025, the Tehama County Grand Jury formally charged Supervisor Nolen under Government Code section 3060, for her willful and corrupt conduct while in office. The Grand Jury specifically found that "Those present at the discovery of the cup reasonably and in good faith believed that Respondent (Supervisor Nolen) was impaired and reported to law enforcement that she was possibly driving under the influence of alcohol (DUI)."

Regardless, on June 2, 2025, at Supervisor Nolen's request, Tehama County Sheriff David Kain announced he had initiated an investigation. On July 3, 2025, Sheriff Kain announced that he was continuing the investigation into the call to the Red Bluff Police Department regarding the alleged consumption of alcohol by Supervisor Nolen. The Sheriff's initial Press Release states "The Tehama County Sheriff's Office has initiated a formal investigation of criminal allegations associated with certain members of the Tehama County Board of Supervisors and specific Tehama County Department Heads. This investigation was initiated after a report of a possible DUI driver was made to the Red Bluff Police Department on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025." This investigation by the Sheriff remains ongoing and is the one the Board of Supervisors is requesting your office to assume.

The reason for this request is that all parties involved have conflicts of interest due to bias and personal involvement. Members of the Board of Supervisors are being investigated by Sheriff Kain, which makes it difficult for them to exercise their duties over budgetary matters related to his office.

Sheriff Kain is currently being investigated by the Board of Supervisors of Tehama County following reports of misconduct that were received approximately one year ago. The County has hired an outside investigator to maintain neutrality in this investigation. However, the fact that Sheriff Kain is being investigated by the County makes it impossible for him to fulfill his duty without bias. The Sheriff stated in his June 2, 2025, Press Release that it is important that we have a "neutral" investigator take over this matter, and your office's assumption of this case is the only way to avoid it being clouded by bias.

Justice is not served by the Board and the Sheriff using the criminal justice system to point fingers at each other, and the Board is committed to having the whole truth come out.

As a result, we are requesting your involvement in handling this matter going forward, and we are committed to providing your office access to the information it needs to render its independent decision as to any misconduct.

Yours very truly,

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Supervisor Rob Burroughs

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Supervisor Tom Walker

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Supervisor Pati Nolen

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Supervisor Matt Hansen

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Supervisor Greg Jones