



BUTTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES

AUGUST 12, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Observation of a Moment of Silence

2. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Rules of Decorum

The Board of Supervisors welcomes the public to its meetings and encourages and appreciates public engagement. The Board of Supervisors expects members of the public to act in a courteous, civil, and respectful manner, and not make personal, impertinent, slanderous, or profane remarks to any member of the Board, staff, or the general public. The Board of Supervisors will not tolerate loud, threatening, personal, or abusive language, or disorderly conduct, which disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of Board meetings. Violation of these rules of decorum will result in the meeting being recessed.

2.1 Corrections and/or Changes to the Agenda

- Item 5.1 - The annual rate adjustments for tipping fees is broken down for each fiscal year. The item currently reads “an increase of” and should read instead “increase to” for each fiscal year.
- Item 3.2.a – Item was pulled from the agenda and will be brought back at a later date.

2.2 Announcement(s) of Recusal

3. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda will begin with any Supervisor Comments on the Consent Agenda Items, then proceed with the Adoption of the Consent Agenda. Items can be removed for further discussion at the request of a Supervisor.

The following members of the public submitted Public Comment: John Stonebraker submitted a comment for item 3.5.a (electronically), and The Cameraman commented on Item 3.5.d.

Action: ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA.

Motion: Supervisor Durfee

Second: Supervisor Teeter

Motion passed unanimously with the exception of item 3.5.d, which was approved by a 3-2 vote (Ayes: Supervisors Connelly, Teeter and Chair Kimmelshue; Nays: Supervisors Durfee and Ritter).

3.1. Auditor-Controller's Office

3.1.a 2025-26 Gann - Proposition 4 Appropriations Limit

In November 1979, the California voters followed up the tax limitations of Proposition 13 with an amendment to the State Constitution to limit the growth of government spending with Proposition 4. This Proposition is commonly known as the “Gann Initiative” for anti-tax advocate Paul Gann. Proposition 4 created Article XIII B of the California Constitution, which provides a formula for calculating spending limits. With the increasing difficulties of the restrictions of Proposition 4, and to increase accountability, voters approved Proposition 111 in June of 1990, which revised the adjustment formulas. Appropriations limits only apply to revenues defined as “proceeds of taxes.” Expenditures of tax proceeds that are not subject to the limit include those for voter-approved debt, qualified capital outlay, as well as the costs of complying with court orders and federal mandates. The appropriations limit is the calculated dollar amount that restricts the ability to appropriate proceeds of taxes. The appropriations that are subject to limitation may not exceed the calculated appropriation limit. The appropriation limit for any year is the appropriation limit from the prior fiscal year increased for population growth and inflation.

The legislation, which implemented Proposition 4 (Government Code Section 7910), requires that a jurisdiction’s governing body establish, by resolution, its appropriation limit for the following fiscal year no sooner than 15 days after documentation used to determine the limit is available to the public. Documentation was made available July 28, 2025. The Board of Supervisors has adopted the fiscal year 2025-26 Recommended budget. The calculation determined the County of Butte and the dependent special districts’ appropriations are compliant with Proposition 4 limitations. (AUDITOR-CONTROLLER’S OFFICE)

Action Requested - ADOPT RESOLUTIONS (2) AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.2. County Administration

3.2.a Approval of Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

Submitted for approval are the July 29, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - APPROVE THE JULY 29, 2025, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES.

Item was pulled from the agenda and will be brought back at a later date.

3.2.b Contract Amendment with Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP for Bond Counsel Services

On August 24, 2020, the County entered into contract with Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP for specialized legal services, including serving as bond counsel and providing advice on various public financing matters as the need arises. The most recent amendment set the hourly rates for services between \$410-\$655. The Department recommends amending the contract with Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP for bond counsel services. The amendment increases the hourly rates to range between \$480-\$664, effective January 1, 2025, and extends the term of the contract through June 30, 2028. All other terms remain the same. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - APPROVE CONTRACT AMENDMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.2.c Resolution Ratifying Local Disaster Proclamation

Andy Pickett, the Chief Administrative Officer, proclaimed a local emergency on July 2, 2024, due to the Thompson Fire. The fire burned a portion of the community with a high concentration of access and functional needs population and ultimately destroyed 34 structures. On July 25, 2024, the Chief Administrative Officer proclaimed a local emergency for the Park Fire. The Park Fire started the afternoon of July 24, 2024, in Upper Bidwell Park on the edge of Chico and grew quickly, requiring evacuations in North Chico, Richardson Springs, Cohasset, Butte Meadows, and Forest Ranch. The Park Fire destroyed 428 structures. The magnitude of the Thompson and Park Fires quickly outpaced local capacity and each was declared a local emergency due to wildfire.

Per California Law, once the proclamation is ratified, it must be renewed every 60 days. The Department requests the Board renew the local emergency for the Park and Thompson Fires. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - ADOPT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.3. Department of Child Support Services

3.3.a Resolution Proclaiming August 2025 as Child Support Awareness Month

Children who are supported by their parents are more likely to perform better in school, have improved emotional development, and a stable home life. Child Support Awareness Month, recognized nationwide, is an opportunity to increase public awareness of the services available to families through the local child support office. In recognition of this observance, the Department of Child Support Services recommends the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution proclaiming August 2025 as Child Support Awareness Month. This resolution encourages parents to contact the Department to explore options for managing unpaid back support amounts and to learn about services available. (DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES)

Action Requested - ADOPT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.4. Department of General Services

- 3.4.a Ratification of Change Orders 1 through 3 and Approval of Change Orders 4, 5, and 6 for the Chico Behavioral Health Center Purchase and Improvements Project with REM Construction, Inc. (REM) at the Community Counseling Center, 254 Cohasset Road, Chico
On December 10, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract with REM for improvements at the new Chico Community Counseling Center located at 254 Cohasset Road, Chico. The contract was awarded for \$1,622,202 and funded by the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Grant. Since the contract award, the Department of General Services has issued three change orders to REM totaling \$90,489 to address unforeseen construction issues. REM has now submitted Change Order 4 in the amount of \$67,607 to replace the electrical wiring within the office walls to comply with building code requirements. Change Order 5, totaling \$143,174, proposes the replacement of electrical wiring throughout the entire building with new circuits and a backbone wiring system connected to the main service panel. Additionally, Change Order 6, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$202,668, has been submitted to mitigate mold found on the north building wall. The Department recommends that the Board ratify Change Orders 1 through 3, which were previously executed by General Services, and approve Change Orders 4, 5, and 6, totaling a not-to-exceed amount of \$413,449, bringing the total contract cost to \$2,126,139. All other terms and conditions of the contract remain unchanged. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

Action Requested - 1) RATIFY CHANGE ORDERS 1-3; 2) APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS 4, 5, AND 6; AND 3) AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

- 3.4.b Approval of Change Order 7 with Holt Construction Inc. (Holt) for the 18 County Center Drive Rehabilitation Project

On April 9, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved the renovation of 18 County Center and allocated \$3.32 million to the project. The Department of General Services elected to use the flexibility of Job Order Contracting (JOC) to progress incrementally; assessing options after each phase rather than committing to the entire scope of work at the onset.

The Board of Supervisors previously approved six change orders to Holt, increasing the total contract value for the project to \$2,096,155. During the design phase for the building's new HVAC systems, the County and its consultant had hoped the existing underfloor duct work in the West Wing could be reused. However, after removal of the sub-flooring, it was determined that the existing duct work does not meet current code requirements and cannot be reused. The Department of General Services recommends approval of Change Order 7 in the amount of \$267,778 to remove and replace the non-compliant duct work. Approval of this change order will allow construction to proceed without delay and will bring the current construction cost to \$2,363,933.

Additionally, the Department recommends the Board authorize the Director of General Services to approve JOC change orders for additional phases of the renovation as needed. Remaining within the previously approved budget and contract, this authorization will allow the Director to approve additional necessary work in real time to avoid delays and maintain the project schedule. All executed change orders will be presented to the Board for ratification upon project completion, along with the Notice of Completion. (DEPARTMENT

OF GENERAL SERVICES)

Action Requested - 1) APPROVE CHANGE ORDER 7, AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN; AND 2) AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL CHANGE ORDERS FOR LATER RATIFICATION.

- 3.4.c Notice to Proceed Under Job Order Contract with Mesa Energy Systems dba Emcor Services (EMCOR) for HVAC System Replacement Project at 2081 2nd Street, Oroville
On October 12, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds for the replacement of aging HVAC systems utilizing R-22 refrigerant, which has been phased out due to environmental regulations. On November 12, 2024, the Board approved a contract with EMCOR under the Department of General Services 2025 Job Order Contract Program. Pursuant to County policy, any individual job order exceeding \$250,000 requires Board approval of the Notice to Proceed (NTP). The Department received a proposal from EMCOR in the amount of \$871,616 for the replacement of the HVAC system at the General Services building located at 2081 2nd Street in Oroville. The existing HVAC units are more than 20 years old and use an obsolete R-22 refrigerant. The Department recommends the Board approve the NTP with EMCOR in the amount of \$871,616 for the HVAC system replacement project at 2081 2nd Street, Oroville, and authorize the Chair to sign. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

Action Requested - APPROVE THE NOTICE TO PROCEED AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN.

- 3.4.d Ratification of Change Orders 1 through 13 and Approval of Change Orders 14 and 15 with United Building Contractors Inc. (UBC) for the Fire Station 61 Rebuild Project in Berry Creek
In August 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract with UBC, in the amount of \$1,586,966, for the reconstruction of Fire Station 61, which was destroyed during the 2020 North Complex Fire. During construction, the Department of General Services issued 13 change orders totaling \$88,968 to address unforeseen site conditions and construction needs. UBC has submitted two additional change orders required to complete the project: Change Order 14, in the amount of \$3,107, to add door seals at the bottom of the overhead doors to prevent debris and weather intrusion; and Change Order 15, in the amount of \$14,904, to add protective posts around the septic and gas line areas. The Department recommends the Board ratify Change Orders 1 through 13, previously executed by the Department, and approve Change Orders 14 and 15, in the amount of \$18,011. The revised total project amount of \$1,693,945 is financed with insurance proceeds. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

Action Requested - 1) RATIFY CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS 1-13; AND 2) EXECUTE CHANGE ORDERS 14 AND 15, AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.5. Department of Human Resources

3.5.a Resolution Authorizing the Department of Human Resources to Retain Records Electronically on a Trusted System

The Department of Human Resources recommends approval of a resolution and policy authorizing the Department to: 1) convert hard copy (physical) records into electronic records; 2) retain the electronic image of the records on a trusted system; and 3) destroy physical records only after compliance with the policy and procedure. The recommended resolution and policy are consistent with State requirements for the use of a trusted system for electronic records retention and were developed with consultation of the Department of Information Systems. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

Action Requested - ADOPT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.5.b Resolution Establishing Rules for the Administration of the Merit System and Personnel Program (Personnel Rules Update)

The Butte County Merit System and Personnel Rules (Personnel Rules) established the Merit System and Human Resources Program that regulates the terms and conditions of employment for employees of the County, including Countywide policies. The Department of Human Resources recommends the Personnel Rules be updated to include minor clean-up of terminology and procedures, and amendments to the County's Telework Policy. The proposed policy has been reviewed and agreed to by all labor groups. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

Action Requested - ADOPT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.5.c Resolution to Amend the Salary Ordinance

The Department of Human Resources recommends the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution amending the Salary Ordinance for the following departments:

Development Services: Extend 1 Sunset Flexibly staffed Information Technology Analyst I/II/II, or Principal Information Technology Analyst position by three years, to 9/1/2028. Delete 1 vacant Flexibly staffed Assistant Planner/Associate Planner/Senior Planner position. The extension of the term position will be funded by savings from the deleted position in the current fiscal year. The proposed change is an estimated annual decrease of \$7,369. Total allocations to decrease by 1.

Employment and Social Services: Reclassify 1 Flexibly staffed Health and Human Services Program Analyst I/II/III position to 1 Flexibly staffed Financial Analyst I/II position; and reclassify 1 Flexibly staffed Health and Human Services Program Analyst I/II/III position to 1 Program Coordinator position. These changes will better meet the operational needs of the department and align with the incumbents' current daily duties. This change results in an increased annual cost of \$6,000 to be funded by salary savings. Total allocations to remain unchanged.

Human Resources: Effective 8/16/2025, as it relates to the reclassification of the Probation Technicians into the new Probation Technician series, amend Salary Ordinance No 4258, Section 28C entitled General Unit by adding: Probation Technician I - Class Code 11733 at

salary range 25 (\$1,640.80-\$2,199.20); Probation Technician II - Class Code 11732 at salary range 35 (\$1,812.00-\$2,428.80); and Senior Probation Technician - Class Code 11731 at salary range 45 (\$2,001.60-\$2,682.40); and deleting Probation Technician - Class Code 11730 at salary range 25 (\$1,640.80-\$2,199.20).

Probation: Convert 6 Probation Technician positions to 6 Flexibly staffed Probation Technician I/II/Senior Probation Technician positions; and convert 1 Sunset Probation Technician position ending 6/30/2026 to 1 Sunset Flexibly staffed Probation Technician I/II/Senior Probation Technician ending 6/30/2026. These changes are due to the creation of the Probation Technician series and the reclassification of staff in the Probation Technician classification. The increased cost of these changes is estimated to be \$31,000 this fiscal year, which will be covered by restricted funding. There will be no impact to the General Fund. Total allocations to remain unchanged.

Public Works: Convert 1 flexibly staffed Associate Civil Engineer/Senior Civil Engineer to a flexibly staffed Associate Civil Engineer/Senior Civil Engineer/Principal Civil Engineer. The engineering series is difficult to fill, and this change will assist the department in recruiting and maintaining expertise in this area. The annual estimated cost of the change is \$33,247 and is funded by the Road Fund. Total allocations remain unchanged.

Sheriff's Office: Delete 4 vacant Sheriff Security Officer positions, which will result in approximately \$336,000 in savings. Savings will be used to fund the purchase of technology to increase the operational efficiency of the Department. Total allocations to decrease by 4.

Treasurer-Tax Collector: Convert 1 flexibly staffed Account Clerk I/II/Senior position from a 1.0 FTE to a 0.5 FTE to better meet the needs of the Department. The total cost savings from this request is approximately \$26,650. Total allocations to decrease by 0.5. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

Action Requested - ADOPT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.5.d Ordinance Establishing Board of Supervisors Member Compensation (Second Reading)

Over the past seven years, general employees in the County have received wage increases between 21% and 36%, while public safety employees have received even higher increases. In addition to these increases, all employees recently received an additional 8% raise. During the same period, salaries for Board Members have increased by only 3%. This is a critical issue for several reasons. The role of Board Member, once considered part-time, now requires a full-time commitment due to the increasing complexities of the County. Board members have extensive responsibilities, including legislative duties and participation on 43 other vital boards, highlighting the necessity for full-time compensation. Additionally, the current pay structure restricts eligible candidates to those who do not work a traditional 8-5 schedule, discouraging many qualified individuals from participating.

At its July 29th meeting, staff presented three options to the Board of Supervisors to restructure Board compensation in order to enhance accessibility for potential candidates. The Board approved option one and waived the first reading of the ordinance. Option one

restructures Board compensation to mirror the pay established by the independent California Citizens Compensation Commission that sets the salaries of state legislators. Approval of the ordinance establishing Board of Supervisor Member Compensation of \$132,703 per year effective October 13th consistent with option one is recommended. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

Action Requested - ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.5.e Successor Benefits Resolution for Board of Supervisor Members Including Changes to Benefits

Consistent with all other County employees, including Elected and Appointed Department Heads, the Chief Administrative Officer in coordination with Human Resources recommends the approval of an increase to the Cashback amount to \$550 per month and removal of tiers. This change in benefits shall be effective the first pay date in November 2025. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

Action Requested - ADOPT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.6. District Attorney's Office

3.6.a Real Estate Fraud Annual Report for FY 2024-25

Pursuant to Government Code section 27388, and Board of Supervisors Resolution 08-156, a fee is paid at the time of recording certain real estate documents for the purpose of providing funds for the District Attorney to deter, investigate, and prosecute real estate fraud through the Real Estate Fraud Investigation and Prosecution Program. In accordance with annual reporting requirements, the District Attorney's Office submits its annual report to the Board of Supervisors regarding the effectiveness of the Real Estate Fraud Investigation and Prosecution Program. (DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE)

Action Requested - ACCEPT FOR INFORMATION.

3.6.b Agreement and Certification with United States Department of Justice (DOJ) for Federal Equitable Sharing Program

The District Attorney's Office participates in the Federal Equitable Sharing Program. The DOJ Asset Forfeiture Program is a nationwide law enforcement initiative that removes the tools of crime from criminal organizations, deprives wrongdoers of the proceeds of the crimes, recovers property that may be used to compensate victims, and deters crime. An Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification is required annually to be filed with the DOJ. The report for FY 2024-25 has been prepared and summarizes program expenditures and revenues. In FY 2024-25, the Department received \$6,755, and \$104,734 was expended to maintain the computer software for the Department's case management system. (DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE)

Action Requested - 1) APPROVE THE EQUITABLE SHARING AGREEMENT AND CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN; AND 2) AUTHORIZE ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION.

3.7. Department of Public Works

3.7.a Budget Amendment for CSA 24 Sediment Removal and Storm Response Activities at the Five-Mile Basin

On January 28, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved a sediment removal project for Five-Mile Basin. On February 25, 2025, the Board approved a CSA budget amendment for \$1 million to fund project plans and specifications. On June 24, 2025, the Board directed the Department of Public Works to explore alternatives for more urgent action to address sediment removal and increased risk of flooding following the 2024 Park Fire. The Department recommends the Board approve a CSA 24 budget amendment to increase appropriations by \$2 million. This action provides flexibility for additional storm response, flood mitigation, and sediment management efforts as needed to protect public health and safety. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Action Requested - APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED).

3.8. Sheriff-Coroner's Office

3.8.a Surplus Capital Assets

The Board of Supervisors has authority to declare capital assets as surplus that are no longer serviceable or no longer needed by the County. The Sheriff's Office has identified two capital assets (listed below) that have reached the end of their useful life and should be removed from the Capital Asset list. The Department recommends declaring capital assets (2) as surplus.

Dishwasher with Hatco Booster (Asset# 27295-000)

Modular Office Furniture (Asset# 25745-000) (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE)

Action Requested - DECLARE CAPITAL ASSETS (2) SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTY.

3.8.b Contract with Pierside Investigations, LLC (Pierside) for Pre-employment Background Investigation Services

As a result of increased salaries and hiring bonuses approved by the Board of Supervisors, the Sheriff's Office has seen an increase in the number of applicants for sworn and non-sworn positions. In order to increase the capacity to process background investigations, the Sheriff's Office plans to utilize contractors to perform pre-employment background investigations. In April 2025, the Sheriff's Office published an RFP to establish a pool of qualified contractors to assist with conducting pre-employment background investigations for sworn and non-sworn staff. The Sheriff's Office received seven responses and is in the process of negotiating contracts with the five respondents deemed most qualified. The Sheriff's Office plans to rotate the use of the contractors based on cost of service and volume or urgency of work needed. The contract with Pierside is the first of five contracts that will be brought to the Board for consideration. Funding for the contract is included in the Department's budget. The Sheriff's Office recommends entering into a contract with Pierside Investigations, LLC for pre-employment background investigation services. The contract begins upon execution and ends after three (3) years, not-to-exceed \$250,000. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE)

Action Requested - APPROVE CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1 Board Member/Committee Reports and Board Member Comment

Supervisor Connelly - Attended Chair/Vice-Chair meeting, met with constituents regarding the permitting process, existing buildings and barking dogs, attended Oroville Recreation Advisory Committee meeting, Feather River Recovery Alliance meeting, SSV EMS meeting, taught a Hunter Safety course, LAFCo meeting and celebrated his birthday.

Supervisor Durfee - Attended meetings and met with constituents about flooding issues, and attended a meeting with four candidates running for Governor of California.

Supervisor Teeter - Attended a meeting regarding wildfire mitigation projects, and will be meeting with Betty Yee today, who is running for California Governor.

Supervisor Ritter - Attended First 5 Executive Committee meeting, Continuum of Care Households with Children meeting, Behavioral Health Advisory Board Executive Committee meeting, Town Hall with Congressman LaMalfa, groundbreaking for Youth Psychiatric Health Facility in Gridley.

Supervisor Kimmelshue - Attended National Night Out events, NCWA meeting, LAFCo meeting, and groundbreaking for Youth Psychiatric Health Facility in Gridley.

4.2 Public Comment

Comments to the Board on issues and items not listed on the agenda. Pursuant to California State law, the Board of Supervisors is prohibited from taking action on any item not listed on the agenda. Please note that Public Comment is in two separate sections. One, at the beginning of the regular agenda, which will last a maximum of 15 minutes, with another to follow as the last item on the regular agenda with no time limits.

The following members of the public submitted Public Comment: Amy Jernigan, Daniel Ward, Diana Dreiss (electronically and in person), The Cameraman and John Stonebraker.

4.3 Resolution and Cooperative Agreement with California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) for Fire Protection Services

The County enters into a cooperative agreement annually with CAL FIRE to staff the Butte County Fire Department, which provides fire protection services in the unincorporated areas of Butte County. The Cooperative agreement provides efficient, effective emergency services that takes advantage of economies of scale. The County has had a cooperative agreement with CAL FIRE since 1931. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 with a maximum payable amount of \$28,056,967 included within the

adopted budget. (FIRE DEPARTMENT)

Action Requested - 1) ADOPT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN; AND 2) APPROVE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

Briana Harvey-Butterfield, Deputy Administrative Officer, presented this item to the Board.

No public comment was received for this item.

Action Requested - 1) ADOPT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN; AND 2) APPROVE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

Motion: Supervisor Durfee
Second: Supervisor Ritter

Motion passed unanimously.

4.4 Resolution Reopening Gridley Veterans Memorial Hall to Public Use and Authorizing the Butte County Fair Association to Manage Scheduling of Public Rentals

After several years of being unusable due to deferred maintenance, the iconic Gridley Veterans Memorial Hall is once again suitable for hosting events. Unfortunately, the consolidation of veterans' groups and loss of membership make the formation of a hall committee impractical and a previous Board Resolution suspended public rental. Discussions with veterans and other stakeholders identified that the Butte County Fair Association (Fair) is well suited to assume the day-to-day scheduling of the hall, as it does with its own facilities. Adding Veterans Memorial Hall to their oversight will provide a single point of contact for the rental of County facilities in Gridley, ensure consistent pricing, and allow for increased maintenance of the building. Veterans groups will continue to access and enjoy the Veterans Memorial Hall without cost, including a meeting area reserved for their exclusive use. The Department of General Services recommends the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution to reopen the Gridley Veterans Memorial Hall to the public and authorize the Fair to act as the County's agent for renting the facility. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

Action Requested - ADOPT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

Michael Hodson, Director of General Services, presented this item to the Board.

No public comment was received for this item.

Action Requested - ADOPT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

Motion: Supervisor Connelly
Second: Supervisor Teeter

Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Teeter left the Board Meeting at 10:45 am.

4.5 Direction and Feedback on a Five-Mile Basin Sediment Removal Urgency Project

On May 28, 2024, the Board of Supervisors directed the Department of Public Works to prepare a report summarizing existing conditions and outlining a process for the long-term maintenance and management of the Five-Mile Basin. The basin provides critical flood protection for the City of Chico and the surrounding areas. Sediment accumulation from Big Chico Creek during high-water events has reduced its capacity over time. Historic sediment removal efforts were halted nearly 25 years ago, following a cease-and-desist order from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, which has limited in-stream maintenance and contributed to ongoing concerns about flood risk.

The Park Fire began on July 24, 2024, ultimately burning 429,603 acres in Butte and Tehama Counties. In the aftermath, the Department presented an overview of county-maintained infrastructure impacted by the fire and outlined measures taken to mitigate debris flow and flooding hazards, including those affecting the Five-Mile Basin. Several significant atmospheric river events occurred this past winter, with near-flood conditions reported in the basin and substantial changes to its capacity. On June 24, 2025, the Department presented short-term options to address the increased flood risk following the Park Fire and approaching winter weather. The Board directed the Department to continue to explore alternatives for urgent action to address these concerns in the coming weeks. The Department has prepared an update for the Board on progress made since June and alternatives for urgent action. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Action Requested - PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF.

Joshua Pack, Director of Public Works, presented this item to the Board.

The following members of the public submitted Public Comment: Daniel Adamis, Les Heringer, Brad Endemano, and John Stonebraker.

Action Requested - PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF.

The Board directed Staff to move forward on short and long term solutions.

4.6 Ordinance Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract with the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS)

Introduction of an Ordinance authorizing a contract amendment between the County of Butte and CalPERS that includes the removal of the contract exclusion, "Persons Compensated On An Hourly Basis Hired on or After October 1, 1968" prospectively after date of adoption. The removal of this obsolete contract exclusion aligns the contract to current and past practices related to hourly basis (extra help) hiring. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

Action Requested - 1) INTRODUCE ORDINANCE AND WAIVE FIRST READING; AND 2) ADOPT RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT AMENDMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

Sheri Waters, Director of Human Resources, presented this item to the Board.

There was no Public Comment received for this item.

Action Requested - 1) INTRODUCE ORDINANCE AND WAIVE FIRST READING; AND 2) ADOPT RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT AMENDMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

Motion: Supervisor Durfee

Second: Supervisor Connelly

Approved by a 4-0-1 vote (Ayes: Supervisors Connelly, Durfee, Ritter and Chair Kimmelshue; Nays: None; Absent: Supervisor Teeter).

4.7 Contract Amendment with Housing Tools for Administration of the CDBG Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Multifamily Housing Program (MHP)

As a result of the 2018 Camp Fire, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) made \$61,361,926 in CDBG-DR MHP funding available to Butte County. This funding allows the County to provide gap financing for multifamily housing projects including underwriting proposals, providing oversight and monitoring for construction, and providing ongoing affordability monitoring. On June 8, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Housing Tools to provide housing consulting services for the program. The contract term was December 31, 2026, not-to-exceed \$745,602. The contract was administratively amended once in November of 2021 to allow for minor cost increases and decreases within tasks.

HCD has since increased the County's CDBG-DR MHP allocation twice, most recently to \$118,186,909, authorized by the Board on January 14, 2025. This represents an increase in nearly \$57,000,000 in CDBG-DR MHP funding, allowing the County to provide gap financing for nine conditionally committed multifamily housing development projects. HCD and the County secured a federal extension on the funding from 2026 to 2030, granted by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The expenditure extension, the increased allocation, and HCD's increasing reporting requirements, close-out procedures, and overall program administration require a second amendment to the Housing Tools contract.

The second contract amendment proposes three revisions: (1) extend the contract term nearly four years to December 1, 2030 to account for the extended expenditure timeline; (2) shift funds between tasks to allow for increasing requirements in reporting and close-out; and (3) increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$212,349 to \$957,951 to account for the administration of the additional allocation and all project requirements. The additional expense for the contract is eligible for reimbursement through CDBG-DR MHP. Staff recommends the Board approve the contract amendment and authorize the Chair to sign. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - APPROVE CONTRACT AMENDMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

Katie Simmons, Deputy Administrative Officer, and Shelly Ohlms, Program Development Manager, presented this item to the Board.

No public comment was received for this item.

Action Requested - APPROVE CONTRACT AMENDMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

Motion: Supervisor Ritter
Second: Supervisor Durfee

Approved by a 4-0-1 vote (Ayes: Supervisors Connelly, Durfee, Ritter and Chair Kimmelshue; Nays:None; Absent: Supervisor Teeter).

4.8 Update of Budget, Legislative, and other Current Issues by the Chief Administrative Officer

4.9 Board of Supervisors Public Comment (Continuation as needed)

4.10 Items Removed from the Consent Agenda for Board Consideration and Action

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND TIMED ITEMS**

5.1 10:00 am - Public Hearing - Resolution Amending the Master Fee Schedule for the Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility (NRRWF)

On May 28, 2024, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved an amendment to the NRRWF Master Fee Schedule. The amendment included 15.5% annual rate adjustments to tipping fees as follows: FY 2024-25 increase of \$48.64; FY 2025-26 increase of \$56.18; and FY 2026-27 increase of \$64.88. The rates for green and wood waste and specialty items are not affected by the proposed adjustments. The Department of Public Works recommends the Board adopt a Resolution amending the Master Fee Schedule for NRRWF. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Action Requested - ADOPT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

Joshua Pack, Director of Public Works, presented this item to the Board.

There was no Public Comment received for this item.

Action Requested - ADOPT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

Motion: Supervisor Teeter
Second: Supervisor Ritter

Approved Unanimously.

5.2 10:30 am - Timed Item - Direct-Charge Taxes

During the June 24, 2025, meeting, the Board of Supervisors requested the Butte County Assessor attend a future meeting to provide some information on the role of the Assessor, including background information on the California Land Conservation Act, also known as the Williamson Act. The request stems from a letter sent by "Ranchers and Farmers Opposed to AB 1265 Direct Charge Taxes" asking that the Board rescind Butte County's AB 1265 direct charge program. The Butte County Assessor, Alyssa Douglass, an elected official of the County, will provide an overview of the Assessor's role and responsibility in the tax process according to State law. The Assessor will also provide information about the Williamson Act and subsequent legislation known as AB 1265, a direct-charge tax intended to mitigate the financial impact on counties when the State stopped back-filling tax revenue lost due to the Act in 2010. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - ACCEPT FOR INFORMATION.

Alyssa Douglass, Assessor, presented this item to the Board.

Additional comments received by Kamie Loeser, Director of Water & Resource Conservation District and Graciela Gutierrez, Auditor-Controller.

The following members of the public submitted Public Comment: David Daley, Colleen Cecil, and Les Heringer.

Action Requested - PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF.

The Board requested further information from staff at a future meeting regarding the impacts of the Direct-Charge Tax issue.

6. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CLOSED SESSION

6.1 Public Employee Employment, Appointment, Recruitment, Performance Evaluations, Including Goals, Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

- A. Agricultural Commissioner
- B. Behavioral Health Director
- C. Chief Administrative Officer
- D. Chief Probation Officer
- E. Child Support Services Director
- F. County Counsel
- G. Development Services Director
- H. Employment and Social Services Director
- I. General Services Director
- J. Human Resources Director
- K. Information Systems Director

- L. Library Director
- M. Public Health Director
- N. Public Works Director
- O. Water & Resource Conservation Director

6.2 Conference with Labor Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency

Designated

Representatives: Jack Hughes, Sheri Waters, Aaron Quin and Andy Pickett

Employee

Organizations: Teamsters - General Unit; Teamsters - Social Services Workers Unit; Teamsters - Mid Management Unit; Butte County Probation Peace Officers Association; Butte County Probation Peace Officers Association - Management Unit; Butte County Professional Employees' Association; Butte County Deputy Sheriff's Association - General Unit; Butte County Deputy Sheriff's Association - Management/Supervisory Unit; Butte County Correctional Officers Association - General Unit; Butte County Correctional Officers Association - Supervisory Unit; Skilled Trades Unit; Butte County Deputy District Attorneys Association - Attorney Unit; Confidential Employee Unit; Non-Represented Employee Unit; Board of Supervisors Executive Assistants

6.3 Actual Litigation Pursuant to Gov. Code sec. 54956.9(d)(1) - Nine Cases

- a. Matthew Galvez v. Butte County; Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case No. ADJ19172454 (Claim Number: 2397110041)
- b. Matthew Galvez v. Butte County; Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case No. ADJ19131527 (Claim Number: 1997110088)
- c. David Mell v. Butte County; Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case No. ADJ20746537 (Claim Number: 2297110100)
- d. Lance Loper v. Butte County; Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case No. ADJ17668160 (Claim Number: 2097110050)
- e. Lance Loper v. Butte County; Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case No. ADJ14850324 (Claim Number: 2197110038)
- f. Julie Coulombe v. Butte County; Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case No. ADJ8598394 (Claim Number: 1297110022)
- g. Julie Coulombe v. Butte County; Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case No. ADJ8620410 (Claim Number: 1297110113)
- h. Julie Coulombe v. Butte County; Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case No. ADJ3580349 (Claim Number: CBTE-80131)
- i. Jennifer Parker v. Butte County; Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case No. ADJ15838672 (Claim Number: 2197110084) (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

6.4 Workers' Compensation Liability Claims Pursuant to Gov. Code Sec. 54956.95 (a) – One Claim

David Mell; Workers' Compensation Claim, Claim Number: 2597100034. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

6.5 Conference with Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: APN: 012-100-034-000

Agency Negotiators: Michael R. Hodson, Director of General Services; Scott Kennelly, Director of Behavioral Health

Negotiating Party: BAM Properties, LLC

Negotiations: Terms and Conditions of Conveyance of Real Property Rights
(DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

6.6 Closed Session Public Comment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned. The Butte County Board of Supervisors will reconvene at the next regular meeting, scheduled for XXXXX DD, 20YY.

ATTEST:

Andy Pickett, Chief Administrative Officer and
Clerk of the Board

Tod Kimmelshue, Chair

Butte County Board of Supervisors

Deputy

Assistant Clerk of the Board