BUTTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES

AUGUST 26, 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 3.12.b – Item has been pulled and will be brought back at a later date.
- Item 3.5 b – Item has been pulled 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.

There was no public comment received for this item.

Action: ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA.

Motion: Supervisor Durfee
Second: Supervisor Ritter

Motion passed unanimously.

3.1. County Administration

3.1.a Approval of Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
Submitted for approval are the July 29, 2025 and the August 12, 2025 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - APPROVE THE JULY 29, 2025 AND THE AUGUST 12, 2025 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES.

3.2. County Counsel's Office

3.2.a Contract Amendment with Griffith, Masuda & Hobbs, a Professional Law Corporation for Attorney Services
On October 21, 2014, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Griffith, Masuda, & Hobbs, a Professional Law Corporation, for specialized legal services related to County water issues. Since that time, the Board has approved five amendments, extending the contract through June 30, 2026, and adjusting hourly rates over time. County Counsel recommends the Board approve an amendment to the contract with Griffith, Masuda, & Hobbs to update the list of assigned personnel, adjust hourly rates, and extend the term by three years, through June 30, 2028. Hourly rates will remain unchanged for FY 2025-26, ranging from $96 to $300 per hour. Annual increases will apply in subsequent years, with rates ranging from $100 to $315 per hour in FY 2026-27, and from $105 to $330 in FY 2027-28. All other terms remain the same. (COUNTY COUNSEL)

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

3.3. County Library

3.3.a Resolution Recognizing September 2025 as Library Card Sign-Up Month
Library Card Sign-Up Month is held nationwide every September. This year's theme, "One Card, Endless Possibilities," is a reminder that libraries are for everyone, no matter your age, background or goals. Getting a library card is free, easy and empowering. The County Library recommends the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution proclaiming September 2025 as Library Card Sign-Up Month, encouraging all members of the community to sign up for a library card. (LIBRARY)

Action Requested - ADOPT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.4. Department of Agriculture

3.4.a Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for Weed Management
The CDFA has awarded funding to establish, develop, and maintain Weed Management Areas (WMAs) in Butte County and carry out the WMA's integrated weed management plan. The project focuses on work to control and eradicate state-designated noxious, non-native invasive weeds. Priority species include, but are not limited to; Ludwigia Decurrens, Sesbania Puncicea, Lythrum Salicaria, Alternanthera Philoxeroides, and Bergia Capensis.

The term of the revenue agreement is July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028, not-to-exceed $119,990. (DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE)

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

3.5. Department of Behavioral Health

3.5.a Agreements and Resolutions with Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for the Mental Health Plan (MHP) and Drug Medi-Cal (DMC)
DHCS administers MHP and DMC plans for the counties of California. DHCS requires the Department of Behavioral Health to enter into agreements which describe terms and conditions to remain in compliance with the regulations and provision of specialty mental health services and substance-use disorder treatment to Medi-Cal members under MHP and DMC plans.

DHCS requires resolutions authorizing the Director of Behavioral Health to sign the agreements. DHCS works closely with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California on the development of this agreement. CMS approved the version of the Mental Health Plan agreement pursuant to the Medicaid Managed Care regulations. The Department recommends the Board approve two new agreements with DHCS for the provision of specialty mental health and substance-use disorders treatment to Butte County Medi-Cal members. The term of the agreements is July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026. (DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

Action Requested - 1) APPROVE AGREEMENTS (2); AND 2) ADOPT RESOLUTIONS (2) AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.5.b Managed Care Agreements with BHC Heritage Oaks Hospital, Inc. dba Heritage Oaks Hospital (Heritage Oaks) and BHC Sierra Vista Hospital, Inc. dba Sierra Vista Hospital (Sierra Vista) for Inpatient Hospitalization Services
Heritage Oaks operates a licensed 125-bed acute psychiatric hospital. Sierra Vista operates a licensed 171-bed acute psychiatric hospital. Both psychiatric health facilities include diagnostic assessment; psychiatric treatment; rapid stabilization and maintenance of mental health conditions; coordinated discharge planning; and transitional planning with referrals to appropriate post-hospitalization settings for clients referred by the Department of Behavioral Health. Managed care agreements are state-mandated. The State requires agreements to be fully executed by the governing board of each psychiatric health facility before notification to the State of the contracted rates. Once an agreement is executed, all other counties contracting with the facility utilize those rates. Due to these requirements, managed care agreements are approved retroactively.

The Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approve managed care agreements with Heritage Oaks and Sierra Vista for inpatient hospitalization services. The term of each agreement is date of execution through June 30, 2027. The not-to-exceed for Heritage Oaks is $222,930 and the not-to-exceed for Sierra Vista is $252,632. The agreements are not specifically measured in terms of the number of clients served, as the length of stay varies based on each client's specific needs. (DEPARTMENT OF

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

Action Requested - APPROVE AGREEMENTS (2) AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.

3.6. Department of Child Support Services

3.6.a Request to Adjust Public Office Hours for Departmental All-Staff Meetings
The Department of Child Support Services is requesting approval from the Board of Supervisors to adjust regular public office hours on September 11, 2025 and March 19, 2026 to accommodate departmental All-Staff Meetings.

Regular Public Hours:
- 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Adjusted Public Hours:
- Open: 8:00 am - 2:30 pm
- Closed for All-Staff Meeting: 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
- Reopen: 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm

This adjustment will allow all department employees to attend the meeting in person, ensuring consistent communication, equal access to training, and full participation in discussions and activities. During the closure, call center operations will be maintained by routing incoming calls to other regional child support call centers, in accordance with established protocols. (DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES)

Action Requested - APPROVE ADJUSTED PUBLIC OFFICE HOURS.

3.7. Department of Development Services

3.7.a Lot Line Adjustment, Rescission of Existing Williamson Act Agreement, and Approval of New Williamson Act Agreements (2)
Robert and Jo Anne Kidd applied for a lot line adjustment on APNs 039-250-068 and 039-250-069. The parcels are located on the west side of Holland Avenue and north of Hanlon Road, south of Durham. The Land Conservation Act Advisory Committee reviewed the lot line adjustment on June 2, 2025, and found it consistent with Butte County Uniform Rules and Procedures for Implementing the Williamson Act. The Committee recommended rescission of the existing Williamson Act agreement and simultaneous approval of two new agreements for almond production, based on one parcel being owned by the Jo Anne Kidd Trust, Jo Anne C. Kidd, Trustee, and one parcel being owned by the Robert D. Kidd Trust, Robert D. Kidd, Trustee. The making of Williamson Act agreements is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act per Categorical Exemption 15317 Open Space Contracts or Easements. (DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Action Requested - 1) DETERMINE THAT THE LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE WILLIAMSON ACT; 2) RESCIND EXISTING CONTRACT; AND 3) APPROVE AGREEMENTS (2) AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.8. Department of Human Resources

3.8.a 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:

County Counsel: Delete 1 flexibly staffed Legal Secretary I/II - Confidential position and add 1 Paralegal - Confidential position. These changes will better suit the current and future needs of the department. The increased cost of these changes is estimated to be $6,045 this fiscal year, which will be funded by salary savings. Total allocations to remain unchanged.

Public Health: Delete 1 Client Services Technician and add 1 flexibly staffed Administrative Assistant or Senior Administrative Assistant position. This change allows for greater flexibility for recruitment and retention.The estimated annual cost associated with this change is an increase of $3,185. The additional cost will be covered with state and federal grant funding. Total allocations to remain unchanged. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

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

3.9. Department of Public Health

3.9.a Grant Agreement with California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Program

The Department of Public Health has been awarded grant funding from CDPH to participate in the WIC program. WIC is a federally funded program under the United States Department of Agriculture which provides nutrition education, vouchers for nutritious foods, lactation support, and healthcare referrals for income eligible women who are pregnant or postpartum, infants, and children up to age 5 who are at nutritional risk. WIC provides healthy foods to supplement the dietary needs of participants to ensure good health and development.

WIC is budgeted to carry an average monthly caseload of 5,850 clients. Butte County has 20 food vendors authorized throughout the State to participate in the WIC program. Additionally, WIC participates in the annual Farmers Market Nutrition Program to distribute vouchers in support of Butte County's local farmers and provide participants with an opportunity to purchase local fresh fruits and vegetables. Butte County has two authorized farmers markets and 21 authorized farmers that participate in the program.

Funding from the grant is utilized to pay costs associated with the WIC program, such as staff time, facility costs, and education and outreach materials. The Department recommends entering into a grant agreement with CDPH to receive grant funding. The term of the grant agreement is October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2028, not-to-exceed $6,989,446. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH)

Action Requested - APPROVE GRANT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.9.b Resolution Continuing Local Health Emergency Proclamation for Park and Thompson Fires

Former Butte County Health Officer, Dr. David Canton, declared a local health emergency in Butte County on July 27, 2024, due to the Park Fire that started on July 24, 2024. The Park Fire destroyed 428 structures in the County, resulting in a large amount of debris which contains hazardous materials. On August 7, 2024, the Health Officer expanded the local health emergency to include the Thompson Fire.

The debris poses a substantial present and potential hazard to human health and the environment unless managed properly. Per California law, once the proclamation is ratified it must be renewed every 30 days. The Department recommends the Board of Supervisors renew the local health emergency declaration for the Park and Thompson Fires. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH)

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

3.9.c Resolution Establishing a Revolving (Imprest Cash) Fund for the Tobacco Grant Program Operations

The Department of Public Health was awarded grant funds by the California Department of Justice (DOJ) to build infrastructure to support the enforcement of retail tobacco laws with County Public Health Code Enforcement officers. The purpose of the grant is to prevent youth access to tobacco products by conducting retailer inspections, coordinating youth decoy operations, documenting violations, and ensuring compliance with local tobacco control ordinances. The goal is to reduce illegal tobacco sales and promote public health in the unincorporated areas of the County. Youth decoy operations at tobacco retailers will require cash transactions. California Government Code, Section 29320 et seq. provides for the establishment of revolving funds in amounts determined by resolution of the Board of Supervisors. The grant will provide the funding for the revolving fund.

The Department recommends the Board of Supervisors establish a revolving fund in the amount of $250 for the purpose of the Tobacco Grant Program operations. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH)

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

3.9.d Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (Health Care Program) and California Children's Services (CCS) Annual Plan and Certification

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) guidelines and regulations require the Department of Public Health to annually sign the Certification Statements agreeing to comply with all applicable provisions of the Health and Safety Code, Welfare and Institutions Code, and the Integrated Systems of Care Plan and Fiscal Guidelines Manual for the Health Care and CCS programs. The Health Care Program provides a Public Health Nurse to coordinate the healthcare needs of children in foster care, such as their developmental, dental, and mental health needs. The CCS program provides specialized medical care and medical case management for children with medically eligible conditions who meet the program criteria and is also required to prepare an Integrated Systems of Care Division (ISCD) plan which includes an administrative budget summary.

The Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approve the annual certification statements; approve the submission of the CCS ISCD budget information to DHCS; and authorize the Director of Public Health to submit to DHCS. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH)

Action Requested - 1) APPROVE THE CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS (2) AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN; 2) APPROVE SUBMISSION OF THE BUDGET PLAN TO DHCS; AND 3) AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF THE DOCUMENTS TO DHCS.

3.10. Probation Department

3.10.a Capital Asset Purchase and Budget Amendment for TruNarc Handheld Narcotics Analyzer
The Probation Department recommends approval of a capital asset and budget amendment to purchase a TruNarc Handheld Narcotics Analyzer to be placed at the Butte County Probation Department. In response to the growing threat of fentanyl and other dangerous narcotics impacting our community, this advanced tool will enhance officer safety and efficiency by enabling rapid, on-site identification of over 530 priority and illicit substances, all without the need for user interpretation or physical contact with the material. The purchase will be funded by restricted funds already received by the Department with no impact to the General Fund.

The Department recommends that the Board approve capital asset authority for the purchase of the narcotic analyzer, priced at $29,482, along with the corresponding budget amendment. (PROBATION DEPARTMENT)

Action Requested - 1) AUTHORIZE CAPITAL ASSET PURCHASE; AND 2) APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED).

3.11. Department of Public Works

3.11.a Resolution for Notice of Hearing to Vacate an Unnecessary Public Service Easement in the Community of Nelson
The Department of Public Works has received a petition to abandon a portion of an unnecessary public service easement located in the community of Nelson. As provided by the County's abandonment procedures, the Department has evaluated the request and determined that the easement is not needed for public purposes.

The public easement is a 20-foot-wide, 240-foot-long, unoccupied public alley established for access and public utilities located west of Sutter Street. The unimproved easement was created as part of the alley shown in Block 12 of the "Map of the Town of Nelson" in Butte County Records from a map that was filed with the County Recorder on February 27, 1878 (Book 1 of Maps, pg. 58). The applicant, Bruce Roberts, is the property owner of the affected parcel (APN: 038-260-024) and intends to develop the parcel into a residence once the easement is abandoned. The petition to vacate the parcel was signed by 15 freeholders (property owners) and submitted to the Board of Supervisors under section 8321 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

California Government Code section 65402 requires that the proposed abandonment be presented to the Planning Commission to determine consistency with the General Plan. On July 24, 2025, the Planning Commission reviewed the proposed abandonment and found the request to be in conformance with the Butte County General Plan. The Department has prepared a resolution of intent to set the public hearing date for September 30, 2025, at 10:00 am to consider the easement abandonment. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

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

3.11.b Approval of Subdivision Map and Consideration of Public Infrastructure for Moon Tower Estates Subdivision

The Moon Tower Estates Subdivision is located on the west side of Guynn Avenue in the Bell Muir area northwest of the City of Chico. This is a conditionally approved 8-lot, public street subdivision on 10 acres. Future residential uses will be served by individual septic systems and public water (California Water Service Company). Road and stormwater drainage maintenance services will be provided through the recent formation of a Permanent Road Division.

The developer has complied with the conditions of approval and has completed the required improvements. The subject map has been reviewed and approved by the County Surveyor and has been found to conform with the Tentative Map and Butte County Code, Chapter 20, Subdivisions. The owner's statement includes the following offers for dedication in fee for public purposes: Moon Tower Court and Guynn Avenue. The owner's statement includes the following offers for dedication as an easement for public purposes: Abutter’s rights of access; Public Service Easements as defined in section 8306 of the State of California Streets and Highways Code over, on, and under those strips of land shown on the annexed map as "P.S.E." (Public Service Easement) for all public service facilities, including water, sewer, drainage, gas, and communication facilities. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Action Requested - 1) APPROVE THE FINAL MAP FOR MOON TOWER ESTATES; 2) ACCEPT ITEMS OFFERED FOR DEDICATION IN FEE FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES; AND 3) ACCEPT ITEMS OFFERED FOR DEDICATION AS AN EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.

3.12. Sheriff-Coroner's Office

3.12.a Donation from Butte County Search and Rescue

Butte County Search and Rescue acquired a 2025 Zodiac Red ERB 400 boat with a value of $20,819 to donate to the Sheriff's Office. Search and Rescue will use the boat to assist the Sheriff's Office when responding to calls for service. The Sheriff's Office will assume the cost to register, maintain, and insure the boat. The Sheriff's Office recommends accepting the donation as a capital asset. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE)

Action Requested - 1) ACCEPT CAPITAL ASSET DONATION; AND 2) ADD CAPITAL ASSET TO CAPITAL ASSET LEDGER.

3.12.b <u>Contracts (4) with The Gumshoe Group (Gumshoe), Pipkin Detective Agency, Inc. (Pipkin), Employers Investigative Services, LLC (EIS), and TruView BSI, LLC (TruView) for Pre-employment Background Investigation Services</u>

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 has negotiated 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 Board approved the first of the five contracts with Pierside Investigations, LLC on August 12th. The contracts with Gumshoe, Pipkin, EIS, and TruView are the four remaining contracts for consideration. Funding for the contracts is included in the Department's budget. The Sheriff's Office recommends entering into contracts with Gumshoe, Pipkin, EIS, and TruView for pre-employment background investigation services. Each contract begins upon execution and ends after three years, not-to-exceed $250,000. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE/PROBATION DEPARTMENT)

Action Requested - APPROVE CONTRACTS (4) AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.

3.12.c <u>Agreement and Certification with the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) for Federal Equitable Sharing Program</u>

The Sheriff’s Office and the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force (BINTF) participate in the Federal Equitable Sharing Program, which is part of the DOJ Asset Forfeiture Program. This nationwide initiative helps law enforcement remove the tools of crime from criminal organizations, deprive wrongdoers of the proceeds of their crimes, recovers property that may be used to compensate victims, and deters criminal activity. In order to participate in the program, an annual Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification must be electronically filed with the DOJ by the County on behalf of the Sheriff's Office and BINTF. The agreement and certification for FY 2024-25 have been prepared and summarize program expenditures and revenues. In FY 2024-25, BINTF and the Sheriff's Office received $2,204 and expended $0. The Sheriff's Office recommends approving the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification for FY 2024-25 and authorizing electronic submission by staff. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE)

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

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1 Board Member/Committee Reports and Board Member Comment

Supervisor Connelly- Attended Firesafe Council, the 5th Annual Rememberance of the Berry Creek fire, ne Feater Rivery Recovery alliance tiwth DWR.

Supervisor Durfee - Calls with constituent issues, worked with Director Pack regarding flooding and various staff members, spoke with constituents regarding stop-sign placement, and spoke with CHP about enforcement on Kiefer Road.

Supervisor Ritter - Attended Local Government Committee, Rural Locl Master Plnan on Aging, Behavioral Heath, met with Staff and took CAO Conby manamante mountain bike ride trail.

Supervisor Teeter - Attended Golden State Natural Resources meeting in Sonora, Firesafe Safety Council tour of Concow and Yankee Hill, online interview with reporter regarding LA regarding sirens, agenda overview meeting on Sierra Nevada Conservancy, discussed Veteran's Hall building issues, and attended community meeting in Sterling City regarding road issues.

Supervisor Kimmelshue - Attended the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency meeting, attended a presentation regarding the Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control Manual, coffee with CalWater and community leaders, ribbon cutting for the new science building at Butte College, and attended the Butte County Fair. Chair Kimmelshue further thanked Supervisor Ritter and Scott Kennelly for attending Chico Rotary to discuss Behavioral Health, and on Wednesday he stated that he would be honored at the Gridley American Legion meeting, representing the County for the building improvements that were made.

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: (In Person) Diana Dreiss, The Cameraman and John Stonebraker, Chris Rauen, Peggy Moak, Chris Greenz, Pete Moak, Jenny Lowry, Dot Morris, Wayne Souza, and Brian Boyer. (Electronically) Diana Dreiss, Robin Keehn, Teri Rubiolo, Kit Corbett, Meralee and George Cox, Peggy Moak, Anthony Salzarulo, Cheryl Almeida, Chris Farmer, Clara Lowe, Dot Morris, Amber Pierce, Carroll, Curtis and Tara Ramelli, Renate Stepro, Johnny and Suzie Casper, Dave Conway, Emilia Erickson, Susan Heffernan, Amanda Pyle, Jason Romer, Yankee Hill Firesafe Council, Konkow Partners, Camelot Owners Association, Michael, Barbara and Skylor Swenson, and Robert and Judy Saville.

4.3 Appointment to the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Advisory Committee
The IHSS Advisory Committee provides recommendations, initiates proposals, and forwards them to the Board of Supervisors on the preferred modes of service to be utilized in the County for IHSS. Additionally, the Advisory Committee provides recommendations to any administrative body in the County related to the delivery and administration of IHSS, including the governing body and administrative agency of the Public Authority, nonprofit consortium, contractor, and public employees. The Advisory Committee consists of 11 members composed of a combination of IHSS recipients, providers, community/agency members, and/or County staff.

Two applications have been received; one from Mark Gordon who is requesting reappointment as a Recipient Member, and one from Emily Upton, Program Manager for the Department of Employment and Social Services, who has applied to fill a vacant unexpired term as Butte County Representative. If appointed, both applicants would serve a term ending December 31, 2027. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - APPOINT MARK GORDON TO THE IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS RECIPIENT MEMBER, AND EMILY UPTON AS BUTTE COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE, TO EACH SERVE A TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2027.

Melissa Kitts, Assistant Clerk of the Board, presented this item to the Board.

No public comment was received for this item.

Action Requested - APPOINT MARK GORDON TO THE IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS RECIPIENT MEMBER AND EMILY UPTON AS BUTTE COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE TO EACH SERVE A TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2027.

Motion: Supervisor Ritter
Second: Supervisor Teeter

Motion passed unanimously.

4.4 Resolutions to Establish Library Fine Amnesty Month and a Two-Year Fine-Free Library Pilot Program
Library fines and fees are traditionally used to encourage the timely return of materials and to help offset the cost of replacing unreturned items. However, replacement costs for lost materials far exceed the revenue generated from fines and fees, allowing the County Library to replace only 10% of unreturned items. To address this challenge and better serve the community, the County Library is proposing a fine and fee amnesty program during September 2025, along with the launch of a two-year fine-free library pilot program. The Department’s goals are to recover overdue materials, re-engage community members whose library accounts are currently blocked due to fines, and promote the library and its wide range of services. Similar programs implemented by other library systems have resulted in a significant increase in the return of overdue and missing materials. The

Department recommends approval of the proposed amnesty and fine-free programs. (LIBRARY)

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

Misty Wright, Director of Libraries, presented this item to the Board.

No public comment was received for this item.

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

Motion: Supervisor Durfee
Second: Supervisor Connelly

The Board unanimously adopted the Resolutions for the Proposed Amnesty Month and a One-Year Fine Free Library Pilot Program.

4.5 Agency Response to FY 2024-25 Grand Jury Report
To comply with Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, staff has prepared a draft Board of Supervisors response to the findings and recommendations contained in the FY 2024-25 Grand Jury Report.

It is recommended that the Board review, consider, and approve the response for submittal to the Court. Alternatively, the Board can direct staff to make revisions and return for Board approval at the September 9, 2025 meeting. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - APPROVE AGENCY RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN OR PROVIDE DIRECTION FOR STAFF TO MAKE REVISIONS AND RETURN FOR BOARD APPROVAL AT THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 MEETING.

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

No public comment was received for this item.

Action Requested - APPROVE AGENCY RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN OR PROVIDE DIRECTION FOR STAFF TO MAKE REVISIONS AND RETURN FOR BOARD APPROVAL AT THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 MEETING.

Motion: Supervisor Connelly
Second: Supervisor Durfee

The Board unanimously approved the agency response to the Grand Jury and authorized the Chair to Sign.

4.6 Presentation on the Implementation of the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)
In March 2024, BHSA was passed by California voters to reform the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). A critical component of BHSA changes the way that MHSA dollars are allocated, creating a three-category funding plan as follows: Behavioral Health Services and Supports, Housing, and Full-Service Partnerships. This new funding plan redistributes funding away from programs allocated under MHSA to housing projects and programs for the seriously mentally ill who are experiencing homelessness. BHSA also modifies funding eligibility for program areas. These changes will result in a substantial number of programs no longer receiving funding in 2026 and an increase in housing projects and programs. The Department of Behavioral Health has prepared a presentation on progress toward the implementation of BHSA and its impacts. (DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

Action Requested - ACCEPT FOR INFORMATION.

Scott Kennelly, Director of Behavioral Health, presented this item to the Board.

The following member of the public submitted Public Comment: Bryan Boyer.

Action Requested - ACCEPT FOR INFORMATION

The Board accepted for information.

4.7 Resolution Accepting Donation of Improvements to Fire Station 38 from Golden Feather Volunteer Fire Company
In December 2022, the Golden Feather Volunteer Fire Company began an effort to make much-needed repairs to Fire Station 38 in Concow. After soliciting grants, collecting donations, and providing labor, Fire Station 38 has been significantly improved. These improvements include the demolition of the exterior staircase to commercial code standards, replacement of the upper and lower entrance doors, installation of a concrete apron around the structure and a concrete pad providing accessible parking. Additionally, hazardous trees were removed, the structure was painted, interior and exterior lighting was improved, the bathroom was repaired, rain gutters were installed, the property was graded and road base was added and compacted throughout the area. In all, the value of these improvements is conservatively estimated at $104,774. (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.

The following members of the public submitted Public Comment: Peggy Moak.

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

Motion: Supervisor Teeter

Second: Supervisor Connelly

Motion passes unanimously.

4.8 <u>Amendment to the Job Order Contract with Mesa Energy Systems, Inc. dba EMCOR (EMCOR) to Increase Maximum Contract Value and Notice to Proceed for Exterior Waterproofing, Restroom Remodel, and Multi-HVAC Redesign at 7 County Center Drive (CC7) in Oroville</u>

On November 12, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved seven contracts under the 2025 Job Order Contracting (JOC) program. To date, five contracts have been utilized with a potential job order total cost of $9,352,183. Additional job orders are anticipated through the remainder of the 2025 calendar year. Each contract was approved with a maximum value of $2,000,000 for the one-year term. The contract with EMCOR will exceed this limit primarily due to the construction at CC7, the 2081 Second Street HVAC project in Oroville, and the Fire Station 66 HVAC project in Oroville. The Department of General Services recommends amending EMCOR's contract to increase the maximum contract value by $2,000,000 for a revised not-to-exceed total of $4,000,000. All other terms and conditions remain the same.

CC7 in Oroville houses the Development Services and Public Works departments. The Department has selected EMCOR under the JOC program to complete a number of overdue repairs at CC7, including: a new roof, fixing and waterproofing the building's exterior surfaces to prevent water damage, remodeling staff restrooms, and installing new HVAC units along with redesigning the interior air duct system. The Department recommends the Board approve the Notices to Proceed with EMCOR for each construction project at CC7, and appoint the Director of General Services as the officer of the project. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

Action Requested - 1) APPROVE AMENDED CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN; 2) APPROVE BOTH NOTICES TO PROCEED FOR CC7 AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN; AND 3) APPOINT DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES AS OFFICER OF THE PROJECT.

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

There was no public comment received for this item.

Action Requested - 1) APPROVE AMENDED CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN; 2) APPROVE BOTH NOTICES TO PROCEED FOR CC7 AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN; AND 3) APPOINT DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES AS OFFICER OF THE PROJECT.

Motion: Supervisor Durfee
Second: Supervisor Teeter

Motion passes unanimously.

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

4.10 Board of Supervisors Public Comment (Continuation as needed)

4.11 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 Adopting Service Charges for County Service Areas (CSAs) and Permanent Road Divisions (PRDs) for Fiscal Year 2025-26
CSAs and PRDs are a type of dependent special district governed by the Board of Supervisors. Some CSAs and PRDs are funded by service charges to property owners within the district. These service charges are set annually by the Board based on needs as anticipated in the adopted CSA and PRD budgets. The process for establishing charges is laid out in Government Code section 25215.5 for CSAs, and Streets and Highway Code section 1178 for PRDs.

The Departments of General Services, Public Health, and Public Works manage the areas funded with service charges and prepare an annual budget for anticipated expenses in that given year. Based on these budgets, the recommended parcel charges are calculated. These charges cannot exceed the maximum voter-approved amount previously established pursuant to Proposition 218 election (the Right to Vote on Taxes Act). Four CSAs and one PRD are recommended to receive parcel service charge increases for fiscal year 2025-26; CSAs 82, 141, 169 Z2, 172, and PRD Z5.

County Administration recommends the Board adopt the proposed parcel service charges as laid out in Exhibit A of the Resolution. Service charges are posted online at https://www.buttecounty.net/161/Documents-Resources. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

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

Supervisor Durfee recuses himself and leaves the room at 10:02 am.

Leanne Hancock, Management Analyst II, presented this item to the Board.

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

Motion: Supervisor Ritter
Second: Supervisor Teeter

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

Supervisor Durfee rejoined the session and is seated at 10:06 am.

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 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 September 9, 2025.

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