



BUTTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES

APRIL 14, 2026

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

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 member of the public submitted Public Comment: Diana Dreiss for items 3.4.b, 3.7.a, 3.9.a, 3.10.a, 3.13.b and 3.13.c, and Michael Mulcahy for item 3.13.c.

Action: ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Chair Connelly

Second: Supervisor Kimmelshue

Motion passed unanimously.

3.1. Auditor-Controller's Office

3.1.a Approve Disposal of Capital Assets

Various County departments have identified capital assets that are obsolete, no longer operational, already disposed of, or surplus to operational needs. The Auditor-Controller's Office compiled these items into a consolidated list to facilitate approval of disposal in a single action rather than individual department requests to the Board of Supervisors.

Departments have reported to the Auditor-Controller that the listed assets are no longer in service and are not needed for County operations. Upon approval, the assets will be removed from the County's capital asset records and disposed of in accordance with County policy. Any equipment containing electronic data will be handled in accordance with applicable County information security and disposal procedures. (AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S OFFICE)

Action Requested - APPROVE THE DISPOSAL OF CAPITAL ASSETS AND AUTHORIZE THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO REMOVE THE ASSETS FROM THE CAPITAL ASSET INVENTORY.

3.2. Clerk-Recorder's Office

3.2.a Contract Amendment with Liberty Vote USA Inc. For Election Services

The Clerk-Recorder's Office entered into a contract with Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. in July 2018 to purchase a State-certified voting system and election services. The contract has been amended four times: Amendments 1, 2, and 3 were to purchase additional election equipment as required to adopt the Voters Choice Act model; Amendment 4 was to update the scope of work regarding updates to annual hardware warranties. In October 2025, a transfer of ownership occurred from Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. to Liberty Vote USA Inc.

The Department recommends amending the contract with Liberty Vote USA Inc. for election services for the 2026 Primary, Special, and General Elections. The amendment extends the term of the contract by one year through June 30, 2027, and increases the maximum payable amount by \$250,000, not-to-exceed \$1,468,810. All other terms remain the same. (CLERK-RECORDER'S OFFICE)

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

3.3. County Administration

3.3.a Approval of Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

Submitted for approval are the March 24, 2026 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - APPROVE THE MARCH 24, 2026 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES.

3.3.b Letter of Support for the Hydropower Licensing Transparency Act (S. 3500)

The Hydropower Licensing Transparency Act would improve accountability for the extremely long licensing/relicensing times that hydropower dams face in the United States. The legislation requires FERC to submit annual reports to Congress detailing the status of pending hydropower license and relicensing applications. Relicensing is the mechanism through which FERC, licensees, and stakeholders engage in meaningful dialogue about safety, recreation, environmental obligations, and community impacts. The Oroville Dam has been operating on a year-to-year FERC license extension since the original 50-year FERC license expired in 2007. Year-to-year extensions allow the licensee and FERC to defer critical conversations indefinitely, kicking the can down the road rather than addressing real and pressing concerns. Staff recommend approval of a letter of support to Senators Padilla and Schiff for the Hydropower Licensing Transparency Act. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

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

3.3.c Annual Report Regarding Compliance with Continuing Disclosure Requirements for Debt Issuance

The County is required to meet continuing disclosure requirements for long-term financings. Annually, a report on the status of compliance with these disclosure requirements is provided to the Board of Supervisors. The County's long-term debt financings include Bonds Payable, Certificates of Participation, and Capital Leases for buildings and equipment. Each long-term financing includes one or more of the following continuing disclosure requirements: 1) delivery of the County's Annual Budget, 2) delivery of the County's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), 3) delivery of the County's Annual Single Audit Report, and when applicable, 4) Notification of Events that could have an impact on long term financings (material events and/or voluntary events). Additionally, the County has a Bond Payable financing that requires timely posting of the Budget, ACFR, and Notification of Events with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board via the Electronic Municipal Markets Access (EMMA) website. The Trustee for the Bond Payable financing acts as the Dissemination Agent and completes the EMMA postings.

The County has complied with all the continuing disclosure requirements since the last report to the Board in April 2025. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - ACCEPT FOR INFORMATION.

3.3.d Ratify Letter of Support for Electricity Rate Reduction and Wildfire Victim Restitution AB 2700 (Gallagher)

AB 2700 (Gallagher) directs the California Public Utilities Commission to generate a report outlining recommendations to decrease the kilowatt-per-hour rate for electricity charged to ratepayers by not less than 30% by January 1, 2028. The report must also assess restitution shortfalls for victims of utility-caused wildfires occurring prior to July 12, 2019, and recommend mechanisms for electrical corporations to compensate those victims while supporting long-term rate stability, explicitly without authorizing rate recovery from restitution payments. Staff recommend ratification of the letter that was submitted for inclusion in the committee analysis for the Assembly Committee on Utilities and Energy hearing on April 8, 2026. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - RATIFY LETTER OF SUPPORT.

3.3.e Letter of Opposition for Wildfire Prevention State Responsibility Areas (SRA) Fire Prevention Fee SB 1404 (Stern)

SB 1404, the Wildfire Prevention SRA Fire Prevention Fee would reinstate the SRA fee, which was suspended in 2017 after legislators agreed to fund wildfire-prevention activities with revenue from the state's Cap-and-Trade program, now known as Cap-and-Invest. Reinstating the fee before 2031 breaks that commitment and places new costs on rural residents to backfill state-level funding shifts. Staff recommend approval of a letter of opposition. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

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

3.4. County Library

3.4.a Library Budget Amendment to Add Grant Funds and Other Appropriations

The County Library has received \$14,228 in grant funds and reimbursements to support a range of services and programs. These funds will support public programming commemorating the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution; the Summer 2026 Lunch at the Library program providing meals and activities for children; the Rural Health Connections program focused on community health education and outreach; and early childhood programming through the Sure Start program. Funding will also expand access to e-books, e-audiobooks, and multilingual materials, support staff development, and reimburse Paradise Book Club purchases. The Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approve the budget amendment to allocate the various funds. (LIBRARY)

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

3.4.b Resolution Recognizing April 19-25, 2026, as National Library Week

National Library Week, April 19-25, 2026, is a time to highlight the essential role libraries, librarians and library staff play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. Observed nationwide since the 1950s, National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country. This year's theme, "Find your Joy," is an invitation for people of all backgrounds to explore and discover what sparks joy in them at the library. Libraries serve as hubs for learning, creativity, and connection, helping people of all ages explore new ideas and opportunities. The Department recommends that the Board of Supervisors recognize April 19-25, 2026, as National Library Week in Butte County. (LIBRARY)

Action Requested - APPROVE RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.5. Department of Agriculture

3.5.a Cooperative Service Agreement with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services-Wildlife Services (APHIS-WS)

Butte County participates in an Integrated Wildlife Damage Management program through an annual cooperative service agreement with the USDA APHIS-WS for non-domestic

animal control services such as trapping birds, skunks, and raccoons. The program addresses the loss of livestock, wildlife rabies, and prevention of property damage associated with predatory animals. Under the cooperative services agreement, USDA APHIS-WS provides staff, supervision, administration, and equipment needed to carry out the program and invoices the county for a share of the costs. The Department of Agriculture recommends the Board of Supervisors approve the cooperative service agreement with USDA APHIS-WS. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, not-to-exceed \$91,134. (DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE)

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

3.6. Department of Behavioral Health

3.6.a Agreement Amendment with Dan R. Ledford dba Accularm Security

In July 2024, the Department of Behavioral Health entered into an agreement for security system monitoring and reporting with Accularm Security. The agreement was amended two times in 2025 to add locations, adjust the maximum payable amount, and extend the term. The current term of the agreement ends June 30, 2026, not-to-exceed \$29,102. Accularm Security provides security system monitoring and reporting for the majority of the Department's facilities. The Department has a fire alarm system in Paradise that requires monitoring and reporting services. The Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approve an amendment to the Accularm Security agreement to modify the scope of work to include Paradise services, extend the term to June 30, 2027, and increase the maximum payable amount by \$17,009, not-to-exceed \$46,111. All other terms remain the same. (DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

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

3.7. Department of Employment & Social Services

3.7.a Resolution Recognizing April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month

In 1983, April was designated as the first National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time to recognize the importance of communities and families working together to prevent child abuse and neglect. It is a time to advance awareness, promote meaningful action, and ensure that every child is afforded the opportunity to grow up safe, supported, and loved.

First 5 Butte County Children and Families Commission, acting on behalf of Butte County Child Abuse Prevention Council, requests the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution recognizing April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Butte County. (DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT & SOCIAL SERVICES)

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

3.8 Department of General Services

3.8.a Notice of Completion with Don C. George, Inc. dba George Roofing, for Roof Replacement at County Juvenile Hall, 41 County Center Drive, Oroville

On July 29, 2025, the Board of Supervisors awarded a contract to Don C. George, Inc., doing business as George Roofing, in the amount of \$495,880 to replace the roof at the County Juvenile Hall facility located at 41 County Center Drive, Oroville. During construction, one change order was issued to add improvements to the roof edge in the amount of \$60,900, resulting in a final contract amount of \$556,780. All contract work has been completed, inspected, and approved by the Departments of Development Services, Probation, and General Services. The Department of General Services recommends the Board accept the contract work as complete and authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the Notice of Completion. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

Action Requested - 1) ACCEPT THE CONTRACT WORK AS COMPLETED; AND 2) AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION.

3.8.b Reallocate Savings from Juvenile Hall Roof Replacement Project to Fund Juvenile Hall Gymnasium Roof Repairs

On November 18, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved the reallocation of \$208,500 to fund replacement of the roof at the Juvenile Hall Gymnasium, which is adjacent to the Juvenile Hall. This funding was available from savings within the \$1.7 million Juvenile Hall roof replacement project funded by the PG&E Settlement Fund. The main Juvenile Hall roof project was completed with an estimated savings of \$1 million, from which the Board approved replacement of the deteriorated Gymnasium roof. The existing roof had allowed significant water intrusion, damaging recently completed interior improvements.

The Department of General Services obtained a proposal from Hankins Group, Inc., a County Job Order Contract (JOC) contractor, to replace the Gymnasium roof with a 20-year, no-dollar-limit warranty. During construction, previously unidentified non-structural dry rot was discovered, requiring additional work to complete the project. The Department requests Board approval to reallocate an additional \$15,000 to the Gymnasium roof project, for a total budget of \$223,500, from available project savings resulting from the Juvenile Hall roof replacement. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

Action Requested - APPROVE THE REALLOCATION OF PROJECT FUNDING.

3.9. Department of Public Health

3.9.a Resolution Recognizing April 12-18, 2026 as National Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week

The National Animal Care & Control Association has declared April 12-18, 2026, as National Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week, which recognizes the essential efforts of animal control professionals in communities across the nation. This observance highlights the vital role that animal welfare and public well-being play in maintaining healthy communities.

In 2025, the Butte County Public Health Animal Control Program responded to 2,873 calls

for service, issued 3,289 dog licenses to support rabies prevention and responsible pet ownership, and conducted 359 rabies-related investigations. These activities demonstrate the vital connection between animal services, disease prevention, and community safety. Animal control officers play a critical role in safeguarding public health and animal welfare, and their dedication is deserving of recognition. The Department of Public Health recommends the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution recognizing April 12-18, 2026, as National Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week in Butte County. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH)

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

3.9.b Grant Agreement with California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

The Department of Public Health recommends entering into a grant agreement with CDPH for the administration of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. The purpose of the program is to provide prevention, education, and case management services directed towards the reduction of lead poisoning in Butte County. Case management services are provided to children within the County that have been exposed to lead poisoning from circumstances such as, deteriorating paint in older homes, houses undergoing renovations, contamination of imported foods or toys, and take-home exposure from work sites. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028, with a maximum amount receivable of \$235,468. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH)

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

3.9.c Grant Agreement Termination with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for the United States Department of Food and Agriculture (USDA) Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Program

Due to the passing of United States House Resolution 1 by the United States Congress and enactment on July 4, 2025, mandatory funding for the USDA Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Program (known as SNAP-Ed or CalFresh Healthy Living in California) has been eliminated after Federal Fiscal Year 2025, which ended on September 30, 2025. CDPH served an official notification of termination of Grant Agreement effective April 30, 2026. As part of the formal agreement closeout process CDPH requires confirmation of receipt of the notification of termination. The Department acknowledges the termination and is in the process of closing out the program and submitting the required documentation to meet all terms and conditions of the agreement. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH)

Action Requested - CONFIRM RECEIPT OF NOTIFICATION OF TERMINATION OF GRANT AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE APRIL 30, 2026 AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.10. District Attorney's Office

3.10.a Resolution Recognizing National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Butte County

Board approval is requested for a resolution which recognizes April 19 - 25, 2026 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Butte County. National Crime Victims' Rights

Week provides an opportunity to recognize the County's commitment to victim services and to assist survivors with relevant services that support justice and healing of all victims of crime. (DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE)

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

3.11. Department of Public Works

3.11.a Ratify Contract Change Order and Approve Notice of Completion for the Centerville Road Rehabilitation Project

On June 24, 2025 the Board of Supervisors awarded the Centerville Road Rehabilitation Project to Knife River Construction of Chico. The project, located east of the City of Chico in Butte County, included clearing and grubbing, traffic control, grading, full depth reclamation with cement, installation of storm drain facilities, paving, striping, and signage. This project, funded by FEMA and the CDBG-Diaster Recovery program, addressed damage sustained during the Camp Fire recovery efforts on Centerville Road. All contract work has been completed per the project plans and specifications.

The contract award amount was \$3,420,521. One contract change order was executed that provided for changes in contract quantities to match actual quantities at the contract unit prices for the various line items of the work. The result was a decrease to the contract of \$189,908. The new total contract award is \$3,230,613.

The Department of Public Works recommends that the Board accept the work as complete, ratify the contract change order previously authorized by the Director, and authorize the Chair to sign the Notice of Completion. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Action Requested - 1) RATIFY THE CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED BY THE DIRECTOR; AND 2) ACCEPT THE CONTRACT WORK AS COMPLETE; AND 3) AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION.

3.11.b Approve Contract Change Order and Notice of Completion for the Honey Run Road Rehabilitation Project

On June 24, 2025 the Board of Supervisors awarded the Honey Run Road Rehabilitation Project to Knife River Construction of Chico. The project, located east of the City of Chico in Butte County, included clearing and grubbing, traffic control, grading, full depth reclamation with cement, installation of storm drain facilities, paving, striping, and signage. This project, funded by FEMA and the CDBG-Diaster Recovery program, addressed damage sustained during the Camp Fire recovery efforts on Honey Run Road. The original contract award amount was \$3,641,521. All contract work has been completed per the project plans and specifications.

One contract change order was executed that provides for the following:

- Changes in contract quantities to match actual quantities at the contract unit prices for the various line items of the work; and

- Approves miscellaneous extra work items that include additional road repair, drainage work and delineation.

The contract change order resulted in an increase to the contract of \$541,809. The new total contract award is \$4,183,330.

The Department of Public Works recommends that the Board authorize the Director to sign the contract change order, accept the work as complete, and authorize the Chair to sign the Notice of Completion. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Action Requested - 1) AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER; AND 2) ACCEPT THE CONTRACT WORK AS COMPLETE; AND 3) AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION.

3.11.c Budget Amendment for CSA 098 - Oro Monte Estates Drainage District

CSA 098 (Oro Monte Estates Drainage District), located along Timber Ridge Road, is authorized to provide stormwater drainage services. The Department of Public Works recommends an increase in appropriations within CSA 098 in the amount of \$2,500, funded by available fund balance, for stormwater drainage services performed. The fund has sufficient available fund balance to cover these costs. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

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

3.11.d Contract Amendment with MAP Associates, Inc. dba NorthStar (NorthStar) for Engineering Staff Augmentation Services

In April 2024, due to ongoing challenges in recruiting and retaining licensed civil engineers, the Department of Public Works issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering staff augmentation services to support departmental operations and project delivery. Following a qualifications-based selection process, NorthStar, was selected based on demonstrated experience, technical expertise, and ability to meet the Department's operational needs. On June 21, 2024, the Department executed a one-year agreement with NorthStar, not-to-exceed \$100,000. The Board of Supervisors subsequently approved an amendment to extend the contract term through October 31, 2026, and increase the maximum payable by \$134,000, not-to-exceed \$234,000.

Currently, the Director of Public Works also serves as the Road Commissioner and County Engineer. Since the recent resignation of the former Director, the Assistant Director has taken on these roles in addition to their existing responsibilities. However, the workload is unsustainable, and this arrangement is not in the best interest of the County or its constituents. Due to continued challenges in recruiting and retaining licensed civil engineers, including a Director of Public Works, the Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approve a contract amendment adding to the Scope of Work under the contract to have NorthStar provide services to fulfill the role of County Engineer, increase the maximum payable by \$150,000, not-to-exceed \$384,000, and to extend the term by eight months, through June 30, 2027. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

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

3.12. Sheriff-Coroner's Office

3.12.a Sheriff's Office Military Equipment Use Ordinance

Effective January 1, 2022, Government Code sections 7070-7075 requires a law enforcement agency (LEA) to obtain approval from the applicable governing body prior to obtaining LEA funding for acquiring military equipment. This involves adoption of a Military Equipment Use Policy by ordinance. In addition, the Sheriff's Office is required to provide an annual report on the use of military equipment and the Board of Supervisors determines if the adopted ordinance shall be renewed annually. On March 24, 2026, the Policy was presented to the Board to allow for public comment and the Board waived the first reading of the Ordinance. The Sheriff's Office recommends adoption of the ordinance. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE)

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

3.12.b Contract Amendment with Keefe Commissary Network, LLC (Keefe) for Commissary Services

In September 2021, the Sheriff's Office entered into a contract with Keefe for inmate commissary services. Under the contract, Keefe offers commissary services to all inmates at the Jail at no cost to the County. Due to the implementation of a new Jail Management System, the Sheriff's Office must implement a new system to provide inmate banking services, which includes software and equipment necessary to accept and track inmate funds. Keefe is able to provide banking services to inmates at no cost to the County. The Sheriff's Office recommends the Board of Supervisors approve a contract amendment with Keefe to include banking services and extend the term of the contract by three years through August 31, 2029. All other terms remain the same. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE)

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

3.13. Other

3.13.a Amendment to the Durham Irrigation District Bylaws

The Durham Irrigation District (District) amended its bylaws on October 15, 2024, to increase the number of Board members from three to five. Expanding the Board will benefit the District by providing broader representation, distributing responsibilities among more members, and improving the Board's ability to achieve a quorum.

The District is requesting that the Board of Supervisors approve the amended bylaws, pursuant to California Water Code section 35305, to allow the District to proceed with electing two additional Board members during the next election cycle. (OTHER)

Action Requested - APPROVE AMENDED BYLAWS.

3.13.b Resolution Recognizing April 11-17, 2026 as the Week of the Young Child

The Butte County Local Child Care Planning Council requests that the Butte County Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution recognizing April 11-17, 2026, as the Week of the Young Child. This week highlights the importance of the early childhood years in laying the foundation for children's success in both school and later in life, and is an opportunity for communities to come together to meet the needs of young children and their families. (OTHER)

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

3.13.c Resolution Recognizing April 14, 2026 as Holocaust Memorial Day

In commemoration of the approximately six million Jewish people murdered in the Holocaust by Nazi Germany and its allies, and for the Jewish resistance during that period, the Board is asked to adopt a resolution recognizing April 14, 2026 as Holocaust Memorial Day. Rabbi Lisa Rappaport from Congregation Beth Israel in Chico will receive the resolution. (DISTRICT 3 SUPERVISOR)

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

4. **REGULAR AGENDA**

4.1 Board Member/Committee Reports and Board Member Comment

Chair Connelly - Attended Sacramento Valley EMS meeting; Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting; stated there will be a dedication ceremony for the military dog statue at the VFW Memorial Park, May 18, 2026 at 10:00 am. He further thanked county departments for their hard work.

Supervisor Durfee - Attended BCAG meeting; Butte County Air Quality Control Management District meeting; Nielsen Sustainability Awards; met with Butte County Farm Bureau; met with constituents regarding flooding; and filmed a piece for the Butte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Gala. He further states the Board of Supervisors will be discussing flood issues at the April 28, 2026 meeting, at 11:00 am, and will be discussing FEMA flood maps updates on April 29, 2026, at 5:30 pm at the Chico Masonic Hall in Chico.

Supervisor Ritter - Attended First 5 Executive Committee and Regular meeting; BCAG meeting; Butte County Air Quality Control Management District meeting and Agenda Review; Behavioral Health Executive meeting; Chico Housing Action Team fundraiser; met with PG&E Government Liaison, and met with constituent regarding flooding and library issues.

Supervisor Kimmelshue - Met with constituents and met with Supervisor Greg Jones of Tehama County; visited the Torres Shelter with Sheriff Honea; and attended a CSAC retreat.

Supervisor Teeter - Requested a head nod to direct staff to look into legislative issues that concern Animal Control policy. He further thanked staff and County

Counsel for their assistance.

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: Diana Dreiss (electronically and in-person) and The Cameraman.

4.3 Resolution Approving a Cooperative Agreement with California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) for a Fire Prevention Specialist Position

In February 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved an application for a mitigation grant from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) as a result of the 2017 Wind Complex. This grant funded a community education program for Chapter 38A Fire Prevention and Protection, leading to the 2022 launch of the "Be Ready, Butte!" campaign to support defensible space inspections.

In 2025, in response to the Camp Fire, HCD awarded a second grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 to expand the program. On December 16, 2025, the Board directed the Fire Department to revise the grant's scope and budget to include a multi-year, limited-term Fire Education Specialist position to conduct pre-inspection visits and educate homeowners on defensible space.

HCD has approved the revisions, which now includes funding in the amount of \$499,052 for a Fire Prevention Specialist I position. The Department recommends the Board adopt a resolution approving a cooperative agreement with CAL FIRE to establish a three-year, four-month limited-term Fire Prevention Specialist I position to protect against fire risk through homeowner education for the duration of the grant. (FIRE DEPARTMENT)

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

Garrett Sjolund, Fire Chief, presented this item to the Board.

The following members of the public submitted Public Comment: John Stonebraker

Action: ADOPT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

**Motioned: Supervisor Durfee
Second: Supervisor Teeter**

Motion passed unanimously.

- 4.4 Contract with The Gordian Group (Gordian) for Job Order Contracting (JOC) Services
 On April 27, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved an agreement with Gordian to provide JOC administrative services and maintenance of a pre-priced Construction Task Catalog. Since that time, Gordian has provided JOC consulting and program administration services to the County.

Public Contract Code Section 20128.5 authorizes the County to implement a JOC program, a project delivery method widely used by counties throughout California. JOC allows facilities and road projects to be completed using competitive bidding on projects, with pricing established through a pre-priced Construction Task Catalog and contractor adjustment factors for the duration of each contract. The use of a comprehensive Construction Task Catalog and program administration service is a core component of implementing a compliant JOC program. Gordian provides the specialized construction cost catalog, program administration, and technical support necessary to operate the County's JOC program in accordance with Code requirements. The proposed contract includes maintaining the Construction Task Catalog, assisting with solicitation of JOC contracts, developing contractor coefficients, and verifying that work performed under JOC contracts aligns with the pre-established pricing structure.

The proposed contract provides for a one-year term from April 28, 2026, through April 28, 2027, with the option to extend for up to five additional years. The contract includes a not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000. Funding is incorporated into individual project budgets, and payments to Gordian are made only upon completion of work under an umbrella contract. No payment is required if no work is performed.

The Department recommends the Board approve a new contract with The Gordian Group, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$250,000 for continued JOC consulting and program administration services for the upcoming term. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

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

Dennis Schmidt Interim Director of General Services, presented this item to the Board.

There was no public comment received for this item.

Action: APPROVE CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

Motioned: Supervisor Teeter

Second: Supervisor Durfee

Motion passed unanimously.

- 4.5 Contract Amendment with Armed Guard Private Security, Inc. (Armed Guard) to Provide Armed and Unarmed Security Guard Services
 Armed Guard provides security guard services necessary for a safe environment to protect

the public and staff at all locations of the Department of Employment and Social Services. Security guard presence in public areas within Department locations assists with keeping staff and clients safe. Security guards allow the Department to serve the public efficiently and without interruption. On August 22, 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Armed Guard to provide these services through June 30, 2026.

The Department recommends amending the contract with Armed Guard. The amendment extends the contract term to June 30, 2028 and increases the contract amount by \$1,310,152, not-to-exceed \$3,082,022. All other terms remain the same. (DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT & SOCIAL SERVICES)

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

Tiffany Rowe, Director of Employment & Social Services, presented this item to the Board.

There was no public comment received for this item.

Action: APPROVE CONTRACT AMENDMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

Motioned: Supervisor Teeter

Second: Supervisor Ritter

Motion passed unanimously.

4.6 Resolution Designating a Local Arts Agency for the California Arts Council's State-Local Partnership (SLP) Program

The SLP Program was established to foster cultural development at the local level through a partnership between the California Arts Council and California counties. The Board of Supervisors may designate one local arts agency to serve as the Local Partner, which makes them eligible to apply for general operating support, technical assistance, and grant funding of up to \$75,000 annually from the California Arts Council. Designation may be for a minimum of one year or ongoing, at the discretion of the designating body. The Board began designating a local arts agency as the Local Partner in 2004. The Board most recently designated Upstate Community Enhancement Foundation, commonly known as Friends of the Arts, as the Local Partner for the period of 2022 through 2025.

The County was approached by multiple organizations interested in serving as the Local Partner, and on February 10, 2026, the Board established eligibility requirements and an application process for designation. Eligibility requirements are based on the California Arts Council State-Local Partners Grant Guidelines, including maintaining a principal place of business in California, providing countywide services, demonstrating nonprofit status, and a minimum of two years of consistent arts programming and/or services.

The deadline to apply for County designation as the Local Partner was March 15, 2026.

Two qualified applications were received: (1) Upstate Community Enhancement Foundation, Friends of the Arts, and (2) State Theater Arts Guild Inc. Staff recommend the Board select one applicant for designation as the Local Partner for a minimum of one year or ongoing, and adopt the resolution and authorize the Chair to sign. The designated Local Partner may then apply for grant funds from the California Arts Council by the State application deadline of May 12, 2026. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - 1) SELECT ONE LOCAL ARTS AGENCY FOR DESIGNATION AS THE LOCAL PARTNER, 2) SELECT A MINIMUM DESIGNATION TERM OF ONE YEAR OR ONGOING; AND 3) ADOPT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

Katie Simmons, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, presented this item to the Board.

The following members of the public submitted Public Comment: (Electronically) Debra Lucero, Anna Kastner, Grant Parks, Pat Macias, Gabrielle Green, Bonny Pipkin, and Tanya Allen. (In-Person) Cindy Daniluke, Brian Wong, Luisa Lui, Forest Wong, Shawn Webber, Anna Kastner, Debra Lucero, and Wendy Mulcahy Diamond.

Action: DESIGNATE UPSTATE COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FOUNDATION (FRIENDS OF THE ARTS) AS THE LOCAL PARTNER FOR THE CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL'S STATE-LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH 2028 AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

**Motioned: Supervisor Ritter
Second: Supervisor Durfee**

Motion passed with a 3-2 vote (Ayes: Supervisors Durfee, Ritter, and Kimmelshue; Nays: Supervisor Teeter and Chair Connelly).

- 4.7 Items Removed from the Consent Agenda for Board Consideration and Action
- 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)

The following members of the public submitted Public Comment: John Stonebraker

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND TIMED ITEMS

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

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- 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 Real Property Negotiators pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property APN 010-123-007

Agency Negotiator - Andy Pickett

Negotiating Party: City of Gridley

Negotiations: Terms and Conditions of Real Property Rights (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION/GENERAL SERVICES)

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 April 28, 2026.

ATTEST:

Andy Pickett, Chief Administrative Officer and
Clerk of the Board

Bill Connelly, Chair

Butte County Board of Supervisors

Deputy

Assistant Clerk of the Board