



BUTTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES

APRIL 28, 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

Supervisor Durfee recused himself from item 3.6.a.

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 Teeter

Motion passed unanimously with the exception of item 3.6.a which was approved by a 4-0-1 vote (Ayes: Supervisors Ritter, Kimmelshue, Teeter, and Chair Connelly; Nays: None; Recusal: Supervisor Durfee).

3.1 Clerk-Recorder's Office

- 3.1.a Letter of Support for AB 2224 (Hadwick) Related to Increasing Clerk-Recorder Fees
AB 2224 (Hadwick) would allow counties to update statutory fee caps for recorder services. The Recorder Division in the Clerk-Recorder's Office is a fee for service operations intended to be self-supporting; however, fees have not been updated in 16 years. Rising operating costs and decreased recording activity have reduced revenue and strained the Department's ability to maintain service levels. Stagnant fees have resulted in staff reductions, reduced public counter hours, and limited operational capacity. Without the ability to adjust fees, further service impacts may occur. AB 2224 provides a mechanism to align fees with actual service costs and support sustainable operations. The Department recommends the approval of a letter of support. (CLERK-RECORDER'S OFFICE)

Action Requested - APPROVE LETTER OF SUPPORT 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 April 14, 2026 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - APPROVE THE APRIL 14, 2026 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES.

- 3.2.b Contract Amendment for Butte Water Truck Service for Hauled Potable Water Under the Drought Resilience and Outreach Project (DROP) Grant
On April 9, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Butte Water Truck Service, in the amount of \$233,395, to provide potable water hauling services through April 30, 2026, to residents experiencing dry wells due to drought or fire-related emergency conditions. Butte Water Truck Service continues to deliver potable water to approximately 37 qualified households, totaling approximately 117,500 gallons of water per month.

County Administration recommends approval of an amendment to the contract with Butte Water Truck Service for continued potable water delivery services. The amendment extends the term of the contract by seven months, through November 30, 2026, and increases the maximum financial obligation by \$68,200, not-to-exceed \$301,595. All other terms remain the same. Funding for this contract is provided by the DROP grant. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

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

- 3.2.c Contract Amendment for The Cali Dozer Co. LLC for Hauled Potable Water Under the

Drought Resilience and Outreach Project (DROP) Grant

On April 9, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract with The Cali Dozer Co. LLC, in the amount of \$233,395, to provide potable water hauling services through April 30, 2026, to residents experiencing dry wells due to drought or fire-related emergency conditions. The Cali Dozer Co. LLC continues to deliver potable water to approximately 40 qualified households, totaling approximately 130,000 gallons of water per month.

County Administration recommends approval of an amendment to the contract with The Cali Dozer Co. LLC for continued potable water delivery services. The amendment extends the term of the contract by seven months, through November 30, 2026, and increases the maximum financial obligation by \$115,500, not-to-exceed \$348,895. All other terms remain the same. Funding for this contract is provided by the DROP grant. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

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

3.2.d Letter of Support for Enterprise Rancheria Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) Application

Enterprise Rancheria is applying to the US Foreign Trade Zones Board to establish a new FTZ in Butte County. This designation would expand economic development opportunities by giving local businesses the ability to apply for a federally regulated program that can lower costs for companies that import materials, export products, or assemble goods locally. Enterprise Rancheria would serve as the Grantee and act as the regional administrator of the program, coordinating applications and compliance within the Service Area. Chair Connelly and Supervisor Teeter have requested a letter of support. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

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

3.2.e Ratify Letter of Support for Apex Lumber's Application to the Wood Products Infrastructure Assistance Grant Program (WPIA)

Apex Lumber is applying for funding through the USDA WPIA grant program to support development of an industrial woodworking park in Oroville. The project will expand local capacity to process fire-damaged wood and woody biomass generated from recent wildfires, fuel reduction efforts, and ongoing forest maintenance projects. This increased processing capacity will reduce disposal costs, support long-term recovery, and enable completion of additional restoration and fuel reduction treatments. At the request of Chair Connelly and Supervisor Teeter, staff submitted a letter of support to Apex Lumber, signed by the Chief Administrative Officer, in order to meet the grant deadline of April 22, 2026. Staff recommend the Board ratify the letter of support. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - RATIFY LETTER OF SUPPORT.

3.3. Department of Behavioral Health

3.3.a Agreement with Amergis Healthcare Staffing, LLC for Locum Nurse Services

Due to a shortage of nurses in Butte County, the Department of Behavioral Health contracts with locum agencies to supply nurses to meet the required level of mental health

services. The Department released an RFP on November 1, 2024, for locum nursing services. Four vendors were awarded, including Amergis Healthcare Staffing, LLC. The RFP results are valid for three years. Due to the ongoing need for locum nurse services, the Department is initiating new agreements with all awarded vendors. The Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approve a new agreement with Amergis Healthcare Staffing, LLC. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, not-to-exceed \$150,001. (DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

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

3.3.b Agreement with ExMed Inc. and Traditions Behavioral Health for Outpatient Psychiatry Services

Due to a shortage of Psychiatrists in Butte County, the Department of Behavioral Health contracts with locum agencies to supply outpatient psychiatry services to meet the required level of mental health services. The Department released an RFP in January 2025 for locum outpatient psychiatry services. Four vendors were awarded, including ExMed Inc. and Traditions Behavioral Health. The RFP results are valid for three years. Due to an ongoing need for locum outpatient psychiatry services, the Department is initiating new agreements with all awarded vendors. The Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approve new agreements with ExMed, Inc. and Traditions Behavioral Health. The term of each agreement is July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. The maximum payable amount is based on available locum psychiatrists per vendor, as follows: ExMed, Inc., not-to-exceed \$336,960 and Traditions Behavioral Health, not-to-exceed \$500,000. (DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

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

3.4. Department of Employment & Social Services

3.4.a Contract with Global Security Systems, LLC for Alert FM Early Warning Receivers

On May 14, 2024, the Board of Supervisors authorized submission of an application for CDBG Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Mitigation funds to expand the Alert FM program. The mitigation funds are available to the County as a result of the 2018 Camp Fire to reduce risk through planning and public services. The County was awarded \$400,000 to distribute 1,500 Alert FM early warning in-home receivers to eligible residents in remote, unincorporated communities. The communities are in high-fire prone areas, with frequent Public Safety Power Shut Off occurrences, and limited telecommunication access. The receivers will extend communication to residents who might not otherwise receive notification during disasters.

On December 16, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract between the Sheriff's Office and Global Security Systems, LLC for the Alert FM to extend the system five years to seven radio tower sites. The contract proposed today is with Global Security Systems, LLC for the purchase of up to 1,500 receivers to be purchased and distributed under the grant. The Department of Employment and Social Services recommends the Board approve the contract with Global Security Systems, LLC with a term of April 28, 2026, through March 31, 2028, not-to-exceed \$214,740. Remaining funds within the grant

support eligibility verification, receiver distribution, testing, and maintenance. (DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT & SOCIAL SERVICES)

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

3.4.b Contract Amendment with Youth for Change for the CalWORKs Home Visiting Program (HVP)

Youth for Change operates Parents as Teachers HVP, a nationally recognized program designed to help expectant and new parents get their children off to a healthy start. Families participate voluntarily in the program and receive weekly home visits and service referrals from trained staff. The Board of Supervisors approved the original contract with Youth for Change on June 16, 2023. The Department of Employment and Social Services recommends amending the contract with Youth for Change to continue providing services to participants of CalWORKs HVP and increase the minimum case load from serving 25 to 38 families per year with this program. The amendment extends the term of the contract by two years through June 30, 2028, and increases the maximum payable amount by \$676,000, not-to-exceed \$1,667,000; all other terms remain the same. (DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT & SOCIAL SERVICES)

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

3.5. Department of General Services

3.5.a Notice of Completion and Amendment Ratification with American Alarm Co., Inc. for the Juvenile Hall Integrated Security System Project

On October 8, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract with American Alarm Co., Inc. in the amount of \$869,665 for design and construction services to upgrade the existing Juvenile Hall surveillance system at 41 County Center Drive. During construction, five amendments were issued for additional cameras, networking, and software, totaling \$50,137 and increasing the total contract amount to \$919,802. All contract work has been completed, inspected, and approved by the Probation Department and the Department of General Services. The Department of General Services recommends ratifying Amendments 1 through 5 and accepting the contract work as complete. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

Action Requested - 1) RATIFY CONTRACT AMENDMENTS 1 THROUGH 5; 2) ACCEPT THE CONTRACT WORK AS COMPLETE; AND 3) AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION.

3.5.b Notice of Completion and Change Order Ratification with Lord's Electric, Inc. for the Emergency Backup Generator Systems at Fire Stations 55 in Bangor and 64 in Oroville

On December 10, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Lord's Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$340,600 for the installation of emergency standby generators at Fire Station 55 in Bangor and Fire Station 64 in Oroville. During construction, three change orders were issued for added electrical work, asphalt, and landscape rock, totaling \$34,186 and increasing the total contract amount to \$374,786. All contract work has been completed, inspected, and approved by the Departments of Development Services,

General Services, and Butte County Fire. The Department of General Services recommends ratifying Change Orders 1 through 3 and accepting the contract work as complete. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

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

3.6. Department of Human Resources

3.6.a Side Letter Agreement (SLA) with Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA-General) - Holiday Compensation Calculation

This SLA between the County and DSA-General provides clarification to existing MOU language and the longstanding practice of including certain eligible incentives and special pays in the calculation for Holiday Compensation. This SLA was created to ensure compliance with CalPERS rules for holiday compensation when calculating a member's final pay for retirement purposes. This SLA is retroactive to the adopted 2022-2025 MOU and is now included in the existing 2025-2029 MOU. There is no fiscal impact. The SLA is intended to document current practice. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

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

3.6.b Side Letter Agreement (SLA) with Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA-Management) - Holiday Compensation Calculation

This SLA between the County and DSA-Management provides clarification to existing MOU language and the longstanding practice of including certain eligible incentives and special pays in the calculation for Holiday Compensation. This SLA was created to ensure compliance with CalPERS rules for holiday compensation when calculating a member's final pay for retirement purposes. This SLA is retroactive to the adopted 2022-2025 MOU and is now included in the existing 2025-2029 MOU. There is no fiscal impact; the SLA is intended to document current practice. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

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

3.6.c Appointment to the Public Risk Innovation, Solutions, and Management (PRISM) Board of Directors

PRISM was formed as a joint powers authority to provide a member-directed risk sharing pool of counties and other public entities providing risk coverage programs and risk management services. PRISM offers volume discounts and strategic blending of self-insurance and insurance to its member agencies, including workers' compensation, general liability, property, medical malpractice, employee health and benefits, and many other coverages for public entity exposures. Its services include loss prevention, online training, technology support, legislative review and several cost containment service programs.

Pursuant to Article 7 of PRISM's Joint Powers Agreement, the Board of Supervisors of

each member county shall appoint a Director and an Alternate Director to serve on the PRISM Board of Directors. In 2022, the Risk Manager was appointed as the PRISM Director and the Director of Human Resources was later appointed as the Alternate. The Department recommends replacing the Director of Human Resources with the Human Resources Manager who oversees Risk Management to serve as the Alternate Director on the PRISM Board. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

Action Requested - APPOINT THE HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER WHO OVERSEES RISK MANAGEMENT TO SERVE AS THE ALTERNATE DIRECTOR ON THE PRISM BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

3.7. Department of Public Works

3.7.a Approve the Final Map for Orchardcrest Estates Subdivision, Phase 2

Orchardcrest Estates Subdivision, Phase 2, Assessors Parcel Number 030-170-080 is located north of Highway 162, between 10th Street and Middlehoff Lane, west of the City of Oroville in the Thermalito area.

This is the second and final phase of a conditionally approved public street subdivision. Phase 2 creates 46 lots, for a combined total of 92 lots. 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 outlines the property owner providing certain things to the public and County:

- A) Turning over fee simple ownership of the roads called Nettle Nook Lane and Orchardcrest Drive (as shown on the map).
- B) Allowing utility companies and public services to use certain strips of land as Public Service Easements (P.S.E.) on the map.
- C) Providing certain access rights (called "abutter's rights") to the County allowing for designated rights of access points. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Action Requested - 1) APPROVE THE FINAL MAP FOR ORCHARDCREST ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2; 2) ACCEPT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF BUTTE ITEMS A AND C AS OFFERED FOR DEDICATION IN THE OWNER'S STATEMENT; AND 3) ACCEPT ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC ITEM B AS OFFERED FOR DEDICATION IN THE OWNER'S STATEMENT.

3.7.b Blanket Purchase Agreements with Greenz Trucking Towing Transport & Logistics LLC, Kite Solutions LLC, and Scarberry Trucking LLC

On January 21, 2026, the Department of Public Works issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for trucking services to support the hauling of aggregate materials for chip seal projects, gravel road maintenance, asphalt delivery, landfill operations and for debris resulting from local storm events. The Department planned to award agreements to multiple vendors if it served the County's best interest.

On February 16, 2026, the Department received nine responsive bids, six of which were

bidders located within the County. After evaluating the bids received, the Department recommends entering into agreements with three local vendors, Greenz Trucking Towing Transport & Logistics LLC (Magalia), Kite Solutions LLC (Chico), and Scarberry Trucking LLC (Gridley), for trucking services. The term of each agreement is April 28, 2026, through April 28, 2031, for a maximum not-to-exceed amount of \$125,000 each. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Action Requested - APPROVE AGREEMENTS (3) AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.8. Sheriff-Coroner's Office

3.8.a Contract with CRS Technologies, LLC dba JailCore for Electronic Inmate Tracking and Housing Check System

In April 2025, the Sheriff's Office published an RFP for an electronic inmate tracking and housing check system for use by staff to document inmate housing and safety checks. The Sheriff's Office received five responses and, following review and evaluation of all proposals, it was determined that JailCore was the most responsive candidate. The Sheriff's Office recommends entering into a contract with JailCore for an electronic inmate tracking and housing check system. The term of the contract is five years from date of execution, not-to-exceed \$287,325. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE)

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

3.8.b Resolution to Increase Sheriff's Office Records Bureau Change Fund

The Sheriff's Office Records Bureau has experienced an increase in the number of people served over the years, expanded services in Chico and Oroville, and has increased the number of staff that serve the public. The Records Bureau uses a Change Fund to handle cash transactions where customers pay with cash and require change. The Records Bureau Change Fund was last approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2016 for \$500 and is insufficient to properly and efficiently conduct business.

The Auditor-Controller's Office agrees that an increase to the Records Bureau Change Fund is needed. The Sheriff's Office recommends the Board adopt a Resolution to increase the Records Bureau Change Fund by \$200, bringing the cumulative total to \$700. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE)

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

3.9. Other

3.9.a District Priorities Fund Application - Berry Creek Grange

Chair Connelly recommends approval of \$5,000 in District 1 Priorities Funds to the Berry Creek Grange for their rebuild project. The Grange is rebuilding after the North Complex fire in 2020. (DISTRICT 1 SUPERVISOR)

Action Requested - APPROVE DISTRICT PRIORITIES FUND APPLICATION.

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1 Board Member/Committee Reports and Board Member Comment

Chair Connelly - Mentioned Newspaper articles regarding Oroville Dam.

Supervisor Durfee - Attended Budget Briefing meeting; Audit Committee meeting; National Crime Victims' Rights event; BCAG meeting; and Air Quality Management District meeting; met with Members of CAL FIRE 2881 and Scotty's Landing regarding updates.

Supervisor Ritter - Attended Budget Briefing; Passages Council meeting; Behavioral Health Advisory meeting; meeting regarding 5-mile; Diversibility Action Network meeting; Everhart Village Open House; Martin Luther King Ginsburg dinner; Continuum of Care meeting; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People meeting; Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council meeting; National Crime Victims' Rights event; Restorative Justice Subcommittee meeting; Rural Local Master Plan on Aging meeting; BCAG meeting; Air Quality Management District meeting; Oroville Hospital Nurses Union event; City of Chico ad-hoc Committee on Homelessness meeting; and volunteered at Wildflower Century Ride.

Supervisor Kimmelshue - Thanked staff for their hard work; attended Northern Sacramento Valley Regional Integrated Water Management meeting; and the National Association of Clean Water Agencies meeting; met with the new City Manager of Biggs, the Durham Foundation Board, the Owner of Scotty's Landing; and various constituents.

Supervisor Teeter - Attended Budget Briefing; Library Advisory Board meeting; Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council meeting; and Golden State Natural Resources meeting.

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 Appointment to the Housing Authority of the County of Butte

The Housing Authority of the County of Butte (HACB) assists low and moderate income residents of Butte County to secure and maintain high quality affordable housing. The

HACB is governed by a seven-member Board of Commissioners appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Five of the seven commissioners are appointed by the Board of Supervisors to represent each District and serve terms that coincide with their District Supervisor. Additionally, the Board shall appoint two Tenant Commissioners.

Supervisor Durfee has nominated Tim Merrill to serve on the HACB, as the District 2 Representative, for a term ending January 4, 2027. (OTHER)

Action Requested - APPOINT TIM MERRILL AS THE DISTRICT 2 REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF BUTTE FOR A TERM ENDING JANUARY 4, 2027.

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

There was no public comment received for this item.

Action: APPOINT TIM MERRILL AS THE DISTRICT 2 REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF BUTTE FOR A TERM ENDING JANUARY 4, 2027.

**Motioned: Supervisor Durfee
Second: Supervisor Kimmelshue**

Motion passed unanimously.

4.4 Appointment to the Butte County Wastewater Advisory Committee (Wastewater Advisory Committee)

The Wastewater Advisory Committee advises the local enforcement agency on matters pertaining to onsite wastewater systems and consists of nine members, including eight industry experts and one Citizen-At-Large. An application has been received from Mauny Roethler, and the Committee requests the Board of Supervisors appoint Mr. Roethler to serve as the Certified Installer on the Wastewater Advisory Committee to serve a four-year term ending April 27, 2030. (OTHER)

Action Requested - APPOINT MAUNY ROETHLER TO SERVE AS THE CERTIFIED INSTALLER ON THE BUTTE COUNTY WASTEWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO SERVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM ENDING APRIL 27, 2030.

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

There was no public comment received for this item.

Action: APPOINT MAUNY ROETHLER TO SERVE AS THE CERTIFIED INSTALLER ON THE BUTTE COUNTY WASTEWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO SERVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM ENDING APRIL 27, 2030.

Motioned: Supervisor Teeter

Second: Supervisor Ritter

Motion passed unanimously.

4.5 Appointment to the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC)

The Board of Supervisors established the FAC to facilitate public involvement and ensure County coordination with federal, State, and non-governmental partners as it pertains to utilization and management of public lands. The FAC consists of 5 public members and 5 alternates representing the following areas of interest: 1) Agriculture/Timber Management; 2) Recreation – Motorized; 3) Recreation – Non-Motorized; 4) Environmental & Watershed Management; 5) Economic/Tourism.

One application has been received from Kenneth Scherer, requesting appointment as the Agriculture/Timber Management Alternate. If appointed, Mr. Scherer would serve a term ending December 31, 2029. (OTHER)

Action Requested - APPOINT KENNETH SCHERER TO THE FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS THE AGRICULTURE/TIMBER MANAGEMENT ALTERNATE FOR A TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2029.

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

There was no public comment received for this item.

Action: APPOINT KENNETH SCHERER TO THE FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS THE AGRICULTURE/TIMBER MANAGEMENT ALTERNATE FOR A TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2029.

Item failed due to the lack of motion.

4.6 Appointment to the Butte County Children and Families Commission (First 5)

First 5 is part of a Statewide effort to create a seamless system of integrated and comprehensive programs and services by establishing community-based programs to provide parental education and family support services relevant to effective childhood development and educating the public on the importance and the benefits of nurturing, health care, family support, and child care. First 5 is a nine-member commission comprised of a member of the Board of Supervisors, the Directors or designee of the Department of Public Health, the Department of Behavioral Health, and the Department of Employment and Social Services, and five members of the public appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Additionally, the Board of Supervisors appoints two alternates to First 5.

There is one vacant seat on the Board and Amy Asher, who currently serves as an Alternate Commissioner, has submitted an application to serve the remainder of a vacant unexpired term as a Representative of a Local Group for Prevention or Intervention for Families at Risk. If appointed, Ms. Asher will serve for a term ending June 30, 2028. (OTHER)

Action Requested - APPOINT AMY ASHER TO THE BUTTE COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION (FIRST 5) AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF A LOCAL GROUP FOR PREVENTION OR INTERVENTION FOR FAMILIES AT RISK, TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF A VACANT UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2028.

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

There was no public comment received for this item.

Action: APPOINT AMY ASHER TO THE BUTTE COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION (FIRST 5) AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF A LOCAL GROUP FOR PREVENTION OR INTERVENTION FOR FAMILIES AT RISK, TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF A VACANT UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2028.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

4.7 Appointment to the Durham Mosquito Abatement District

The Durham Mosquito Abatement District (District) was created to help suppress mosquito-transmitted disease and reduce the annoyance levels of mosquitoes and diseases associated with ticks, fleas and other vectors through environmentally compatible control practices and public education.

Due to an unexpected vacancy, the District has one vacant seat and requests the Board of Supervisors appoint Tom Steffen (District 4) to serve the remainder of a vacant unexpired term ending December 31, 2027. (OTHER)

Action Requested - APPOINT TOM STEFFEN TO THE DURHAM MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF A VACANT UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2027.

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

There was no public comment received for this item.

Action: APPOINT TOM STEFFEN TO THE DURHAM MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF A VACANT UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2027.

**Motioned: Supervisor Kimmelshue
Second: Supervisor Durfee**

Motion passed unanimously.

4.8 Contract with Knife River Construction for the Construction of the South Oroville Safe Routes to Schools Project

On October 28, 2025, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Department of Public Works to advertise and solicit bids for projects included in the Public Works Infrastructure Master Plan. This project, located in the South Oroville area along Monte Vista Avenue, Autrey Lane, and Lower Wyandotte Road, will improve connectivity to south side and area schools by enhancing pedestrian and bicycle mobility. Improved signage, flashing beacons, pedestrian signalization, and driver feedback signs will enhance safety within the school zones. The project will upgrade sidewalks, improve drainage and restore the roadway utilizing Full-Depth Reclamation with Cement, a process that recycles existing pavement and base materials, mixing them with cement to create a durable foundation before the roadway is repaved and delineated.

This project was advertised on March 11, 2026, and three bids were received on April 1, 2026. The lowest responsive and responsible bidder was Knife River Construction of Chico, with a bid of \$5,146,876.

The Department recommends that the Board approve the project plans and specifications, award the contract to Knife River Construction, and authorize the Director of Public Works to sign the contract and order changes or additions in work performed per Public Contract Code section 20142. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Action Requested - 1) APPROVE THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS; 2) AWARD THE CONTRACT TO KNIFE RIVER CONSTRUCTION; AND 3) AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO SIGN THE CONTRACT AND ORDER CHANGES PER PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTION 20142.

Wendy Tyler, Interim Director of Public Works, presented this item to the Board.

There was no public comment received for this item.

Action: 1) APPROVE THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS; 2) AWARD THE CONTRACT TO KNIFE RIVER CONSTRUCTION; AND 3) AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO SIGN THE CONTRACT AND ORDER CHANGES PER PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTION 20142.

Motioned: Chair Connelly

Second: Supervisor Durfee

Motion passed unanimously.

4.9 Employment Contract for Director of Public Works

Approval is requested for an employment contract with D. Colt Esenwein, P.E. for the position of Butte County Director of Public Works. The term of the contract is May 29, 2026 through May 28, 2029. The proposed annual salary is \$219,725; increasing to \$230,711 effective July 1, 2026; \$242,247 effective July 1, 2027; and \$254,359 effective July 1, 2028 consistent with scheduled County pay adjustments. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

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

Andy Pickett, Chief Administrative Officer, presented this item to the Board.

Comments received by Colt Esenwein.

There was no public comment received for this item.

Action: APPROVE CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

Motioned: Supervisor Teeter

Second: Supervisor Ritter

Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

4.12 Board of Supervisors Public Comment (Continuation as needed)

The following members of the public submitted Public Comment: Charlie Miles

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND TIMED ITEMS

- 5.1 10:00 am - Public Hearing - Resolution Reauthorizing the Temporary Closure of McIntosh Avenue to Vehicular Traffic Approximately East of its Intersection with Diamond Avenue
On April 25, 2023, the Board of Supervisors authorized the temporary closure of McIntosh Avenue to vehicular traffic east of its intersection with Diamond Avenue. McIntosh Avenue, a county-maintained road west of Dayton Road, has a portion that serves no public purpose and is frequently used for illegal dumping.

To address this issue, the Department of Public Works recommends the Board reauthorize and extend the temporary closure for an additional 18-month period until October 26, 2027. This section of the road is unnecessary and has been a frequent site of illegal dumping, threatening public safety. The proposed closure is consistent with California Vehicle Code section 21101.4, which allows for the closure of roads not essential to public safety or convenience.

The Board may consider six additional actions to extend the closure beyond October 26, 2027. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

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

Wendy Tyler, Interim Director of Public Works, presented this item to the Board.

The following members of the public submitted Public Comment: Tom Stedman and Charlie Miles

Action: ADOPT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

Motioned: Supervisor Kimmelshue

Second: Supervisor Durfee

Motion passed unanimously.

5.2 10:30 am - Public Hearing - Resolution for Closeout and Completion of the CDBG Disaster Recovery Code Enforcement Project

On March 9, 2022, Butte County was awarded CDBG Disaster Recovery Mitigation funding from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) as a result of the 2017 Wind Complex Fire. The grant funds supported the Fire Protection and Prevention: Code Enforcement Project by funding two Code Enforcement Officers and an Administrative Specialist to facilitate the self-abatement of high-risk properties for compliance with Chapter 38A and other County codes. The \$500,000 grant met all program goals, and all funds have been expended. The project assisted an estimated 2,357 households with education, inspections, or abatement support.

Upon grant close-out, Butte County is required to collect and report information on program activities, as well as hold a public hearing before the Board of Supervisors and the public to discuss the accomplishments of the grant. Staff recommend the Board of Supervisors hear public comment regarding accomplishments of the grant, adopt the resolution, and authorize the Chair to sign. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

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

Shelly Ohlms, Program Development Manager, presented this item to the Board.

Comments received by Paula Daneluk, Director of Development Services.

There was no public comment received for this item.

Action: ADOPT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

Motioned: Supervisor Durfee

Second: Supervisor Ritter

Motion passed unanimously.

5.3 11:00 am - Timed Item - Update on Flooding Issues: North of Chico, Five-Mile Basin, and the Palermo Community

Butte County has experienced a growing pattern of localized and widespread flooding that

has impacted residents, businesses, public infrastructure, and essential services across multiple areas. These events – driven by a combination of aging or non-existent stormwater systems, changing land use patterns, broad natural floodplain topography, and increasingly intense weather conditions – have highlighted vulnerabilities that require coordinated attention and long-term planning, as well as an understanding of responsibilities of both the County and residents.

This report provides an overview of three primary areas of concern: North Chico, Five Mile Basin, and the Palermo Community. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Action Requested - ACCEPT FOR INFORMATION.

Wendy Tyler, Interim Director of Public Works, and Kamie Loeser, Director of Water & Resource Conservation, presented this item to the Board.

Comments received by Scott De Leon, Principal Engineer of NCE.

The following members of the public submitted Public Comment: Richard Leighty, Jessica Hoag, Kelly Cooper, Denise Whiting, Milton Taylor, Toby Riolo, Richard Shaffer, Mark Owen, Steve Schuster, Randy Names, Carol Bailey and Tom Van Overbeek.

Action: ACCEPT FOR INFORMATION.

Accepted for information.

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 Actual litigation pursuant to Gov. Code Sec. 54956.9(d)(1) - Four Cases

- a. County of Butte, et al v. Amerisourcebergen Drug Corporation, et al, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, Case No. 18-op-45627
- b. Ron Cox v. Butte County; Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case No. ADJ17595865 (Claim Number: 2297110111)
- c. Ron Cox v. Butte County; Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case No. ADJ16918064 (Claim Number: 2297110170)
- d. Ron Cox v. Butte County; Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case No. ADJ# Unassigned (Claim Number: Unassigned) (COUNTY COUNSEL/HUMAN RESOURCES)

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 May 12, 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