



BUTTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES

MAY 12, 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 4.7.

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: John Stonebraker for item 3.1.a (electronically).

Action: ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM 3.6.d WHICH WAS MOVED TO ITEM 4.8 ON THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR FURTHER BOARD CONSIDERATION.

**Motion: Supervisor Teeter
Second: Supervisor Durfee**

Motion passed unanimously.

3.1. Assessor's Office

3.1.a Contract with Megabyte Systems Inc. for Tax Cycle Software

Megabyte Systems, Inc. provides the property tax software package for the Offices of the Assessor, the Auditor-Controller, and the Treasurer-Tax Collector. The Departments recommend the Board of Supervisors approve renewal of the Property Tax System Maintenance/Support contract with Megabyte. The contract total of \$297,419 covers maintenance and database support, web services, online business property filing support, and maintenance of the interface to the Assessor's Just Appraised software from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. The cost of the contract is shared by the departments. The contract also sets rates for any extra services requested. (ASSESSOR'S OFFICE)

Action Requested - APPROVE CONTRACT 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 28, 2026 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - APPROVE THE APRIL 28, 2026 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES.

3.2.b Contracts for Residential Well Testing and Inspection Services through the Drought Resilience and Outreach Project (DROP) Grant

On April 9, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved a \$5,745,082 funding agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board for the DROP grant. DROP was developed by the Departments of Public Health, Water & Resource Conservation, and County Administration, to address the ongoing effects of drought and fire-damaged residential wells. Water hauling, bottled water delivery and tank installation is underway for eligible households, and staff have received applications for well repair or replacement.

The Department released an RFP on August 18, 2025, to initiate inspections for well repair or replacement and received two qualified proposals. Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. of Rancho Cordova, CA was selected as the most responsive and responsible bidder. Staff recommend the Board approve three contracts with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. to complete testing and inspection in each of three regions: Mountain Region 1 is Upper Paradise and Magalia, not-to-exceed \$105,000; Mountain Region 2 is Berry Creek, Cohasset and Forest Ranch, not-to-exceed \$284,850; and Valley Region is all areas not included in the mountain regions, not-to-exceed \$137,800. The three contracts have a term from May 12, 2026, through December 31, 2027, and will provide well inspections for all 54 eligible households that applied. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

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

3.3. County Library

3.3.a Budget Amendment for Butte County Library "Gaming For Growth: Empowering Teens Through Play" Program Grant

On April 20, 2026, the County Library was awarded a \$24,678 grant from the North Valley Community Foundation Butte County Library Endowment. This grant, overseen by the Library Advisory Board, will support the Library's "Gaming for Growth: Empowering Teens Through Play" program across all six branches. The funding will expand equitable access to technology and digital learning opportunities for teens by providing video game consoles and establishing a circulating game collection. The program is designed to create inclusive, engaging spaces that promote social connection, reduce isolation among teens impacted by disaster-related trauma, and support English language acquisition and communication skills for teen English learners. The Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$24,678. (LIBRARY)

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

3.4. Department of Behavioral Health

3.4.a Agreement with Paramjit Sing Sandhu dba Eldervilla for Out-of-County Adult Residential Facility Services

The Department of Behavioral Health contracts with adult residential facilities that provide services to clients with severe and persistent mental health conditions. These residential facilities provide structured programs for residential care. The placements in these residential facilities are based upon the facility's ability to meet specific client needs, and often require long-term care. The Department contracts for these services based on the facility's ability to meet State requirements and client's needs. The Department has clients placed at Eldervilla that are receiving long-term care which will extend beyond the term of the current agreement. The Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approve an agreement with Eldervilla. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, not-to-exceed \$122,462. (DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

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

3.4.b Agreement with Kullar Psychiatry, Inc. for In-Person Youth Psychiatric Services

The Department of Behavioral Health contracts for in-person psychiatry services. The Department has faced significant challenges securing psychiatrists to provide in-person services to clients. Contracting with available psychiatrists helps reduce these challenges and assists the Department in meeting the required level of services. Kullar Psychiatry, Inc. is the private practice of Dr. Rumneet Kullar, D.O., a General, Child, and Adolescent Psychiatrist who provides in-person services. The Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approve an agreement with Kullar Psychiatry, Inc. for in-person psychiatric services for Chico Community Counseling Center. Under the agreement, services will be provided an average of 17 hours per week. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, not-to-exceed \$228,955. (DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

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

3.4.c Agreement with Our Wellness Project, LLC for Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Services

The Department of Behavioral Health contracts for telehealth and in-person psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner services. The Department has faced significant challenges securing physicians and nurse practitioners to provide services to clients. Contracting with available physicians and nurse practitioners helps reduce these challenges and assists the Department in meeting the required level of services. Our Wellness Project, LLC is the private practice of Kevin Hamilton, a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner who provides telehealth and in-person services. The Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approve an agreement with Our Wellness Project, LLC for psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner telehealth and in-person services for Substance Use Disorder Treatment Courts. Under the agreement, services will be provided for an average of 35 hours per week. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, not-to-exceed \$303,500. (DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

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

3.5. Department of Development Services

3.5.a Resolution Recognizing May 2026 as Building Safety Month and Approval of the Permit Amnesty Program for May 1 - June 30, 2026

Building Safety Month (May 2026) and the Permit Amnesty Program (May 2026 through June 2026) are aimed at protecting public health, home and business owner safety, and the environment by encouraging property owners to complete the County's permit process. These efforts are designed to ensure construction meets minimum standards and to educate the public about building safety through outreach activities. The Amnesty Program provides property and business owners who voluntarily come forward to legalize previously unpermitted buildings, additions, and remodels with an assigned staff member to assist them through the permit process and a waiver of the penalty fees. (DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Action Requested - 1) ADOPT RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN; AND 2) APPROVE A BUILDING PERMIT AMNESTY PROGRAM FOR MAY 2026 THROUGH JUNE 2026 IN WHICH THE PENALTY FEE WOULD NOT BE IMPOSED ON ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.

3.6. Department of Employment & Social Services

3.6.a MOU with First 5 Butte County Children and Families Commission (Commission) for Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) Activities

The Commission was formed in 1998 and works collaboratively within the community to serve young children and families in Butte County. The Commission supports and promotes healthy families, enhances child development and increases family strength, in order to reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect.

CAPC was established in 1975, per Welfare and Institutions Code sections 18965-18971, and is a State mandated council. The primary purpose of CAPC is to coordinate the community's efforts to prevent and respond to child abuse through education, awareness,

and outreach. On August 27, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved the transfer of the CAPC operations temporarily to the Department of Employment and Social Services, who in turn, delegated those responsibilities to the Commission and provided funding for the staffing and management of CAPC activities. The Commission has since established a new CAPC in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code section 18982.2 and the 1989 proclamation of the Butte County Board of Supervisors.

The Department recommends the Board approve the MOU with the Commission in order to continue to support the CAPC of Butte County activities and services. The term of the MOU is July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, not-to-exceed \$200,000. (DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT & SOCIAL SERVICES)

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

3.6.b Contracts with Northern Valley Catholic Social Service, Inc. (NVCSS) and Youth for Change (YFC) for Family Connection and Caregiver Support

The Department of Employment and Social Services was awarded \$1 million from the California Department of Social Services to implement the Excellence in Family Finding, Engagement, and Support Program in Butte County. This program supports child welfare agencies in connecting foster care youth with their biological families, extended relatives, and other supportive, family-like individuals who are meaningful in the child's life.

Through this grant and resulting contracts, NVCSS and YFC will facilitate Family Connection and Caregiver Support meetings. These meetings identify and engage individuals who are significant to the child, while aligning their strengths and capacities with the child's developmental and relational needs to improve behavioral and mental health outcomes. These meetings expand existing support to promote placement stability, lifelong connections, and the establishment of safe, permanent relationships. The Department will utilize budgeted 2011 Realignment Funds for the required grant match.

The Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approve two contracts for a total of \$1,500,000; one with NVCSS with a term of April 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027 not-to-exceed \$750,000; and one with YFC with a term of April 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027 not-to-exceed \$750,000. (DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT & SOCIAL SERVICES)

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

3.6.c Contract Amendment with Northern California Youth and Family Programs for Independent Living Program (ILP) Services

Northern California Youth and Family Programs provides direct services to children and their families who have suffered a breakdown in the family unit. They offer out-of-home placement for children in need of alternative living arrangements due to abuse, neglect, or juvenile delinquency. They offer foster care, independent living, and transitional housing services. The ILP provides resources and skills development, such as financial literacy, employment skills, assistance with college applications, and basic life skills, to foster youth who live in Butte County, ages 16 to 21. ILP services are intended to prepare young adults for successful daily life after leaving foster care. Northern California Youth and Family

Services has provided ILP services to Butte County youth for the past 29 years. The ILP also maintains a store where youth are able to gain work experience and buy daily essentials at discounted prices. During fiscal year 2024-25, there were 134 youth enrolled in ILP services in Butte County.

The Department of Employment and Social Services recommends the Board of Supervisors amend the contract with Northern California Youth and Family Programs for ILP services. The original contract was approved by the Board on June 13, 2023. The amendment extends the term of the contract by one year through June 30, 2027, and increases the maximum payable amount by \$271,000, not-to-exceed \$994,000. All other terms remain the same. (DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT & SOCIAL SERVICES)

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

3.6.d Contract Amendments with FPG California, Inc. dba Brusie Funeral Home and Affordable Mortuary; Newton-Bracewell, Inc. dba Newton-Bracewell Chico Funeral Home; Ramsey Group, Inc.; and Rose Chapel, Inc. dba Rose Chapel Mortuary and Crematory, Scheer Memorial Chapel for Indigent Cremation Services

The Department of Employment and Social Services, through the Public Guardian/Public Administrator, is responsible for administering the County's Indigent Cremation Services Program. This program allows for payment of cremation services of an eligible decedent. The following providers offer cremation services for indigent decedents: Brusie Funeral Home and Affordable Mortuary; Newton-Bracewell Chico Funeral Home; Ramsey Group, Inc.; and Rose Chapel Mortuary and Crematory, Scheer Memorial Chapel. Since entering into the current contracts in July 2023, the number of referrals for all indigent cremation services has increased by 41%, with 196 received in fiscal year 2024-25.

The Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approve the four amendments to the contracts for Indigent Cremation Services. The original contracts were approved by the Board on June 13, 2023. The amendments extend the term of each contract by one year through June 30, 2027, and increase the maximum payable amounts as follows: Brusie Funeral Home and Affordable Mortuary by \$20,000, not-to-exceed \$154,000; Newton-Bracewell Chico Funeral Home by \$61,000, not-to-exceed \$180,000; Ramsey Group, Inc. by \$79,000, not-to-exceed \$320,000; and Rose Chapel Mortuary and Crematory, Scheer Memorial Chapel by \$44,000, not-to-exceed \$170,000. All other terms remain the same. (DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT & SOCIAL SERVICES)

Action Requested - APPROVE FOUR (4) CONTRACT AMENDMENTS AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.7. Department of General Services

3.7.a Notice of Completion and Change Order Ratification with Mesa Energy Systems, Inc. for the Multi-Exterior Waterproofing, Restroom Remodel, and Multi-HVAC Redesign at 7 County Center Drive, Oroville

On August 26, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved two Job Order Contracts under the 2025 Job Order Contracting (JOC) Program with Mesa Energy Systems, Inc. dba

EMCOR to complete improvements at 7 County Center Drive. The work was performed by a single contractor under two separate contracts: one in the amount of \$533,384 for exterior waterproofing and staff restroom remodel, and a second in the amount of \$1,010,472 for new HVAC units and interior HVAC ducting. During construction, one change order was issued under the HVAC contract for the removal of duct board, increasing that contract amount by \$34,734 for a revised total of \$1,045,205. All work under both contracts has been completed by the contractor, and the project has been inspected and approved by the Departments of Development Services and General Services. As the work was performed at a single project site by one contractor, the Department is recommending acceptance of the work through one Notice of Completion for the overall project. The Department recommends the Board ratify Change Order No. 1, accept both contracts as complete, and authorize the Chair to sign the Notice of Completion. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

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

3.8. Department of Human Resources

3.8.a Approve MOUs for the Optional Excess Liability, Master Crime, Pollution Liability and Cyber Liability Programs with PRISM

PRISM is a JPA that provides public entities with risk pooling, insurance and reinsurance services. The County participates in four Major Programs: General Liability 1, Property, Medical Malpractice and Excess Workers' Compensation; and four Miscellaneous Programs: Optional Excess Liability, Master Crime, Pollution Liability and Cyber Liability. The Miscellaneous Programs were group-purchased programs with no risk sharing and did not require execution of individual documents in the past.

Recently, the PRISM Executive Committee approved a structural change that separates the Miscellaneous Programs from one large program to a series of small programs. By doing so, PRISM now requires that members execute separate agreements for each individual program that it wishes to participate in for the upcoming year.

To renew coverage for the 2026-27 fiscal year, the County must execute the Program-Specific MOU for the Optional Excess Liability, Master Crime, Pollution Liability and Cyber Liability Programs. The execution of the required MOUs will ensure uninterrupted access to these coverage programs with no anticipated changes to premiums, coverage levels, or administrative processes. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

Action Requested - AUTHORIZE THE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE MOUS WITH PRISM.

3.8.b Amendment of the Public Risk Innovation, Solutions, and Management (PRISM) JPA Agreement

PRISM was originally formed to serve California counties. Today, 54 of the 58 counties participate in one or more PRISM programs. Since expanding eligibility in 2001 to non-county public entities, PRISM has also grown to include over 70% of California cities, as

well as special districts, school districts, and JPAs. PRISM is now the largest public entity property and casualty risk pool in the United States.

In recognition of this growth and the significant role non-county public entity members play in the organization, PRISM is proposing updates to its governance structure and JPA Agreement. Non-county public entity members have participated in PRISM for over 25 years, contribute approximately half of the organization's annual funding, and actively serve on committees; however, their representation in governance has not kept pace. The proposed amendment updates the composition of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, and revises additional language to reflect current practices. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

Action Requested - 1) APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE PRISM JPA AGREEMENT, AND 2) AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR AND/OR THE COUNTY'S PRIMARY AND/OR ALTERNATE PRISM BOARD MEMBER TO EXECUTE THE AMENDED AGREEMENT.

3.9. Department of Public Health

3.9.a Agreement Amendment with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for the Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) Initiation and Retention (PPIR) Initiative

The Department of Public Health has a grant agreement with CDPH to participate in the PPIR Initiative. The goal of the PPIR Initiative is to increase prevention of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection by making it easier for people to start PrEP or PEP quickly (initiation) and keep them connected to care (retention). The initiative prioritizes populations at higher risk of HIV or who face barriers to care. CDPH is amending the current agreement to make updates to the following exhibits incorporated in the agreement: Exhibit B, Exhibit B1, General Terms and Conditions, Exhibit D, Exhibit F, and HIPAA Business Associate Addendum Exhibit. The terms and amount payable under this agreement remain unchanged. The Department recommends amending the agreement with CDPH for the PPIR Initiative. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH)

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

3.10. Probation Department

3.10.a Contract with Left Coast Scanning, LLC for File Digitizing

Left Coast Scanning, LLC specializes in bulk scanning and file digitization services. The Department of Probation has legacy files that need to be scanned and uploaded to the case management system. The Department has been completing the task manually. With the Department's recent relocation and constraints to physical storage space, the need for scanning and digitization of physical files has increased. The Department recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve a contract with Left Coast Scanning, LLC for file scanning and digitization services. The term of the contract is upon date of execution through June 30, 2027, not-to-exceed \$55,000. (PROBATION DEPARTMENT)

Action Requested - APPROVE CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.11. Department of Public Works

3.11.a Contract with Dewberry Engineers, Inc for Professional Engineering Consultant Services for the South Oroville Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Project

On January 27, 2026, the Department issued a Request for Proposals to secure a consultant with the expertise to provide resident engineer services, construction administration, and inspection support for the South Oroville SRTS Project. This project, located in the South Oroville area along Monte Vista Avenue, Autrey Lane, and Lower Wyandotte Road, will improve connectivity to the south side and nearby schools by enhancing pedestrian and bicycle mobility.

The Department received three proposals from firms located in Rancho Cordova, Folsom, and Roseville. A selection committee determined that Dewberry Engineers, Inc. of Rancho Cordova, was the most qualified, possessing the experience, expertise, and professional credentials required for this project.

The Department recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the contract with Dewberry for professional engineering consultant services for the South Oroville SRTS Project. The contract term is May 12, 2026 through June 30, 2027, not-to-exceed \$740,271. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Action Requested - APPROVE CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN.

3.11.b Resolution Recognizing May 17 through May 23, 2026, as National Public Works Week

Since 1960, National Public Works Week has been observed each May to highlight the essential role Public Works professionals play in building, maintaining, and operating the infrastructure people rely on daily. Public Works is one of the most visible and impactful areas of local government, covering services like road maintenance, traffic safety, stormwater management, waste operations, infrastructure construction, and emergency response – supporting community safety, mobility, and economic health.

The 2026 theme, “Rooted in Service, Powered by Community,” emphasizes how public infrastructure connects people and opportunities while strengthening communities through reliable services, environmental stewardship, and rapid emergency response. Staff requests that the Board adopt a resolution recognizing May 17-23, 2026 as National Public Works Week. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

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

3.12. Sheriff-Coroner's Office

3.12.a Resolution Recognizing May 15, 2026 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the Week of May 10 through May 16, 2026 as National Peace Officers Memorial Week

May 10, 2026 through May 16, 2026 is National Peace Officers Memorial Week, a time to honor and remember those law enforcement officers who have died in the line-of-duty protecting communities. In 2025, there were 111 officer line-of-duty deaths nationwide, 14 of which occurred in California. The 14 California officers will be memorialized in

Sacramento and all 111 officers will be memorialized in Washington D.C. These memorial ceremonies are a time to remember the brave and dedicated peace officers who accept a job that is difficult and dangerous. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE)

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

3.12.b Equipment Surplus and Donation to North Valley Animal Disaster Group (NVADG)

NVADG is a California Public Benefit Corporation that provides charitable assistance to the public by working with agencies in the North Valley for the evacuation and sheltering of animals during a disaster. NVADG promotes the safety and well-being of domestic and farm animals affected by disasters with emergency temporary sheltering, evacuation, animal health care, and identification for reuniting animals with their owners. The Sheriff's Office has a 1990 horse trailer that is in need of repair and no longer utilized by the Sheriff's Office. NVADG has a need for a horse trailer to support their work with large animals and is able to repair the trailer for their needs. The Sheriff's Office recommends donating the 1990 horse trailer to NVADG. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE)

Action Requested - APPROVE THE DONATION OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO NVADG.

3.13. Other

3.13.a Resolution Recognizing May 2026 as Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month

May is recognized as Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to highlight the prevalence of perinatal mood and anxiety disorders, which affect approximately one in five mothers. Often occurring in silence due to social stigma, these conditions are the most common complication of childbirth, surpassing gestational diabetes and hypertension. By acknowledging this month, the County reaffirms its commitment to early screening and intervention, ensuring that new parents have the resources necessary to secure their own well-being and the healthy development of their children. (OTHER)

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 - Traveled to Washington D.C. to advocate for Butte County; attended the Lincoln Reagan Dinner; the Parade in Oroville; and Car Show at Oroville Dam; met with the City of Oroville Mayor and CAO Pickett; and with constituents regarding a variety of issues.

Supervisor Durfee - Attended meeting with staff regarding FEMA Flood Maps; Swing for Cesar Golf Tournament; Lincoln Reagan Dinner; California Peace Officer Candlelight Vigil and Memorial; meeting with Senator Dahle; meeting with Assemblymember Gallagher; meeting with Assemblymember Patterson; meeting with Assemblymember Hadwick; and the Congressional Debate.

Supervisor Ritter - Traveled to Washington D.C. to advocate for Butte County; attended Continuum of Care Households with Children meeting; Stepping Stones Spring Graduation; Butte County Behavioral Health Executive meeting; meeting with constituents regarding some planning issues; Rural Local Multisector meeting; and Defenders of Democracy Group meeting; met with Mosquito Board appointee; I.S. staff; and North Coast Carpenters Union; and spoke with constituents regarding MHSA and BHSA updates. She further requested to review the Job Order Contract process and establish a policy.

Supervisor Kimmelshue - Thanked Director Scott Kennelly for speaking at the Gridley Rotary Club meeting; attended City of Chico Economic Strategy meeting; Stepping Stones Spring Graduation; Vina GSA workshop regarding subsidence and recharging groundwater; Cattleman's Barbeque; Durham Mayday Picnic and Parade; and the Congressional Debate.

Supervisor Teeter - Attended Upper Feather River Regional Water Quality Board meeting; dangerous dog law in Butte County process discussion; Butte County Retirement Plan Quarterly Performance meeting; toured Humbug Summit Road realignment proposal; and spoke at the Cal Fire Hardening Space Showcase.

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), Julie Keener, and The Cameraman.

4.3 Agreement with Compassion Pathway Behavioral Health, LLC for Adult Residential Services at Gold City, Monte Vista and Manzanita Creek Adult Residential Facilities

In September 2023, the Department of Behavioral Health was awarded a Behavioral Health Bridge Housing grant to increase the availability of in-County adult residential services. In October 2023, the Department released an RFP for residential services in the County. Compassion Pathway Behavioral Health, LLC responded and was determined to have the experience, knowledge, and resources to meet the need. Compassion Pathway Behavioral Health, LLC has two 24-hour facilities in Oroville, Gold City; and Monte Vista, and a new 24-hour facility in Chico, Manzanita Creek. The total beds available across the facilities is 26.

With the high level of required care and emergent need for 24-hour residential services within the County, the Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approve an agreement with Compassion Pathway Behavioral Health, LLC for residential services at Gold City, Monte Vista, and Manzanita Creek Adult Residential Facilities. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, not-to-exceed \$2,372,500. (DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

Action Requested - APPROVE AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN.

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

There was no public comment received for this item.

Action: APPROVE AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

Motioned: Supervisor Ritter

Second: Supervisor Kimmelshue

Motion passed unanimously.

4.4 Agreement with California Locums PC 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 available. The Department released an RFP in January 2025 for locum outpatient psychiatry services. Four vendors were awarded, including California Locums PC. The results of the RFP are valid for three years. Due to an ongoing need for locum outpatient psychiatry services, the Department is initiating new agreements with all four awarded vendors. The Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approve an agreement with California Locums PC. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, not-to-exceed \$2,640,000. (DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

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

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

There was no public comment received for this item.

Action: APPROVE AMENDMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

Motioned: Supervisor Ritter

Second: Supervisor Durfee

Motion passed unanimously.

4.5 Agreements with Northern Valley Catholic Social Service, Inc. (NVCSS), Youth For Change (YFC) and Victor Community Support Services, Inc. (VCSS) for Youth Mental Health Services

The Department of Behavioral Health contracts annually for youth mental health services that meet the State mandate for children eligible for Medi-Cal. Services include assessment, treatment plan development, rehabilitation, therapy, targeted case management, crisis intervention, and peer support. The Department releases solicitations

for these services every three years. NVCSS, YFC and VCSS were awarded under a 2023 RFP. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is finalizing significant changes to the State requirement for youth mental health services. The Department of Behavioral Health will contract with current providers under a solicitation exception and will publish a new RFP when DHCS releases the new State requirements.

The Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approve agreements with NVCSS, YFC and VCSS. The term of each agreement is July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. The maximum available varies per vendor and is as follows: NVCSS, not-to-exceed \$898,899; YFC, not-to-exceed \$3,945,798; VCSS, not-to-exceed \$3,039,394. The agreements are not measured in terms of the number of clients served as services and duration of services vary based on the individual needs of each client. (DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

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

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There was no public comment received for this item.

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

Motioned: Supervisor Kimmelshue

Second: Supervisor Ritter

Motion passed unanimously.

4.6 Contract with GHD Inc. for the Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility (NRRWF) Design, Environmental Clearance, and Regulatory Approval of the Master Plan Projects

The Department of Public Works presented a comprehensive overview of the draft NRRWF Master Plan to the Board on October 10, 2023, and March 12, 2024. The plan was approved on May 14, 2024. The approved Master Plan outlines several major upgrades to modernize the NRRWF, including construction of a new access road and scale house, establishment of a public drop-off area, development of a new administration building, and creation of a reuse area accompanied by a construction and demolition processing facility. The Department issued an RFP on December 5, 2025, for the development of these improvements, which will require an environmental study as well as infrastructure and facility design work. Three proposals were received on January 30, 2026. Following evaluation, two firms were invited to participate in a final selection interview. GHD, Inc. was determined to be the most qualified firm. The Department recommends that the Board approve a contract with GHD, Inc. for professional services to complete the required environmental studies, permitting, and infrastructure and facilities design necessary to implement the Master Plan. The contract term is May 12, 2026 through June 30, 2030, not-to-exceed \$1,510,550. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

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

Wendy Tyler, Interim Director of Public Works, 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 Durfee

Second: Supervisor Teeter

Motion passed unanimously.

4.7 Contract with Modern Building, Inc. to Construct the New Probation Building at 42 County Center Drive, Oroville

In September 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved funding to support the demolition of the existing Probation building and construction of a new one at 42 County Center Drive. The Department of General Services subsequently issued an Invitation for Bids for construction of the project. A total of five responsive bids were received, ranging from \$14 million to \$20 million. The lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Modern Building, Inc., of Chico, submitted a bid in the amount of \$14,394,890, which is within the total project budget. The Department recommends the Board approve a contract with Modern Building, Inc. for construction services in the amount of \$14,394,890. The contract term is 18 months from issuance of the Notice to Proceed. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

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

10:22am - Supervisor Durfee recused himself and left the room.

Dennis Schmidt, Interim Director of General Services, and Melissa Romero, Chief Probation Officer, presented this item to the Board.

Comments received by Mike Seger, Modern Building.

There was no public comment received for this item.

Action: APPROVE CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

Motioned: Supervisor Ritter

Second: Supervisor Kimmelshue

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

10:27am - Supervisor Durfee returned to the Session and was seated.

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

3.6.d Contract Amendments with FPG California, Inc. dba Brusie Funeral Home and Affordable Mortuary; Newton-Bracewell, Inc. dba Newton-Bracewell Chico Funeral Home; Ramsey Group, Inc.; and Rose Chapel, Inc. dba Rose Chapel Mortuary and Crematory, Scheer Memorial Chapel for Indigent Cremation Services

The Department of Employment and Social Services, through the Public Guardian/Public Administrator, is responsible for administering the County's Indigent Cremation Services Program. This program allows for payment of cremation services of an eligible decedent. The following providers offer cremation services for indigent decedents: Brusie Funeral Home and Affordable Mortuary; Newton-Bracewell Chico Funeral Home; Ramsey Group, Inc.; and Rose Chapel Mortuary and Crematory, Scheer Memorial Chapel. Since entering into the current contracts in July 2023, the number of referrals for all indigent cremation services has increased by 41%, with 196 received in fiscal year 2024-25.

The Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approves the four amendments to the contracts for Indigent Cremation Services. The original contracts were approved by the Board on June 13, 2023. The amendments extend the term of each contract by one year through June 30, 2027, and increase the maximum payable amounts as follows: Brusie Funeral Home and Affordable Mortuary by \$20,000, not-to-exceed \$154,000; Newton-Bracewell Chico Funeral Home by \$61,000, not-to-exceed \$180,000; Ramsey Group, Inc. by \$79,000, not-to-exceed \$320,000; and Rose Chapel Mortuary and Crematory, Scheer Memorial Chapel by \$44,000, not-to-exceed \$170,000. All other terms remain the same. (DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT & SOCIAL SERVICES) (DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT & SOCIAL SERVICES)

Action Requested - APPROVE FOUR (4) CONTRACT AMENDMENTS AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

10:29am - Chair Connelly recused himself and left the room.

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

The following members of the public submitted Public Comment: Diana Dreiss

Action: APPROVE CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

Motioned: Supervisor Teeter

Second: Supervisor Durfee

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

10:32am - Chair Connelly returned to the Session and was seated.

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

Comments received by Meegan Jessee, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer.

4.10 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

5.1 9:30 am - Timed Item - Inmate Access by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Agents

Pursuant to California Government Code section 7283.1(d), the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to receive information from the Sheriff regarding access to individuals housed in the Butte County Jail, by agents of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE)

Action Requested - ACCEPT FOR INFORMATION.

Kory Honea, Sheriff; Matt Calkins, Undersheriff; and Jarrod Agurkis, Correctional Lieutenant, presented this item to the Board.

There was no public comment received for this item.

Action: ACCEPT FOR INFORMATION

Accepted for information.

5.2 10:00 am - Public Hearing - Conduct a Proposition 218 Protest Election and Adopt a Resolution to Impose an Increased Maximum Assessment for Wildflower Estates CSA 128

Wildflower Estates CSA 128 provides street lighting, stormwater drainage, and fire protection services to 30 parcels located at the end of Hereford Drive in North Chico. In response to stormwater drainage concerns, property owners have requested the installation of a pond stormwater drainage pump system to improve overall stormwater management within the subdivision and reduce seasonal flooding impacts.

The current fund balance and annual parcel charges of CSA 128 are insufficient to cover the cost of the proposed infrastructure improvements or the ongoing maintenance. An increase in the assessment is necessary to finance the installation of the stormwater pump system, repay the anticipated revolving fund loan, and support ongoing operations and maintenance within the CSA.

On March 24, 2026, the Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution of Intent to amend the assessments for CSA 128 and establish a public hearing to consider the proposed increase. In accordance with Proposition 218 requirements, ballots were mailed on March 25, 2026, to all affected property owners to conduct a formal protest election. More than 50% protest is required to defeat the proposed assessment increase. Protest ballots must

be received by the Clerk of the Board no later than the close of the public hearing on May 12, 2026. Property owners may submit their ballots by mail or deliver them in person during the public hearing.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, staff will open and count all ballots received, verify eligibility and ensure no duplicate ballots have been submitted, and announce whether the proposed assessment increase has passed or failed. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Action Requested - 1) OPEN A PUBLIC HEARING: TAKE COMMENT, RECEIVE BALLOTS, CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING; 2) DIRECT STAFF TO COUNT ALL BALLOTS RECEIVED FOR THE PROP 218 PROTEST ELECTION; AND 3) ADOPT RESOLUTION TO INCREASE FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES IN CSA 128 AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

Wendy Tyler, Interim Director of Public Works, and LeAnne Hancock, Management Analyst II, presented this item to the Board.

There was no public comment received for this item.

Action: 1) OPEN A PUBLIC HEARING: TAKE COMMENT, RECEIVE BALLOTS, CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING; 2) DIRECT STAFF TO COUNT ALL BALLOTS RECEIVED FOR THE PROP 218 PROTEST ELECTION; AND 3) ADOPT RESOLUTION TO INCREASE FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES IN CSA 128 AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

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 Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code 54956.8

- A. Property APN 040-040-091 and APN 040-040-065
Agency Negotiator - Andy Pickett
Negotiating Party: Terry Chambers and Tim Family Trust (APN 040-040-091)
and Center Land Company (040-040-065)
Negotiations: Terms and Conditions of Real Property Rights
- B. Property APN 070-400-039
Agency Negotiator - Andy Pickett
Negotiating Party: Oroville City Elementary School
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 May 26, 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