



BUTTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES

MAY 26, 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

Item 3.1.a - Item 2.2 in the minutes should read Supervisor Durfee recused himself on item 4.7.

2.2 Announcement(s) of Recusal

Supervisor Durfee recused himself from item 3.5.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.

The following member of the public submitted Public Comment: John Stonebraker for item 3.1.a (electronically).

Action: ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Supervisor Ritter
Second: Supervisor Durfee

Motion passed unanimously with the exception of item 3.5.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. County Administration

3.1.a Approval of Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

Submitted for approval are the May 12, 2026 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - APPROVE THE MAY 12, 2026 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES.

3.1.b Letter of Opposition AB 690 (Schultz) Indigent Defense Compensation

AB 690, introduced February 14, 2025, proposes significant changes to how counties contract for indigent defense services, including prohibiting flat-rate contracts, requiring case-based compensation, and imposing extensive time-tracking and reporting requirements. The bill made some progress in 2025 but did not advance, but may move forward in the current legislative year. The Board of Supervisors opposed the bill in 2025 for its impact on the County's existing indigent defense service model. Butte County supports ensuring high-quality legal representation; however, AB 690 would significantly disrupt the County's long-established and effective consortium-based model, which relies on fixed monthly payments that provide cost predictability, administrative efficiency, and necessary flexibility to manage fluctuating caseloads. Implementing AB 690 mandates would require major restructuring of the County's contract model and administrative systems, at an estimated minimum cost of \$1 million, with the potential for substantially higher. The increased administrative burden would also make contracts less attractive to qualified attorneys and risk undermining service continuity. Staff recommend approval of the letter of opposition. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

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

3.1.c Resolution Authorizing Use of Program Income for Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program

Each year, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) awards grant funds under the HOME Program for eligible programs and activities. On May 13, 2025, the Butte County Board of Supervisors approved an application for \$500,000 in grant funds for Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation loans and a First-Time Homebuyer Loan Program. On December 3, 2025, HCD awarded the grant funds to the County pending the execution of a Standard Agreement. Prior to issuing a Standard Agreement, HCD is requiring a supplemental resolution authorizing the use of current and potential HOME program income funds in addition to the approved grant funds. Program income includes loan repayments received through the Housing Rehabilitation and First Time Homebuyer loan programs and must be used solely for HOME eligible housing activities. As of May 12, 2026, the County has a HOME program income fund balance of \$156,680

and projects up to \$343,420 in additional receipts over the next four years. Staff recommend the Board adopt a resolution amending the 2024 HOME application to allow the use of program income funds. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

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

3.1.d Letter of Concern Regarding the State Budget

California Counties are tasked by the State with delivering State and federal services to our residents on their behalf. H.R. 1 will result in new costs to counties of up to \$9.5 billion annually. These are unfunded mandates counties cannot afford. The Governor's May Revision proposes only very limited funds to support a fraction of the new workload from H.R. 1 and nothing for indigent health care. Additionally, in 2024, voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 36, sending a clear directive to make our communities safer, yet no funds were included in the Governor's Budget for FY 2026-27. Staff recommend approval of a letter of concern to the Governor. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

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

3.2. Department of Behavioral Health

3.2.a Amendment and Agreement with Environmental Alternatives dba Family Services for Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program Services

The Department of Behavioral Health contracts with available short-term, residential, therapeutic program facilities to provide State-mandated children's specialty mental health services. Family Services is a nonprofit organization licensed by the State of California to provide specialty mental health treatment and support services for children and families requiring short-term placement.

On June 24, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved an agreement with Family Services for specialty mental health services. Services include individual counseling, crisis services, foster care support, medication support, and case management. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, not-to-exceed \$315,148. Due to an increase in service needs in the current fiscal year, the Department recommends the Board approve an amendment to add four additional service locations and increase the maximum payable amount by \$65,000, not-to-exceed \$380,148. Services and contract amounts are based upon available services, capacity, and placements. All other terms remain the same.

The Department recommends the Board approve a new agreement with Family Services for specialty mental health services for fiscal year 2026-27. The term of the new agreement is July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, not-to-exceed \$315,148. (DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

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

3.2.b Agreement with Open Line Group Homes, Inc. for Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program Services

The Department of Behavioral Health contracts with available short-term, residential, therapeutic program facilities to provide State-mandated children's specialty mental health services. Open Line Group Homes, Inc. is licensed by the State of California to provide specialty mental health treatment and support services for children and families requiring short-term placement. Services and contract amounts are based upon available services, capacity, and placements.

The Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approve an agreement with Open Line Group Homes for specialty mental health services. Services include individual counseling, crisis services, foster care support, medication support, and case management. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, not-to-exceed \$200,000. (DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

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

3.2.c Agreement with Donovan Alan Wong, M.D., Inc. for Medical Director Services

Due to a shortage of psychiatrists in Butte County, the Department of Behavioral Health contracts for Medical Director services to meet the level of mental health services required. Donovan Alan Wong, M.D., Inc. is the private practice of Dr. Donovan Alan Wong, M.D., a psychiatrist available to provide Medical Director services as an independent contractor. Contracting with Donovan Alan Wong, M.D., Inc. will further stabilize mental health services by having one Doctor of Psychiatry serving as Medical Director to provide oversight of psychiatric staffing, service plans, programmatic needs, and treatment modalities. The Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approve an agreement with Donovan Alan Wong, M.D., Inc for Medical Director services. The term of the contract is July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, not-to-exceed \$497,640. (DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

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

3.2.d Grant Amendment with the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

On March 22, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved a \$4 million grant agreement with the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, with a June 30, 2026, end date. The grant provides funding to the Department of Behavioral Health to expand access to mental health services for children and youth, including campus-based services with an emphasis on outreach to children and youth in foster care; those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer; or those who have been expelled or suspended from school. The Board approved a grant amendment in 2023, extending the end date through December 31, 2026, and increasing the amount receivable to \$5,079,602.

The Department recommends the Board approve an amendment that changes the name from Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission to Behavioral Health Oversight and Accountability Commission and all references throughout the agreement, extends the term eighteen months through June 30, 2028, and increases the amount receivable by \$450,000, for a total grant amount of \$5,529,602. (DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

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

3.2.e Agreement Amendment with Paradise Unified School District (PUSD) for Mental Health and Outreach Services

The Department of Behavioral Health received a grant award from the Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission. The grant expands access to mental health services for children and youth, including campus-based services.

On June 24, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved an agreement with PUSD for mental health and outreach services for children and youth. The term of the Agreement is July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, not-to-exceed \$583,626. Outreach to students facilitates linkage and access to mental health services.

The Department recommends the Board approve an amendment to add program funds and shift funds across service line items to better reflect actual costs. The amendment increases the maximum payable by \$155,798, not-to-exceed \$739,424. All other terms remain the same. (DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

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

3.2.f Resolution Recognizing May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month

Mental Health Awareness Month provides an important opportunity to recognize the bravery and resilience of the tens of millions of Americans living with mental health conditions. It is an opportunity to increase public awareness of mental health challenges and help end mental health stigma. The Department of Behavioral Health recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution recognizing May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month. (DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

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

3.3. Department of Development Services

3.3.a Capital Asset Authority and Budget Amendment to Purchase Vehicle

In May 2025, a Development Services vehicle was involved in a traffic collision and the County's insurance carrier determined the vehicle to be a total loss. The total estimated cost of the new vehicle, a compact SUV Hybrid, is \$55,000. The Department is required to pay a \$15,000 insurance deductible. The Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$55,000 and the use of insurance funds to purchase a new vehicle. (DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

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

3.4. Department of Employment & Social Services

3.4.a Contract Amendment with Youth for Change to Provide Post Adoption Services (PAS)

Youth for Change is a nonprofit organization that has been providing supportive services to communities in Northern California for over 30 years. The services encompass aiding families and children who have entered the foster care system by facilitating their placement with lifelong families as quickly as possible. PAS is a supportive service provided by Youth for Change that assists adoptive children and their families by promoting stability, safety, permanency and well-being through case management, family-based training, and developing and implementing natural supports and resources. In 2025, 51 children were adopted through Butte County Adoptions Services. The PAS program served all of these children and their adoptive families with services and support throughout the adoption process.

The Department of Employment and Social Services recommends the Board of Supervisors amend the contract with Youth for Change for PAS. The amendment extends the term of the contract by two years through June 30, 2028, and increases the maximum payable amount by \$212,180, not-to-exceed \$521,269. All other terms remain the same. (DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT & SOCIAL SERVICES)

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

3.4.b Contract with Catalyst Domestic Violence Services for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocacy Services

Catalyst Domestic Violence Services has provided a safe haven to women and children escaping violent homes throughout Butte County since 1977. Over time, the organization has expanded to include a 24-hour crisis hot line, drop-in centers, therapeutic counseling, legal advocacy, rapid-rehousing, and permanent supportive housing programs. Services also include a 32-bed temporary shelter and four transitional housing units. The focus of Catalyst Domestic Violence Services has broadened to provide advocacy and comprehensive support for survivors of intimate partner violence and sexual assault. From January through March 2026, Catalyst Domestic Violence Services responded to 147 crisis calls, provided individual counseling to 219 adult survivors and 59 child survivors of domestic violence, and offered shelter to 44 survivors.

The Department of Employment and Social Services recommends the Board of Supervisors approve the contract with Catalyst Domestic Violence Services for domestic violence and sexual assault advocacy services. The term of the contract is January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, not-to-exceed \$299,706. (DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT & SOCIAL SERVICES)

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

3.4.c Contract with Alliance for Workforce Development (AFWD) for Subsidized Employment Services

AFWD is a nonprofit agency that develops and administers the subsidized employment program, which provides eligible clients with work experience to assist them in transitioning to unsubsidized employment and achieving self-sufficiency. The subsidized employment program also provides employment soft skills to clients such as job coaching, conflict resolution, counseling, and other services to remove barriers to employment. From July

2025 through March 2026, AFWD has received 75 referrals, made job placements for 18 individuals, six who have maintained employment after their subsidized employment ended.

The Department of Employment and Social Services recommends the Board of Supervisors approve the contract with AFWD for subsidized employment services. The term of the contract is July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, not-to-exceed \$542,998. (DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT & SOCIAL SERVICES)

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

3.4.d Contract with Valley Oak Children's Services (VOCS) for the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program

VOCS is a nonprofit organization founded in 1980 to serve children and families in Butte County. VOCS was established to assist families with the cost of child care and to help secure safe, reliable care, enabling parents to work, attend school, and achieve self-sufficiency. VOCS provides trauma-informed training and coaching to participating child care providers under the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program. The Program supports timely and stable placements within the child welfare system by reducing barriers, including the lack of access to child care for prospective foster families. During FY 2024-25, the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program served 55 families and 73 children. During the same period, 45 community members participated in Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) trainings, and five Family Child Care providers received TIC coaching. VOCS served a total of 2,070 children and 1,248 families in Butte County.

The Department of Employment and Social Services recommends the Board of Supervisors approve the contract with VOCS for the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program. The term of the contract is July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, not-to-exceed \$644,547. (DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT & SOCIAL SERVICES)

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

3.4.e MOUs with First 5 Butte County Children and Families Commission (Commission) for Healthy Families America (HFA) Home Visiting Services and Motivational Interviewing (MI) Capacity Building and Implementation

The Commission was established in 1998 and works collaboratively within the community to serve young children and families in Butte County. The Commission supports healthy families, strengthens child development, and works to reduce child abuse and neglect. HFA is an evidence-based home visiting program that promotes healthy child development. Through its Child Welfare Protocol, HFA expands services by allowing referrals from the prenatal stage through age five for families involved in or at risk of entering the child welfare system, emphasizing early intervention, family engagement, and prevention of adverse childhood experiences. The Commission will also provide MI training and workforce development for Family Center staff to strengthen caregiver support, family engagement, and workforce capacity. This includes implementing and documenting MI as a standardized, evidence-based practice, while ensuring alignment with the Family First Prevention Services Act and Butte County's Comprehensive Prevention Plan.

The Department of Employment and Social Services recommends the Board of Supervisors approve two MOUs with the Commission for 1) HFA Home Visiting Services with a term of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, not-to-exceed \$650,000 and 2) MI Capacity Building and Implementation services with a term of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, not-to-exceed \$432,258. (DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT & SOCIAL SERVICES)

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

3.5. Department of General Services

3.5.a Notice of Completion and Change Order Ratification with Holt Construction, Inc. (Holt) for the Rehabilitation Project at 18 County Center Dr., Oroville

In April, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved rehabilitation of 18 County Center Drive to serve as a temporary facility for the Probation Department during construction of a new building. The estimated cost of the project was \$3.2 million to perform the necessary upgrades and repairs. In March 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved a Job Order Contract Program with Holt for building improvements in the amount of \$1,690,912. During construction, 18 supplemental job orders totaling \$1,147,221 were issued, resulting in a final contract amount of \$2,838,134. The Board previously ratified Orders #1 through #7. Supplemental Orders #8 through #18 addressed unforeseen conditions and code-related requirements identified during construction, including stucco repairs, electrical panel upgrades, additional security cameras, data cabling, and door modifications necessary to bring the facility into service. Holt completed all contract work, and the Departments of Development Services and General Services inspected and approved the project. The Department recommends ratifying Change Orders #8 through #18, accepting the project as complete, and authorizing the Chair to sign the Notice of Completion. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

Action Requested - 1) RATIFY SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE ORDERS #8 THROUGH #18; 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 Amendment Ratification with American Alarm Co., Inc. for the Jail Camera and Integrated Security System Upgrade and Replacement Project

On October 22, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract with American Alarm Co., Inc. (American Alarm) in the amount of \$752,279 for the design and construction services to upgrade and replace the existing surveillance system at the County correctional facilities located at 5 and 7 Gillick Way. On June 10, 2025, the Board approved Amendment 1 for additional cameras, increasing the contract amount by \$106,522. During construction, Amendments 2 and 3 were issued for network switches and cabling, totaling \$28,852, resulting in a final contract amount of \$887,653. American Alarm completed all contract work, and the Sheriff's Office and Department of General Services inspected and approved the project. The Department recommends ratifying Amendments 2 and 3, accepting the project as complete, and authorizing the Chair to sign the Notice of Completion. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

Action Requested - 1) RATIFY CONTRACT AMENDMENTS 2 AND 3; 2) ACCEPT THE

CONTRACT WORK AS COMPLETE; AND 3) AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION.

3.5.c Notice of Completion and Amendment Ratification with American Alarm Co., Inc. for the North Jail Facility Integrated Security System

On February 27, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract with American Alarm Co., Inc. (American Alarm) for construction services for the integrated security system at the North Jail Facility in the amount of \$1,030,000. On September 30, 2025, the Board approved Amendment 1 for the repositioning and upgrade of cameras, including the addition of exterior cameras and expansion of digital video storage, increasing the contract amount by \$305,813. During construction, Amendments 2 and 3 were issued for a network switch and additional camera, totaling \$14,886, resulting in a final contract amount of \$1,350,699. American Alarm completed all contract work, and the Sheriff's Office and Department of General Services inspected and approved the project. The Department recommends ratifying Amendments 2 and 3, accepting the project as complete, and authorizing the Chair to sign the Notice of Completion. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

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

3.5.d Contract with ACCO Engineered Systems, Inc (ACCO) for On-Call Plumbing Services

On March 6, 2026, the Department of General Services issued a RFP for On-Call Plumbing Services for Butte County Facilities. On April 7, 2026, the Department received one qualified proposal in response. Following evaluation of the proposal, the Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approve a contract with the Sacramento office of ACCO, based in Pasadena, for on-call plumbing services.

Services under this contract will be utilized to supplement County Facility Maintenance work on complex system diagnostics, major leak detection and repair, sewer and drain line failures, water heater replacement, backflow prevention device testing and repair, code-compliant installations, emergency response to system failures, and work requiring specialized tools, permits, or licensed journeyman or master-level plumbers. The term of the contract is June 1, 2026, through July 1, 2029, not-to-exceed \$150,000. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

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

3.6. Department of Human Resources

3.6.a Resolution Amending Section 7.6 Hours of Work of the Merit System and Personnel Rules

The Butte County Merit System and Personnel Rules (Personnel Rules) established the Merit System and Human Resources Program that regulates the terms and conditions of employment with the County. The Department of Human Resources recommends approval of a change to Section 7.6 Hours of Work, to add language to clarify existing practice and FLSA legal requirements for how specific alternative work schedules are handled for payroll and time reporting for FLSA non-exempt employees. The proposed change has

been reviewed and agreed to by all labor groups. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES)

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

3.7. Department of Public Health

3.7.a Request from Enloe Health for Letter of Support for California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) Application

Enloe Health has requested a letter of support for a research grant application to the CIRM. This grant opportunity, funded by state general obligation bonds, was presented to Enloe by UC Davis, who reached out directly to local oncologist Dr. Sam Majz. If funded, the grant would form a partnership between the academic center (UC Davis) and a rural health care institution (Enloe Health) to improve patient access to cutting-edge cancer treatment clinical trials. This funding would allow patients to stay locally to receive advanced level care, rather than traveling to Sacramento or the Bay Area. This opportunity would also support our local economy through the creation of additional jobs and related services. The Department of Public Health would be a non-fiscal partner helping with the dissemination of de-identified data from resulting research studies to other rural counties and health care providers. The department recommends approval of the letter of support. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH)

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

3.8 Department of Public Works

3.8.a Resolution Certifying the Annual Changes to the Butte County Maintained Mileage for 2026

California Streets and Highways Code section 2121 and Chapter 18 of the CalTrans Local Assistance Procedures Manual requires counties to submit an annual list each May of changes that have occurred to their list of maintained roads. CalTrans then forwards the revised list to the State Controller for the allocation of State Gas Tax funds. CalTrans has requested that the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution memorializing the updated mileage before May 29, 2026.

The County's maintained mileage submitted this year is 1,256.503 miles, which is an overall decrease of 0.707 miles. This mileage decrease is due to the City of Chico - El Monte Avenue Annexation No. 1. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

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

3.8.b Resolution to Approve the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) Project List for FY 2026-27

The RMRA, established by Senate Bill 1, provides annual funding to the County for road maintenance and improvements. To remain eligible, the County must submit a yearly project list to the California Transportation Commission (CTC), including project titles, locations, descriptions, estimated useful life, and construction dates. These funds may

also support projects that leverage State and federal grants such as the Highway Safety Improvement Program, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality, and Safe Routes to School. In addition to numerous previously listed projects, the Department of Public Works is adding three additional bridge projects for FY 2026-27. These projects include the Skyway westbound bridge replacement, the Cana Highway scour repair, and the East Gridley Road bridge scour repair. The Department recommends the Board of Supervisors adopt the resolution, which meets all CTC requirements. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

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

3.9. Fire Department

3.9.a Surplus Capital Assets Mobile Data Terminals

In FY 2021-22, the Board of Supervisors approved the use of ARPA funding to purchase 50 mobile data terminals for Fire Department vehicles. The mobile data terminals display specific details of emergencies, such as satellite imagery, real-time location of other public safety apparatus, and continuous transmittal of vehicle location to the dispatch. The Mobile Data Terminals are at the end of their cycle and the Department has replaced them with new technology.

The Board has the authority to declare capital assets as surplus that are no longer serviceable or no longer needed by the County. The Department recommends the Board declare the capital assets as surplus and authorize disposal. (FIRE DEPARTMENT)

Action Requested - DECLARE CAPITAL ASSETS (50) AS SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTY.

3.10. Sheriff-Coroner's Office

3.10.a Capital Asset Purchase and Budget Amendment

In December 2025, a law enforcement vehicle was involved in a traffic collision and the County's insurance carrier determined the vehicle to be a total loss. The total estimated cost of the new vehicle and required law enforcement equipment is \$73,000. The Sheriff's Office is required to pay a \$15,000 insurance deductible. The Sheriff's Office recommends the Board of Supervisors approve a budget amendment for \$73,000 and use of insurance funds to purchase a vehicle and required equipment. (SHERIFF-CORONER'S OFFICE)

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

3.11. Other

3.11.a Resolution Recognizing May 2026 as Butte County Travel and Tourism Month

Tourism is vital to the economic well-being of Butte County and the State of California. In 2025, the Butte County tourism sector generated \$344.9 million in visitor spending, supported 4,100 jobs, and produced \$20.7 million in state tax revenue and \$11.6 million in local tax revenue. Recognizing the positive economic impact of tourism, the California Legislature declared May as California Tourism Month beginning in 2016. Explore Butte

County requests the Board of Supervisors recognize May 2026 as Butte County Travel and Tourism Month. (OTHER)

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

- 3.11.b Butte County Local Child Care Planning Council (LPC) Updated Funding Priorities
Welfare and Institutions Code section 10390.1 (a) charges the LPC with identifying local priorities by zip code for the allocation of new state general child care and development, and state preschool funding. This is to ensure equal access to child development services across the state. The LPC priorities are used by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to determine funding decisions for the release of new general child care and preschool services funds, should they become available.

CDSS provided a priority list to each council with population data. The LPC agreed with the priorities provided by CDSS, except for zip code 95969 (Paradise), since the estimates don't accurately reflect the rapid repopulation and infrastructure recovery following the 2018 Camp Fire. Due to these factors, the LPC voted to maintain 95969 as a priority 1 zip code across all three funding types. State preschool and general child care for school-age care had reductions from a priority 1 to 3. This is due to the expansion of TK and Expanded Learning Opportunities Program funds, which provide funding for after-school and summer school enrichment programs. General child care for infants and toddler funding remains a priority 1 in several zip codes due to the need for infant and toddler care in the County.

The LPC requests the Board of Supervisors approve the Amended LPC County Priorities Report Form and authorize the Chair to sign. (OTHER)

Action Requested - APPROVE THE AMENDED LPC COUNTY PRIORITIES REPORT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN.

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1 Board Member/Committee Reports and Board Member Comment

Chair Connelly - Met with constituents regarding Development Services and Environmental Health; and attended the unveiling of the Working Dog Monument at the Oroville Veterans Memorial Park.

Supervisor Durfee - Attended Chico High FFA Banquet; Butte County Sheriff's Office Wreath Laying Ceremony; Chico Unified School District State Seal of Civic Engagement event; unveiling of the Working Dog Monument at the Oroville Veterans Memorial Park; met with LAFCo; Vina GSA; Rock Creek Reclamation District; staff; and constituents.

Supervisor Ritter - Toured the local Behavioral Health recovery facility; met with the staff from the Information Systems Department; met with staff from Waste Management; attended Butte County Sheriff's Office Wreath Laying Ceremony; Continuum of Care meeting; B-Line Core Design Retreat; Butte County

Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting; No Wrong Doors Task Force meeting; and Air Quality Agenda Setting meeting.

Supervisor Kimmelshue - Thanked Supervisor Durfee and staff regarding Flood Discussion meeting in North Chico; attended the Vina GSA meeting; Butte County Sheriff's Office Wreath Laying Ceremony; Butte Subbasin Advisory Board meeting; Chico Unified School District State Seal of Civic Engagement event; Gridley Red Suspenders Day Parade; Gridley Memorial Day Ceremony; unveiling of the Working Dog Monument at the Oroville Veterans Memorial Park; North Sacramento River Corridor Inter-Basin Coordination meeting; CSAC Annual Legislative Conference; met with the new manager of the Durham Mosquito Abatement District; and met with Katherine Quist, Ag Commissioner.

Supervisor Teeter - Met with constituents regarding Town of Paradise issues and Colby Mountain.

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: Joantha Guthrie, Diana Dreiss (electronically and in-person), Bo Powell, The Cameraman, and Angel Calderon.

4.3 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 ten members composed of 9 industry experts and a member of the public who each serve 4-year terms. Staff requests the Board of Supervisors reappoint Greg Haling for the position of Engineer Specializing in On-Site Wastewater Consulting, to serve a 4-year term ending May 31, 2030. (OTHER)

Action Requested - REAPPOINT GREG HALING TO THE POSITION OF ENGINEER SPECIALIZING IN ON-SITE WASTEWATER CONSULTING, ON THE BUTTE COUNTY WASTEWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO SERVE A 4-YEAR TERM ENDING MAY 31, 2030.

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

There was no public comment received for this item.

Action: REAPPOINT GREG HALING TO THE POSITION OF ENGINEER SPECIALIZING IN ON-SITE WASTEWATER CONSULTING, ON THE BUTTE COUNTY WASTEWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO SERVE A 4-YEAR TERM

ENDING MAY 31, 2030.

Motioned: Supervisor Teeter

Second: Supervisor Ritter

Motion passed unanimously.

4.4 Appointment to the Board of Appeals for Disabled Access

The Board of Appeals for Disabled Access hears and rules on appeals from the Development Services Department based on Disabled Access Laws. The Board of Appeals consists of five members comprised of the following: two members with disabilities, two members experienced in construction, and one member of the public. An application has been received from Valerie Sotero, who is requesting appointment as a Member with a Disability, and if appointed, will serve a 2-year term ending May 25, 2028. (OTHER)

Action Requested - APPOINT VALERIE SOTERO TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS FOR DISABLED ACCESS AS A MEMBER WITH A DISABILITY FOR A 2-YEAR TERM ENDING MAY 25, 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 VALERIE SOTERO TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS FOR DISABLED ACCESS AS A MEMBER WITH A DISABILITY FOR A 2-YEAR TERM ENDING MAY 25, 2028.

Motioned: Supervisor Ritter

Second: Supervisor Teeter

Motion passed unanimously.

4.5 Resolution Supporting Measure P - a Proposed Charter Amendment to Separate the Offices of Road Commissioner and Director of Public Works

The U.S. Constitution establishes the fundamental framework of the United States government by defining the scope, limits, and responsibilities of governmental power. Similarly, the Butte County Charter functions as the County's constitution, setting the fundamental rules for how County government is organized and responsibilities are assigned. The Charter can only be changed by Butte County voters.

Under the current Charter, the roles of Road Commissioner, a registered civil engineer, and Director of Public Works are merged into a single position. Statewide trends, along with the County's own experience, reflect that this once-common structure is increasingly less common. Public Works and Road operations have evolved over time and now require distinct areas of expertise. Although the new Director of Public Works meets the professional requirements to fulfill both responsibilities, the Board of Supervisors

recognizes that candidates with this combination of skill sets and credentials are increasingly difficult to recruit, also noting that over half of California counties have already acted to separate these functions.

In response to these changing conditions, the Board voted to place a charter amendment on the June 2, 2026 ballot. This amendment, titled Measure P, does not require the functions to be performed by separate individuals. Rather, it creates flexibility to structure these roles in a way that best serves the County's operational needs, allowing one person to do both, or the functions to be split between two individuals.

Measure P would not require additional staffing; it would simply allow a staff member, other than the Director of Public Works, to act as Road Commissioner if needed.

Staff recommend adoption of the resolution in support of Measure P. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

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

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

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.

4.6 Agreements Between Butte County Fire and Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) and CAL FIRE for Helicopter Wildfire Suppression

In 2024 and 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved agreements with PG&E for the use of a water-dropping helicopter to support wildfire suppression. PG&E, through its service provider, PJ Helicopters, furnishes the helicopter to be stationed at the Chico Airport for the duration of the agreement.

During 2024 and 2025, the helicopter accumulated 84 flight hours, delivering 439,668 gallons of water in response to 20 County incidents. Under a new agreement, PG&E will provide the helicopter, pilots, and maintenance at no cost to the County. For wildfires within Butte County's Local Responsibility Areas, the first two flight hours will be provided at no charge; additional hours will be billed at \$10,500 per hour.

The helicopter may also be used to support neighboring jurisdictions under the California Master Mutual Aid system at no cost to the County. The Butte County Fire Department will retain operational control and management, coordinate dispatch and agency requests, and provide logistical support. For incidents within State Responsibility Areas, CAL FIRE may request use of the helicopter and reimburse the County for flight hours under a call-when-

needed agreement.

The Butte County Fire Department recommends the Board approve an agreement with PG&E for helicopter services from June 15, 2026, to November 15, 2026, and a call-when-needed agreement with CAL FIRE and authorize the Fire Chief to execute both agreements. (FIRE DEPARTMENT)

Action Requested - APPROVE AGREEMENTS (2) AND AUTHORIZE THE BUTTE COUNTY FIRE CHIEF TO SIGN.

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

The following members of the public submitted Public Comment: Bo Powell

Action: APPROVE AGREEMENTS (2) AND AUTHORIZE THE BUTTE COUNTY FIRE CHIEF TO SIGN.

Motioned: Supervisor Durfee

Second: Supervisor Kimmelshue

Motion passed unanimously.

4.7 Capital Asset Purchase of a Dozer and Trailer from CAL FIRE

CAL FIRE has proposed the sale of a dozer and trailer to the Butte County Fire Department. The proposed purchase price of \$25,000 is highly competitive and cost-effective. The equipment meets all required departmental specifications and performance standards.

The Butte County Fire Department will retain operational control, coordinate dispatch and agency requests, and provide logistical support. For incidents occurring within State Responsibility Areas, CAL FIRE may request use of the dozer and trailer to support neighboring jurisdictions. In these instances, CAL FIRE would reimburse the County for all service hours through an assistance-by-hire agreement. Revenue generated from these agreements is used for the maintenance and acquisition of equipment.

The dozer and trailer will be utilized for firefighting and wildfire risk reduction. The Butte County Fire Department recommends the Board of Supervisors approve the purchase of the dozer and trailer in the amount of \$25,000. (FIRE DEPARTMENT)

Action Requested - APPROVE CAPITAL ASSET PURCHASE.

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

There was no public comment received for this item.

Action: APPROVE CAPITAL ASSET PURCHASE.

Motioned: Supervisor Ritter
Second: Supervisor Durfee

Motion passed unanimously.

4.8 Budget Amendment for the Incompetent to Stand Trial and Community-Based Restoration Facility

On October 15, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved the acquisition of 2255 Bird Street to meet the housing requirements for the Department of Behavioral Health's Incompetent to Stand Trial and Community-Based Restoration Housing Programs. The facility was purchased with a \$4 million California Department of State Hospitals grant. The grant did not include sufficient funding for repairs or improvements needed to ready the facility for program occupancy. The Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) has approved \$1,000,000 in CCP funding for facility repairs and improvements. The Department of Behavioral Health requests the Board approve a budget amendment to transfer CCP funds for facility repairs and improvements. (DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

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

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

There was no public comment received for this item.

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

Motioned: Supervisor Ritter
Second: Supervisor Durfee

Motion passed unanimously.

4.9 Contract with All American Construction for the Construction of the Concow Road Rehabilitation Project

This project is located on Concow Road, west of Highway 70 near Yankee Hill, south of Sunset Canyon Road, ending north of Mountain Pine Lane, and consists of roadway rehabilitation to improve safety and extend pavement life. Work includes clearing and grubbing, drainage improvements, grading, paving, and Full-Depth Reclamation with Cement, along with striping, signage, and traffic control. All work will be completed in accordance with the California Department of Transportation 2025 Standard Specifications and the project's Special Provisions, including furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, and incidentals necessary to complete the 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 was advertised on March 24, 2026, with four bids received on April 28, 2026. The bidders included: 1) All American Construction, Sutter, CA, 2) Hat Creek Construction, Burney, CA, 3) Knife River Construction, Chico, CA, and 4) Mountain

Cascade, Inc., Livermore, CA. The lowest responsive and responsible bidder was All American Construction.

The Department recommends that the Board approve the project plans and specifications, award the contract to All American Construction, and authorize the Director of Public Works to sign the contract and order changes or additions in work performed, not-to-exceed \$4,891,621. (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Action Requested - 1) APPROVE THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS; 2) AWARD THE CONTRACT TO ALL AMERICAN 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 and Katie Simmons, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, 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 ALL AMERICAN CONSTRUCTION; AND 3) AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO SIGN THE CONTRACT AND ORDER CHANGES PER PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTION 20142.

Motioned: Supervisor Teeter

Second: Supervisor Ritter

Motion passed unanimously.

4.10 County Facility Condition Assessment and Index and Deferred Maintenance Program Update

On October 10, 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved the County Facility Deferred Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program (Program) committing \$50.7 million in PG&E Settlement funds to be expended across 10 years. This program was developed to address deferred maintenance and future rehabilitation of County facilities. For decades, facility maintenance needs have outpaced available funding, requiring stop-gap strategies rather than full-scale repairs.

As part of the Program, the Board approved a contract with Bureau Veritas Technical Assessments to provide a Facility Condition Assessment (FCA) and Facility Condition Index (FCI) report. These reports provide a basis for prioritizing the next phase of maintenance projects. The Department of General Services has identified 28 projects from the FCA/FCI studies with an estimated cost of \$20.8 million. The Department recommends approval of the 28 priority projects as the next phase of the Deferred Maintenance Program. (DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES)

Action Requested - 1) ACCEPT THE BUTTE COUNTY FACILITY CONDITION AND INDEX REPORT; AND 2) APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED PROJECT LIST.

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

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

Action: 1) ACCEPT THE BUTTE COUNTY FACILITY CONDITION AND INDEX REPORT; AND 2) APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED PROJECT LIST.

**Motioned: Supervisor Teeter
Second: Supervisor Kimmelshue**

Motion passed unanimously.

4.11 Financial Report for FY 2024-25 and Mid-Year Update for FY 2025-26

The financial report for FY 2024-25 and mid-year update for FY 2025-26 provides a financial update, summary expenditure and revenue information, budget outlook, and current pension funding status through the period ending December 31, 2025. (COUNTY ADMINISTRATION)

Action Requested - ACCEPT FOR INFORMATION.

Kevin Taggart, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, and Andrea Navarro, Principal Management Analyst, presented this item to the Board.

There was no public comment received for this item.

Action: ACCEPT FOR INFORMATION.

Accepted for information.

4.12 Policy Regarding Disruption of Remote Access During Board of Supervisors Meetings

In 2025 the California Legislature passed Senate Bill 707 which made modifications to the Brown Act. Beginning July 1, 2026 these changes require Board of Supervisors meetings to provide for remote participation by telephone or through a two-way audiovisual platform. These changes also require the Board to adopt a policy prior to July 1, 2026, addressing any technical disruptions during Board meetings that would impact remote public participation. The policy must establish procedures and guidelines allowing the Board to recess a meeting while staff makes a good-faith effort to restore remote access services. If access cannot be restored within one hour, the Board may vote to continue the meeting without remote participation. Staff recommends that the Board adopt the policy regarding disruptions of remote access, as required by the Brown Act. (OTHER)

Action Requested - ADOPT THE DISRUPTION OF REMOTE ACCESS POLICY.

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

There was no public comment received for this item.

Action: ADOPT THE DISRUPTION OF REMOTE ACCESS POLICY.

Motioned: Supervisor Teeter

Second: Supervisor Ritter

Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

Comments received by Keaton Denlay, Clerk Recorder.

4.15 Board of Supervisors Public Comment (Continuation as needed)

The following members of the public submitted Public Comment: Norma Lacy

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 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 Government Code sec. 54956.9(d)(1) - Two Cases

- a. T.R. v. County of Butte, Butte County Superior Court Case No: 24cv03596
 - b. Hinojosa v. County of Butte, Butte County Superior Court Case No: 23cv00692
- (COUNTY COUNSEL)

6.3 Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Gov. Code sec. 54956.9(d)(4) - One Case
(COUNTY COUNSEL)

6.4 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 June 9, 2026.

ATTEST:

Andy Pickett, Chief Administrative Officer and
Clerk of the Board

Deputy

Assistant Clerk of the Board

Bill Connelly, Chair

Butte County Board of Supervisors