



COUNTY OF LAKE

255 North Forbes Street
Lakeport, CA 95453

Meeting Minutes - Final BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

9:00 AM

Board Chambers

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Crandell. County Administrative Officer Susan Parker, County Counsel Lloyd Guintivano, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Johanna DeLong were present, along with the following Supervisors:

Present: Supervisor Owen, Supervisor Sabatier, Supervisor Crandell, Vice-Chair Pyska, and Chair Rasmussen

2. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was dedicated to Doug LaMalfa, Lloyd Statsbury, John Alderman, Kenneth Scott, Clifford Madison, Ken Walldridge, and Terry and Ann Cote.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Rick Mayo.

4. Consideration of Extra Items Not Appearing on the Posted Agenda

There were no extra items to consider.

5. Approval of the Consent Agenda

5.1 Adopt Proclamation Designating the Month of January 2026 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Lake County

5.2 Adopt Resolution Appointing Katherine Vanderwall as Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights and Measures for a Four-year Term effective February 12, 2026

Enactment No: Resolution No. 2026-01

5.3 Approve Subrecipient Agreement to provide CDBG funding in Support of the Build Program by North Coast Opportunities, Inc. in the amount of \$280,374 and authorize the Chair to sign

5.4 Approve Amendment No. 2 to Service Agreement Between the County of Lake and Community Development Services (CDS)

- 5.5** Approve the Agreement Between County of Lake and BHC Heritage Oaks Hospital, Inc. for Acute Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital Services and Professional Services Associated with Acute Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitalization in the amount of \$300,000 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and Authorize the Board Chair to Sign.
- 5.6** Approve Amendment One to Supplemental Services Agreement One between the County of Lake and Geo-Logic Associates for Eastlake Sanitary Landfill Expansion Phase Two and Three Design Services; and authorize the Chair to sign
- 5.7** (a) Approve the purchase of the RaySecur MailSecur MS300 mail scanner from Command Sourcing Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 and (b) Authorize the Sheriff or his designee to sign the Purchase Order.
- 5.8** Approve Acceptance of \$275,000 Additional Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP) Funding for FY 26/27

This item was pulled and continued to a future date.

On motion of Supervisor Owen, and by vote of the Board, approved consent agenda items 5.1 through 5.8 with the exception of 5.8 which was pulled from the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, and Rasmussen

6. Timed Items

- 6.1** 9:01 A.M. - Election of Chair of the Board of Supervisors and Vice-Chair of the Board of Supervisors for 2026 (Outgoing Chair conducts election)

Chair Crandell introduced the item to the Board.

Chair Crandell asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

On motion of Supervisor Pyska, and by vote of the Board, appointed Supervisor Rasmussen as Chair of the Board of Supervisors. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Rasmussen, Pyska, and Crandell

On motion of Supervisor Sabatier, and by vote of the Board, appointed Supervisor Pyska as Vice-Chair of the Board of Supervisors. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Rasmussen, Pyska, and Crandell

- 6.2** 9:02 A.M. - (Sitting as the Lake County Board of Equalization) - Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Lake County Local Board of Equalization for 2026

Chair Rasmussen introduced the item to the Board.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

On motion of Commissioner Sabatier, and by vote of the Board, appointed Commissioner Rasmussen as Chair and Commissioner Pyska as Vice-Chair of the Lake County Board of Equalization. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Commissioners: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, and Rasmussen

- 6.3** 9:03 A.M. - (Sitting as the Lake County In-Home Supportive Services) - Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Lake County In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority Board of Directors for 2026

Chair Rasmussen introduced the item to the Board.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

On motion of Director Sabatier, and by vote of the Board, appointed Director Rasmussen as Chair and Director Pyska as Vice Chair of the Lake County In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority Board of Directors for 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Directors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, and Rasmussen

- 6.4** 9:04 A.M. - Administer the Oath of Office to Thomas Feimer as Chief Public Defender

County Administrative Officer Susan Parker administered the Oath of Office to Chief Public Defender Thomas Feimer.

Ceremonial Item Only.

- 6.5** 9:05 A.M. - Public Input

Public Members Angela DePalma-Dow and Skiela Laiwa spoke.

- 6.6** 9:06 A.M. - Pet of the Week

Animal Care and Control Officer Wenceslao Rojas-Lopez presented the pet of the week to the Board.

Presentation Only.

6.7 9:15 A.M. - Presentation of Proclamation Designating the Month of January 2026 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Lake County

Supervisor Rasmussen read the proclamation into the record and presented it to the Lake County Community. Lake Family Resource Center Representatives Jessica Layton and Cara Roberts, and Rotary Club Mark Lipps and April Lieferman spoke.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak and the following person present in the Board of Supervisors Chamber spoke: Margaux Kambara. The following person spoke via Zoom: Betsy Cawn. No one else wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

This Ceremonial Item was read into the record and presented.

6.8 10:00 A.M. - Public Hearing - Consideration of Agreement for the Purchase of Real Property Adjacent to the Eastlake Landfill in Clearlake; and B) Adopt Resolution Accepting and Recordation of Grant Deed.

Public Services Director Lars Ewing presented the item to the Board.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

On motion of Supervisor Sabatier, and by vote of the Board, approved Agreement for the Purchase of Real Property Adjacent to the Eastlake Landfill in Clearlake and authorized the chair to sign. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, and Rasmussen

Supervisor Sabatier offered the resolution and it passed by roll call vote:

Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, and Rasmussen

6.9 10:30 A.M.- PUBLIC HEARING- Consideration of Ordinance to Amend Chapter 21, Articles 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 27 and 68 of the Lake County Zoning Code to Implement General Plan Sixth Cycle Housing Element Policies HE-38, 38, HE-59, HE-60, HE-61, HE-71, HE-72 and HE-73; and a Policy for Implementation of HE-6

Community Development Director Mireya Turner presented the item to the Board. Senior Planner Michelle Irace spoke.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak and the following person present in the Board of Supervisors Chambers spoke: Margaux Kambara. The following people spoke via Zoom: Angela Ameral and Holly Harris. No one else wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

On motion of Supervisor Pyska, and by vote of the Board, approved the first reading of the ordinance and that it be read in title only. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Supervisors: 4 - Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, and Rasmussen

Nay- Supervisor: 1 - Owen

On motion of Supervisor Pyska, and by vote of the Board, advanced the ordinance to the next available agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Supervisors: 4 - Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, and Rasmussen

Nay- Supervisor: 1 - Owen

On motion of Supervisor Pyska, and by vote of the Board, adopted the internal CDD policy for implementation of HE-6. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Supervisors: 4 - Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, and Rasmussen

Nay- Supervisor: 1 - Owen

7. Non-Timed Items

7.1 Supervisors' weekly calendar, travel and reports

7.2 Consideration of Chairman's recommended 2026 Committee Assignments for Members of the Board of Supervisors

Administrative Analyst Carolyn Purdy presented the item to the Board. County Counsel Lloyd Guintivano spoke.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak and the following people spoke via Zoom: Samantha Bond and Betsy Cawn. No one else wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

On motion of Supervisor Owen, and by vote of the Board, approved the 2026 Committee Assignments with amendments to remove the Redbud Fire Safe Council and to appoint Supervisor Sabatier to the Maternal & Child Adolescent Health Board. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, and Rasmussen

7.3 Consideration of Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee Toward Development of a Lake County Energy Policy

Chief Deputy County Administrative Officer Matthew Rothstein introduced the item to the Board. Deputy County Administrative Officer Ben Rickleman presented the item to the Board.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak and the following people present in the Board of Supervisors Chambers spoke: Tom Lajcik and Wes Baker. No one else wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

On motion of Supervisor Owen, and by vote of the Board, formed the Lake County Energy Policy Committee and appointed Supervisors Pyska and Owen to the Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, and Rasmussen

7.4 Consideration to Approve Amendment No. 5 to the Agreement Between the County of Lake and Community Behavioral Health for Specialty Mental Health Services for Fiscal Years 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26.

Behavioral Health Director Elise Jones presented the item to the Board.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

This item was continued to a future date.

7.5 Consideration of the following Advisory Board appointments:

- Building Board of Appeals
- Cobb Municipal Advisory Council (CAC)
- East Region Town Hall (ERTH)
- Lake County Ag Advisory Committee
- Vector Control District Board of Trustees
- Western Region Town Hall (WRTH)

Chair Rasmussen introduced the item to the Board.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

On motion of Supervisor Pyska, and by vote of the Board, appointed Paul Bleuss, Jeff Foster, Autumn Lancaster, Roberta MacIntyre, and Patrick Reitz to the Building Board of Appeals and leave a seat from district 5 to be replaced by a District 2 or 3 applicant if an application is received. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, and Rasmussen

On motion of Supervisor Pyska, and by vote of the Board, appointed Darlene Warner to the Cobb Municipal Advisory Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, and Rasmussen

On motion of Supervisor Crandell, and by vote of the Board, appointed Donna Mackiewicz and Lori Carreia to the East Region Town Hall. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, and Rasmussen

On motion of Supervisor Pyska, and by vote of the Board, appointed Bruce Merrilees, Pat Scully, and Sharron Zoller to the Lake County Ag Advisory Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, and Rasmussen

On motion of Supervisor Pyska, and by vote of the Board, appointed Robert Bostock, Francis Lincoln, and Ronald Nagy to the Vector Control District Board of Trustees. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, and Rasmussen

On motion of Supervisor Crandell, and by vote of the Board, appointed Timothy Chiara and David Eby to the Western Region Town Hall. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, and Rasmussen

8. Closed Session

Chair Rasmussen announced that the Board would now go into Closed Session at 12:59 p.m. for the reasons stated on the agenda.

The Board reconvened into Regular Session at 2:46 p.m. having taken the following action on items 8.1:

8.1 Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957(b) (1):

Interviews for Animal Care and Control Director
Appointment of Animal Care and Control Director

On motion of Supervisor Pyska, and by vote of the Board, appointed Rachel Smith as Animal Care and Control Director effective February 9, 2026 at step 2. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Supervisors: 5 - Owen, Sabatier, Crandell, Pyska, and Rasmussen

8.2 Conference with Labor Negotiator: Conference with Labor Negotiator: (a) Chief Negotiator: S. Parker; County Negotiators: S. Carter, C. Moreno, P. Samac and D. Rico; and (b) Employee Organization: LCSEA

**8.3 Public Employee Evaluation:
Title: Community Development Director**

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board of Supervisors adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

SUSAN PARKER
Clerk of the Board

By: Johanna DeLong
Johanna DeLong
Assistant Clerk of the Board

Brad Rasmussen
[Brad Rasmussen \(Feb 11, 2026 16:00:33 PST\)](#)
Chair-Lake County Board of Supervisors

