

COUNTY OF LAKE

*255 North Forbes Street
Lakeport, CA 95453*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

9:00 AM

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Helen Owen, District 1
Bruno Sabatier, District 2
Eddie Crandell, District 3
Brad Rasmussen, District 4
Jessica Pyska, District 5

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 Pyska, Vice-Chair Rasmussen, and Chair Crandell

2. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was dedicated to Joan Moss, Gayle Wright, and the Car Accident victims.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Vice-Chair Rasmussen.

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 Approve Continuation of Proclamation declaring a Clear Lake Hitch Emergency
- 5.2 Approve Continuation of Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency Due to Pervasive Tree Mortality
- 5.3 Approve Continuation of Emergency Proclamation Declaring a Shelter Crisis in the County of Lake
- 5.4 Adopt Proclamation Honoring Lives and Resilience: 10 Years Since the Valley Fire
- 5.5 Approve Letter of Support for the Fixing Emergency Management for Americans (FEMA) Act (H.R. 4669)

- 5.6** Approve Annual Agreement Between the County of Lake and Visit Lake County California for Provision of Administrative Services to Lake County Tourism Improvement District in the Amount of \$112,500 from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, and Authorize Chair to Sign

Supervisor Sabatier pulled the item from the agenda. County Administrative Officer Susan Parker, County Counsel Lloyd Guintivano, and Visit Lake County Director Brian Fisher spoke.

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 Sabatier, and by vote of the Board, approved the Annual Agreement Between the County of Lake and Visit Lake County California for Provision of Administrative Services to Lake County Tourism Improvement District in the Amount of \$112,500 from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, and Authorized Chair to Sign as amended adding section 1.9 in exhibit A of the agreement. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 5.7** Adopt Resolution Approving Agreement No. 25-0400-000-SG with California Department of Food and Agriculture for compliance with the High Risk Pest Exclusion Program for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, for \$5,076.75

Enactment No: Resolution No: 2025-106

- 5.8** Adopt Resolution Approving Agreement No. 25-0340-000-SG with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the 2025 Weed Management Area for the Period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028, in the Amount of \$119,998.75.

Enactment No: Resolution No: 2025-107

- 5.9** Adopt Resolution Fixing Tax Rates for Local Agencies, General Obligation Bonds and Other Voter Approved Indebtedness for Fiscal Year 2025/26

Assistant County Administrative Officer Stephen Carter presented 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.

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

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

Enactment No: Resolution No: 2025-108

- 5.10** Adopt Proclamation Designating the Week of September 8 through 13, 2025 as Suicide Prevention Week and the day of September 10, 2025 as World Suicide Prevention Day

- 5.11** Approve Closure of all Lake County Behavioral Health Services Locations to the Public for a Mandatory Workplace Violence Prevention Training on September 26, 2025 from 9am to 4pm.

5.12 Approve Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes July 22, 2025, July 29, 2025, August 5, 2025, and August 12, 2025

5.13 Adopt Resolution Temporarily Prohibiting Parking and Authorizing Removal of Vehicles and Ordering the Department of Public Works to Post Signs for the Kelseyville Pear Festival September 26 & 27, 2025 from 6:00 AM - 7:00 PM Daily

Enactment No: Resolution No. 2025-109

5.14 Adopt Resolution Temporarily Prohibiting Parking and Authorizing Removal of Vehicles and Ordering the Department of Public Works to Post Signs for the Kelseyville Pear Festival Farm to Fork Dinner and Street Dance from 12:00 PM on September 26, 2025 through 12:00 AM on September 27, 2025

Enactment No: Resolution No: 2025-110

5.15 (A) Approve a three-year contract with two one-year extensions between Robinson Oil Corporation and the County of Lake to provide fleet fuel services for the Sheriff's Office and (B) authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign.

5.16 (Sitting as the Board of Directors of the Lake County Watershed Protection District) Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Approval of the Project and Approval of Grant Funds for Clear Lake Hitch Habitat Improvement Planning and Design in Cole Creek, Big Valley Basin, Lake County, CA, USA for the amount not to exceed \$500,122, and approve the Water Resources Director as Signature Authorization to Execute Agreement.

On motion of Supervisor Sabatier, and by vote of the Board, approved consent agenda items 5.1 through 5.16 with the exception of items 5.6 and 5.9 which were pulled for further discussion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: Resolution No: 2025-111

6. Timed Items

6.1 9:02 A.M. - Public Input

Public Members Angela DePalma-Dow, Gayle Delane, Jim Beal, Nicole Sullivan, Alicia Turner, Francis Ford, Lisa Pete, Vicki Osborne, Luisa Costa, Frank Costner, Lori Baca, Joyce, Skiela Laiwa, and Sterling Wellman spoke.

6.2 9:03 A.M. - Pet of the Week

Animal Care and Control Officer Jonathan Early presented the pet of the week to the Board.

Presentation Only.

6.3 9:04 A.M. - New and Noteworthy at the Library

County Librarian Christopher Veach presented 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.

Presentation Only.

6.4 9:05 A.M. - Presentation of Proclamation Designating the Week of September 8 through 13, 2025 as Suicide Prevention Week and the day of September 10, 2025 as World Suicide Prevention Day

Chair Crandell read the proclamation into the record and presented it to the Lake County Community. Staff Services Analyst Megan Morgan spoke.

Chair Crandell asked if anyone present wished to speak and the following person present in the Board of Supervisors Chambers spoke: Frank Costner. 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.

6.5 9:07 A.M. - (a) Consideration of the Subordination Agreement pertinent to Loans Associated with the Pallesen Place Housing Project, and Authorize Chair Crandell to Sign on Behalf of Lake County Housing Commission; and (b) Consideration of the Estoppel Certificate pertinent to Loans Associated with the Pallesen Place Housing Project, and Authorize Chair Crandell to Sign on Behalf of Lake County Housing Commission

Chief Deputy County Administrative Officer Matthew Rothstein presented the item to the Board. Rural Counties Housing Development Corporation Representative Angie Figueroa spoke.

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 Commissioner Pyska, and by vote of the Board, approved Subordination Agreement pertinent to Loans Associated with the Pallesen Place Housing Project, and Authorized Chair Crandell to Sign on Behalf of Lake County Housing Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Commissioners: 6 - Owen, Sabatier, Rasmussen, Pyska, Figueroa, and Crandell

On motion of Commissioner Pyska, and by vote of the Board, approved Estoppel Certificate pertinent to Loans Associated with the Pallesen Place Housing Project, and Authorize Chair Crandell to Sign on Behalf of Lake County Housing Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes- Commissioners: 6 - Owen, Sabatier, Rasmussen, Pyska, Figueroa, and Crandell

- 6.6** 9:10 A.M. - Consideration of a SECOND READING for a) An Ordinance Establishing Regulations and Development Standards for the Guenoc Valley Zoning District or "GVD" District; b) An Ordinance Amending Section 21-3.7 of Chapter 21 of the Ordinance Code of the County of Lake by Adopting a Sectional District Zoning Map No. 3.7(b) 1._____ Rezoning the Lands for the Guenoc Valley Mixed Use Planned Development Project; and c) An Ordinance Amending Section 21-3.7 of Chapter 21 of the Ordinance Code of the County of Lake by Adopting a Sectional District Zoning Map No. 3.7(b) 1._____ Rezoning the Lands for the Guenoc Valley Mixed Use Planned Development Project – Santa Clara Housing Site

Community Development Director Mireya Turner presented the item to the Board. County Counsel Lloyd Guintivano spoke.

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

Supervisor Owen offered the Ordinance Establishing Regulations and Development Standards for the Guenoc Valley Zoning District or "GVD" District based on the findings in the Board Memorandum dated August 26, 2025 and it passed by roll call vote:

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

Supervisor Owen offered the Ordinance Amending Section 21-3.7 of Chapter 21 of the Ordinance Code of the County of Lake by Adopting a Sectional District Zoning Map No. 3.7(b) 1._408_ Rezoning the Lands for the Guenoc Valley Mixed Use Planned Development Project and it passed by roll call vote:

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

Supervisor Owen offered the Ordinance Amending Section 21-3.7 of Chapter 21 of the Ordinance Code of the County of Lake by Adopting a Sectional District Zoning Map No. 3.7(b) 1._409_ based on the findings in the Board Memorandum date August 26, 2025 and it passed by roll call vote:

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

- 6.7** 9:15 A.M. - PUBLIC HEARING Consideration of Resolution approving Resolution No. 2025-5 submitted by Northshore Fire Protection District and making Findings and Requesting the County of Lake to Implement Fire Mitigation Fees with the Automatic Inflation pursuant to the Lake County Fire Mitigation Fee Ordinance FY2025/2026 (Continued from August 5th and 19th, 2025)

County Administrative Officer Susan Parker presented the item to the Board.

Chair Crandell asked if anyone present wished to speak and the following person present in the Board of Supervisors Chambers spoke: Lakeport Fire Chief Patrick Reitz. No one else wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

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

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

Enactment No: Resolution No: 2025-112

6.8 9:30 A.M. - Consideration of Presentation of Crop Report Plus – Economic Contributions of Lake County Agriculture

Agricultural Commissioner Katherine VanDerWall and Dr. Jeff Langholz presented the item to the Board.

Chair Crandell asked if anyone present wished to speak and the following person present in the Board of Supervisors Chambers spoke: Tom Lajcik. The following person spoke via Zoom: Angela Ameral. No one else wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

Presentation Only.

6.9 10:00 A.M. - Administer the Oath of Office to Robert S. Bernstein, MD, MPH as County Health Officer

County Administrative Officer Susan Parker administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Robert Berstein. Dr. Berstein spoke.

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

Ceremonial Item Only.

6.10 10:30 A.M. - (a) Presentation of Proclamation Honoring Lives and Resilience: 10 Years Since the Valley Fire; (b) Consideration of Purchase of a Bronze Plaque to present to the Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians in recognition of their steadfast support, collaboration, and community service during times of disaster

a) Supervisor Pyska read the proclamation into the record and presented it to the Lake County Community. Sheriff Lucas Bingham, Supervisor Owen, and Community Development Director Mireya Turner spoke.

Chair Crandell asked if anyone present wished to speak and the following people present in the Board of Supervisors Chambers spoke: Tavi Granger, Deputy Director Kelli Page, Shannon Kimball Auth, Moke Simon, and Shawn Smith. No one else wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

b) Supervisor Pyska presented the item to the Board. County Counsel Lloyd Guintivano spoke.

Chair Crandell asked if anyone present wished to speak and the following people present in the Board of Supervisors Chambers spoke: Shannon Kimball-Auth, Nancy Ruzicka, Moke Simon. No one else wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

a) This Ceremonial Item was read into the record and presented.

b) On motion of Supervisor Pyska, and by vote of the Board, approved the purchase of Bronze Plaque to present to the Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians in recognition of their steadfast support, collaboration, and community service during times of disaster. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays- Supervisor: 1 - Owen

- 6.11** 11:00 A.M. - (Sitting as the Lake County Air Quality Management District Board of Directors) Hearing for Consideration of Resolution Repealing Sections 631, 12.450, 12.640, Chapter IV and Article VI in their entirety, and adopting updates to Sections 208.2, 226.5, 433.5, 1002, 1105, a new Chapter IV, and article VI Sections 660-668 of Lake County Air Quality Management District Rules and Regulations

Air Quality Control Director Doug Gearhart presented the item to the Board. County Counsel Lloyd Guintivano spoke.

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

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

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

Enactment No: Resolution No: 2025-113

- 6.12** 1:00 P.M. - Consideration of Presentation on the Public Defender's Policy on Scheduling and Meeting Sex Offender Clients

Chief Public Defender Ray Buenaventura introduced the item to the Board. Legal Administrative Assistant Sarah Lemmon presented 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.

Presentation Only.

- 6.13** 1:05 P.M. - Consideration of the First Amendment to Commercial Lease Agreement Between the County of Lake and Lakeport Plaza, LLC, for Office Space at 55 1st St, Lakeport

Chief Public Defender Ray Buenaventura presented 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.

There was board consensus to look into other locations.

7. Non-Timed Items

7.1 Supervisors' weekly calendar, travel and reports

7.2 Consideration of the following Advisory Board Appointments:
Food Policy Council

Supervisor Sabatier 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 Sabatier, and by vote of the Board, appointed Rebecca Harper as the Farm Bureau representative, Mandy Lopez as the education representative and Cornelia Sleber Davis as the farmers market representative. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 7.3** A) Consideration of Contract Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Argonaut Constructors, Inc. for the 2024 Pavement Rehabilitation Project for a decrease of \$449,232.30; and
B) Consideration of Contract Change Order No. 2 to the contract with Argonaut Constructors, Inc. for the 2024 Pavement Rehabilitation Project for an increase of \$1,477,626.93

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

Chair Crandell asked if anyone present wished to speak and the following person spoke via Zoom: Jack. 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 Contract Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Argonaut Constructors, Inc. for the 2024 Pavement Rehabilitation Project for a decrease of \$449,232.30 and authorized the chair to sign. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

On motion of Supervisor Pyska, and by vote of the Board, approved Contract Change Order No. 2 to the contract with Argonaut Constructors, Inc. for the 2024 Pavement Rehabilitation Project for an increase of \$1,477,626.93 and authorized the chair to sign. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

8. Closed Session

Chair Crandell announced that the Board would now go into Closed Session at 2:21 p.m. for the reasons stated on the agenda.

The Board reconvened into Regular Session at 4:24 p.m. having taken no action.

8.1 Public Employee Evaluations:
County Administrative Officer

8.2 Conference with Legal Counsel: Decision whether to initiate litigation pursuant to Gov. Code Sec. 54956.9(d)(4): One potential case

- 8.3 Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation pursuant to Gov. Code sec. 54956.9(d)(1): In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation MDL No. 2804/Case No. 1:17-md-2804
- 8.4 Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation pursuant to Gov. Code sec. 54956.9(d)(1): In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation MDL No. 2804 / In Re: Purdue Pharma L.P., et al., Case No. 19-23649 (SHL)

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board of Supervisors adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

SUSAN PARKER
Clerk of the Board

By: _____
Johanna DeLong
Assistant Clerk of the Board

Chair-Lake County Board of Supervisors