



COUNTY OF LAKE

255 North Forbes Street
Lakeport, CA 95453

Meeting Minutes - Final BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

9:00 AM

Board Chambers

Please see agenda for public participation information and eComment submission on any agenda item.

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 Former Vice President Dick Cheney and Jed Steele.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Supervisor Sabatier.

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

- 4.1 EXTRA ITEM:** (a) Consideration of “extra” agenda item; and (b) Consideration of recommendation to approve administrative funding to provide hunger relief due to SNAP/CalFresh benefit delay in the amount of \$40,000 per week for two weeks, \$80,000 total; and (c) Consideration of recommendation to establish an Ad-Hoc Work Group for hunger relief due to SNAP/CalFresh benefit delay

a) Supervisor Rasmussen introduced the item to the Board. County Counsel Lloyd Guintivano spoke.

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

b) Social Services Director Rachael Dillman-Parsons presented the item to the Board. County Counsel Lloyd Guintivano spoke.

Chair Crandell asked if anyone present wished to speak and the following people spoke via Zoom: Angela Ameral, Elizabeth Larson, and Shannon Kimball-Auth spoke. No one else wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

a) On motion of Supervisor Rasmussen approved taking up the extra item as it came up after the posting of the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays- Supervisor: 1 - Sabatier

b) On motion of Supervisor Pyska, and by vote of the Board, approved administrative funding to provide hunger relief due to SNAP/CalFresh benefit delay in the amount of \$40,000 per week for two weeks, \$80,000 total. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

c) On motion of Supervisor Pyska, and by vote of the Board, established an Ad-Hoc Work Group for hunger relief due to SNAP/CalFresh benefit delay with membership from Supervisor Sabatier, Supervisor Pyska, Administration, Public Health, Behavioral Health, Grocery Stores, North Coast Opportunities, and Education. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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 Recognizing our Veterans on Veterans Day**

- 5.5** Adopt Proclamation Designating November 2025 as National Native American Heritage Month in Lake County

- 5.6** (Sitting as the Lake County Air Quality Management District Board of Directors) Authorize the APCO to Sign the County of Lake South Main St. Purchase Agreement for a Portion of District Property at 2617 South Main Street, Lakeport, CA 95453

County Counsel Lloyd Guintivano 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.

On motion of Director Rasmussen, and by vote of the Board, accepted district staff recommendations and determine that the portion of the district property referenced in the purchase agreement is no longer required for the purpose of the district under health and safety code section 40701e approve the purchase agreement and authorized the Air Pollution Control Officer to sign and submit the purchase agreement. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 5.7** Affirm Authority of County Administrative Officer Susan Parker to Manage the Fiscal and Budget Responsibilities of the Public Defenders Office

- 5.8** (a) Approve Agreement No. BSCC 1527-25 by and between the Board of State and Community Corrections and the County of Lake in the amount of \$52,326.00, for law enforcement equipment and training; (b) Adopt the Governing Body Resolution; (c) Adopt the Resolution amending Resolution to amend the adopted budget for FY 2025-2026 by adjusting revenues and appropriations in Budget Unit 2201-Sheriff/Coroner; (d) Approve Appendix C, Certification of Compliance and (e) Authorize the Sheriff/Coroner as the Authorized Payee to sign any additional documents

Enactment No: Resolution No. 2025-127

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- 5.9** Adopt Resolution Adopting the Lake County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and (b Accept and adopt the Lake County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP)

Enactment No: Resolution No. 2025-129

- 5.10** (Sitting in Concurrence with the Kelseyville County Water Works Board of Directors and Lake County Sanitation District Board of Directors) Approve Agreement between the County of Lake, Kelseyville County Water Works and Lake County Sanitation District, on behalf of CSA #1 Lighting Districts, CSA #2 Spring Valley, CSA #6 Finley, CSA #13 Kono Tayee, CSA #20 Soda Bay, CSA #21 North Lakeport, Kelseyville County Water Works District #3, and Lake County Sanitation District, with Lechowicz & Tseng Municipal Consultants for Rate and Fee Study Services, award the identified task orders, and Authorize the Chair to Sign

On motion of Supervisor Sabatier, and by vote of the Board, approved consent agenda items 5.1 through 5.10 with the exception of item 5.6 which was pulled for further discussion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

6. Timed Items

6.1 9:02 A.M. - Public Input

Public Members Michael Contos, Mark Lipps, April Lakerman, Olga Martin Steele, and Skiela Laiwa spoke.

- 6.2** 1:00 P.M. - HEARING - Consideration of Transient Occupancy Tax Appeal - 21469 Yankee Valley Rd, Hidden Valley Lake, CA 95467 APN 144-131-040-000

Treasurer-Tax Collector Patrick Sullivan introduced the item to the Board. Accountant-Auditor Jesus Marquez presented the item to the Board. Appellants Josh Skiles, Laurey Skiles, and 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.

On motion of Supervisor Owen, and by vote of the Board, moved to grant the appeal in part and deny the appeal in part based on the findings that 1) The Board of Supervisors accepts and adopts the materials in the attached packet as part of the administrative record for this proceeding. 2) The Board of Supervisors accepts and adopts the revised transient occupancy tax assessment, including interest and penalties, for a total of \$12,324.22. and 3) The Board of Supervisors authorizes the Treasurer – Tax Collector’s office to take any necessary actions to implement these findings, including the issuance of any potential rescission and recording or revised liens; while reserving all other rights and remedies available to the County for further enforcement. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 6.3** 1:15 P.M. - Consideration of Presentation on Cannabis Policy Update Process

Community Development Director Mireya Turner presented the item to the Board.

Chair Crandell asked if anyone present wished to speak and the following people present in the Board of Supervisors Chambers spoke: Tom Lajcik, Margaux Kambara, Charles Morris, Autumn Karcey. The following people spoke via Zoom: Skiela Laiwa, Angela Ameral, Richard Durham, Holly Harris, and James Anderson. No one else wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

Direction was given to staff to look into options for a Programmatic EIR regarding water impacts from all conditional use cannabis projects.

6.4 1:45 P.M - Consideration of 2026 Cannabis Cultivation and Business Tax Rates

Treasurer-Tax Collector Patrick Sullivan presented the item to the Board. Assistant Treasurer-Tax Collector Liz Martinez and 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: Kyle Bill, Rick Mayo, Charles Morris, and Autumn Karcey. The following people spoke via Zoom: Angela Ameral, Skiela Laiwa, and James Anderson. No one else wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

There was direction to staff to return with a resolution.

6.5 2:15 P.M. - a) Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing our Veterans on Veterans Day; and b) Consideration of joining Operation Green Light and Lighting the County Courthouse with Green Lights from November 4-11, 2025

Supervisor Rasmussen read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Lake County Veterans. Rick Mayo spoke.

Chair Crandell asked if anyone present wished to speak and the following person spoke via Zoom: Angela Ameral. 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 Sabatier, and by vote of the Board, approved Operation Green Light and Lighting the County Courthouse with Green Lights from November 4-11, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

6.6 2:30 P.M. - Presentation of Proclamation Designating November 2025 as National Native American Heritage Month in Lake County

Chair Crandell read the proclamation into the record and presented it to the Lake County Community.

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

7. Non-Timed Items**7.1 Supervisors' weekly calendar, travel and reports****7.2 Consideration of Update and Discussion on status of SNAP/CalFresh Benefit Delay**

Social Services Director Rachael Dillman-Parsons presented the item to the Board. Paragon Representative Tom Joseph spoke.

Chair Crandell asked if anyone present wished to speak and the following people spoke via Zoom: Angela Ameral, Elizabeth Larson, and Shannon Kimbal-Auth. No one else wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

Presentation Only.

7.3 Consideration of Funding Request for \$50,000 Under BU 1892 Pursuant to Board Direction on September 23, 2025

County Counsel Lloyd Guintivano 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: Olga Martin Steele. The following person spoke via Zoom: Kyle Bill. No one else wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

There was direction to staff to lower the amount to \$25,000 and have staff return with a MOU.

7.4 Consideration of Proposed 2026 Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Calendar

Administrative Analyst Carolyn Purdy 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.

On motion of Supervisor Sabatier, and by vote of the Board, approved Proposed 2026 Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

7.5 Consideration of the following Advisory Board appointments:

East Region Town Hall (ERTH)

Spring Valley County Service Area (CSA) #2 Advisory Board

Chair Crandell introduced the item to the Board.

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

On motion of Supervisor Rasmussen, and by vote of the Board, appointed Sterling Wellman to the East Region Town Hall. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

On motion of Supervisor Rasmussen, and by vote of the Board, appointed Scott Renkes and Mark Sahf to the Spring Valley CSA #2 Advisory Board. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 7.6** Consideration of approval to accept \$100,000 in funding from Partnership HealthPlan of California to be utilized over three years to support implementation of the Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan process.

Health Services Director Anthony Arton 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.

On motion of Supervisor Sabatier, and by vote of the Board, approved to accept \$100,000 in funding from Partnership HealthPlan of California to be utilized over three years to support implementation of the Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan process and authorized the Health Services director to sign and execute all documents necessary to get the funding. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 7.7** Consideration of Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2025-119 Establishing Position Allocations for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Unit 2301, Sheriff-Jail Facilities

Sheriff Lucas Bingham 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 Rasmussen offered the resolution and it passed by roll call vote:

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

Enactment No: Resolution No. 2025-130

8. 10:00 A.M. - (Sitting as the Board of Equalization) Assessment Appeal Hearings

- 8.1** Consideration of Continuation of Assessment Appeal Applications: No. 02-2024 through 09-2024, Donica LLC

Chair Crandell introduced the item to the Board. Appellant Attorney Michael Lebaeu and County Counsel Lloyd Guintivano spoke.

On motion of Commissioner Rasmussen, and by vote of the Board, continued the item to March 3, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

9. Closed Session

Chair Crandell announced that the Board would now go into Closed Session at 9:28 a.m. for the reasons stated on the agenda.

The Board reconvened into Regular Session at 10:55 a.m. having taken no action.

Chair Crandell announced that the Board would now go into Closed Session at 4:24 p.m. for the reasons stated on the agenda.

The Board reconvened into Regular Session at 6:15 p.m. having take action on 9.1:

9.1 9:03 A.M. - Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957(b) (1):

Interviews for Interim Chief Public Defender

Appointment of Interim Chief Public Defender

On motion of Supervisor Rasmussen, and by vote of the Board, appointed Carlos Torrez as Interim Chief Public Defender effective November 4, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

9.2 3:00 P.M. - 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

9.3 Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing Litigation pursuant to Gov. Code sec. 54956.9 (d)(1) – FERC Proceeding No. P-77, Potter Valley Hydroelectric Project

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board of Supervisors adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

SUSAN PARKER

Clerk of the Board

By: _____

Johanna DeLong

Assistant Clerk of the Board

Chair-Lake County Board of Supervisors