



COUNTY OF LAKE

255 North Forbes Street
Lakeport, CA 95453

Meeting Minutes - Final BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

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 Rasmussen. 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 Ron Keys and Harold Riley.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Brock Faulkenberg.

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 a Proclamation Designating the Month of April 2026 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Lake County
- 5.2 Adopt a Proclamation Designating the Month of April 2026 as Poetry Month in Lake County
- 5.3 Adopt Proclamation Appointing Roy Arthur Blodgett the 13th Poet Laureate of Lake County for 2026-2028
- 5.4 Adopt Proclamation Designating the Month of April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Lake County
- 5.5 Approve Continuation of Emergency Proclamation Declaring a Shelter Crisis in the County of Lake
- 5.6 Approve Continuation of Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency Due to Pervasive Tree Mortality

- 5.7** Approve Continuation of Proclamation declaring a Clear Lake Hitch Emergency
- 5.8** Approve Continuation of Proclamation of a Local Health Emergency by the Lake County Health Officer for the Clearlake Sewage Spill
- 5.9** Approve Continuation of a Local Emergency due to the 2026 Robin Lane Sewer Spill (City of Clearlake)
- 5.10** Approve Out of State Travel for District 2 Supervisor Bruno Sabatier and District 5 Supervisor Jessica Pyska to attend the annual National Association of Counties (NACo) Conference in New Orleans, LA from July 16-21, 2026
- 5.11** Approve Letters of Support for the CSAC Sponsored County H.R.1 Budget Request
- 5.12** Appoint Assistant County Administrative Officer, Stephen Carter, Jr. as Interim Health Services Director effective March 24, 2026
- 5.13** Adopt Resolution Approving Agreement No. 24-0827-009-SG with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for the Evaluation and Remediation of Illegal Hemp Cultivation for the period February 1, 2026, through January 31, 2028, for \$25,000.

Enactment No: Resolution No. 2026-28

- 5.14** Approve Request to Waive 900 Hour Limit for Animal Control Extra-Help Employees Katlyn Rosales and Amanda Rodenberger
- 5.15** Approve the Participation Agreement between the County of Lake and the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) for the Psychiatric Inpatient Concurrent Review (PICR) Program, July 1, 2026 Through June 30, 2028, with a maximum funding Amount Not to Exceed \$120,960, and Authorize the Board Chair to Sign
- 5.16** Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement between the County of Lake, Lake County Behavioral Health Services as Lead Agency for the Lake County Continuum of Care (LCCoC), and North Coast Opportunities, Inc. to revise the invoicing provisions to align with the County's standard monthly billing and reimbursement procedures, with no change to the maximum compensation amount of \$527,625.96, and authorize the Chair to sign

This item was pulled and continued to a future date.

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

- 5.17** Approve Agreement Between the County of Lake and Lake County Office of Education (LCOE) for the Provision of Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) for Fiscal Year 2025–26 in an Amount not to exceed \$1,200,000, and authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement.

Supervisor Sabatier introduced the item to the Board. Behavioral Health Director Elise Jones presented the item to the Board.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak and the following person spoke via Zoom: Kyle Bill. No one else 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 Between the County of Lake and Lake County Office of Education (LCOE) for the Provision of Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) for Fiscal Year 2025-26 in an Amount not to exceed \$1,200,000, and authorized the Chair to sign the Agreement. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 5.18** Approve Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes February 24, 2026, March 10, 2026, and March 17, 2026

- 5.19** Approve Amendment Three of the Agreement Between County of Lake and PlaceWorks for Planning Services, an Increase of \$187,640.04; Total Compensation to Not Exceed \$2,312,594.04 for the Contract Term and Authorize the Chair to Sign.

Community Development Director Mireya Turner introduced the item to the Board. Deputy Community Development Director Shannon Walker Smith spoke.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak and the following people present in the Board of Supervisors Chambers spoke: Tom Lajcik and Margaux Kambara. The following people spoke via Zoom: Betsy Cawn and Sterling Wellman. 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 Amendment Three of the Agreement Between County of Lake and PlaceWorks for Planning Services, an Increase of \$187,640.04; Total Compensation to Not Exceed \$2,312,594.04 for the Contract Term and Authorized the Chair to Sign. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 5.20** Adopt Proclamation Designating the Week of April 6-12, 2026 as National Public Health Week in Lake County

- 5.21** Approve Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement for Medical Services in Lake County Detention Facility by and Between California Forensic Medical Group, Inc. ("CFMG") and the County of Lake for an Increase of 4% (\$176,060.54) for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 and Authorize the Chair to Sign

- 5.22** a) Adopt Resolution Approving and Accepting Road Right of Way Relinquished by the of State of California (Streets and Highways Code Section No.73); b) Adopt Resolution Protesting Road Right of Way Relinquished by the State of California (Streets and Highways Code Section No.73); and c) Authorize the Public Works Director to sign the Controlled Access Agreement "Intention of Relinquishment"

Enactment No: Resolution No. 2026-29

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- 5.23** Approve the Plans and Specifications for the Lampson Field Airport East Apron Rehabilitation Project; Solicitation No. 261731, Federal Aid Project AIP No. 3-06-0117-023-2023

- 5.24** Approve Amendment One to Supplemental Services Agreement Number One with Optony, Inc. for the Lake County Courthouse Campus Photovoltaic Array and Electric Vehicle Charging Station Project for an amount not to exceed \$79,500, and authorize the Chair to sign

- 5.25** Approve the Agreement with One Workplace for the Lake County Sheriff Administration Facility Furnishings Package in an amount not to exceed \$739,036.92, and Authorize the Chair to sign

Supervisor Sabatier introduced the item to the Board. Sheriff Luke Bingham presented the item to the Board. Interim Public Works Director Lars Ewing spoke.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak and the following person present in the Board of Supervisors Chambers: Charles Morse. No one else 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 with One Workplace for the Lake County Sheriff Administration Facility Furnishings Package in an amount not to exceed \$739,036.92, and Authorize the Chair to sign with an updated list to be provided to the Board. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 5.26** (A) Approve purchase of two (2) 2026 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD vehicles from Folsom Lake Ford not to exceed \$115,000 from the Sheriff/Rural Funds budget unit 2206 object code 62.72; (B) Waive the formal bidding process pursuant to Lake County Code Section 2-38.4, Cooperative Purchases; and (C) Authorize the Sheriff/Coroner to sign the purchase order.

- 5.27** (a) Approve Purchase of two (2) 2026 Dodge Durango GT AWD, Non-pursuit vehicles from SJ Denham Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram in the amount not to exceed \$80,000 from the Sheriff/Rural Sheriff's Budget Unit 2206, Object Code 62.72 and (b) authorize the Sheriff/Coroner or his designee to sign the purchase order

On motion of Supervisor Sabatier, and by vote of the Board, approved consent agenda items 5.1 through 5.27 with the exception of items 5.16, 5.17, 5.19, and 5.25 which were pulled for further discussion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

6. Timed Items

6.1 9:02 A.M. - Public Input

Public Members Angela Ameral, Shannon Kimball-Auth, Tom Lajcik, Skeila Laiwa, Sterling Wellman, and Cassandra Hulbert spoke.

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

Animal Care and Control Officer Gabrielle Reil presented the pet of the week 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.

Presentation Only.

6.3 9:05 A.M. - Presentation of Proclamation Designating the Month of April 2026 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Lake County

Supervisor Pyska read the proclamation into the record and presented it to the Lake County Community. Lake Family Resource Center Representative Gina Pilot spoke.

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 Ceremonial Item was read into the record and presented.

6.4 9:10 A.M. - Presentation of Proclamation Designating the Month of April 2026 as Poetry Month in Lake County

Supervisor Owen read the proclamation into the record and presented to the Lake County Community. Brenda Marie Yaeger spoke.

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 Ceremonial Item was read into the record and presented.

6.5 9:15 A.M. - Presentation of Proclamation Appointing Roy Arthur Blodgett the 13th Poet Laureate of Lake County for 2026-2028

Supervisor Crandell read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Roy Arthur Blodgett. Poet Laureate Roy Arthur Blodgett read a poem.

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 Ceremonial Item was read into the record and presented.

6.6 9:20 A.M. - Presentation of Proclamation Designating the Week of April 6-12, 2026 as National Public Health Week in Lake County

Supervisor Sabatier read the proclamation into the record and presented it to the Lake County Health Department. Deputy Health Services Director Kim Tangerman, Environmental Health Director Craig Wetherbee, Deputy Health Services Director Lisa Faraco, and Public Health Officer Dr. Bob Bernstein spoke.

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 Ceremonial Item was read into the record and presented.

6.7 9:25 A.M. - Presentation of Proclamation Designating the Month of April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Lake County

Chair Rasmussen read the proclamation into the record and presented it to the Lake County Community. Superintendent of Schools Brock Falkenberg, Jami White, Child Welfare Services Program Manager Kim Costa, Chief Deputy Probation Officer Kevin Luis, First 5 Executive Director Samantha Bond, and Kimberly Garrett spoke.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak and the following person present in the Board of Supervisors Chambers spoke: Public Health Officer Dr. Bob Bernstein. 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 9:30 A.M. - (Sitting as the Board of Directors of the Lake County Watershed Protection District) Consideration of Presentation provided by O'Connor Environmental, Inc. regarding the Clear Lake Hitch Hydrology Study

Water Resources Director Pawan Upadhyay introduced the item to the Board. O'Connor Environmental Representative Matt O'Connor presented a PowerPoint Presentation to the Board.

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 person spoke via Zoom: Sarah Ryan. No one else wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

Presentation Only.

- 6.9** 11:00 A.M. - Consideration of the Agreement Between the County of Lake and Catholic Charities of Northwest California for Operation of a Safe Parking Program Under Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF), in an Amount Not to Exceed \$400,000, for the Term Through June 30, 2027

Behavioral Health Director Elise Jones presented the item to the Board. Behavioral Health Program Manager Scott Abbott, County Counsel Lloyd Guintivano, and Interim Public Works Director Lars Ewing spoke.

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 Between the County of Lake and Catholic Charities of Northwest California for Operation of a Safe Parking Program Under Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF), in an Amount Not to Exceed \$400,000, for the Term Through June 30, 2027 and authorized the Chair to sign. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 6.10** 1:00 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration of Ordinance to Amend Chapter 21, Article 27 of the Lake County Code regarding Commercial Cannabis Regulations (Continued from March 10, 2026)

Community Development Director Mireya Turner and Senior Planner Mary Claybon presented the item to the Board. Treasurer-Tax Collector Patrick Sullivan spoke.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak and the following people present in the Board of Supervisors Chambers spoke: Angie Shannon, Richard Durham, Forrest Nikola Elie, Angela Ameral, Bill Wilson, Charles Morse, Peter Simon, Malcolm Dunchee, Holly Harris, Margaux Kambara, Tom Lajcik, Autumn Karcey. The following people spoke via Zoom: Skiela Laiwa, Kyle Bill, Timothy Kassouni, and Paul Bernacchio. No one else wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

Direction was given to staff to return on May 12, 2026 at 1:00 P.M.

- 6.11** 1:45 P.M. - Consideration of an Update from the Energy Policy Ad Hoc Committee

Chief Deputy County Administrative Officer Matthew Rothstein and 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, Charles Morse, Margaux Kambara. The following people spoke via Zoom: Sterling Wellman and Betsy Cawn. No one else wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

Presentation Only.

7. Non-Timed Items

7.1 Supervisors' weekly calendar, travel and reports

- 7.2** ERRATUM - a) Consideration of Memorandum Establishing Salary for the Public Works Director; b) Reclassification of Interim Public Works Director Lars Ewing to Public Works Director

This item was pulled and continued to a future date.

- 7.3** Consideration of the following Advisory Board appointments:
Hartley Cemetery District
Redevelopment Successor Agency (RDA) Oversight Board

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 Eileen Kalk and Sandy Rose to the Hartley Cemetery District. 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 Sandra Kacharos to the Redevelopment Successor Agency (RDA) Oversight Board. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

- 8.1** Consideration of the Following Assessment Appeal Application: 15-2024 Myers Storage LLC

Chief Deputy Assessor-Recorder Lan Dai Janakes introduced the item to the Board. Appraiser Senior Michelle Buchignani, Appellant Joseph Myers, County Counsel Lloyd Guintivano, and Rob Brown spoke.

On motion of Commissioner Pyska, and by vote of the Commission, approved the continuation of the hearing in open session to April 21, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. with a deadline to submit written argument by April 17, 2026 by close of business. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

9. Closed Session

Chair Rasmussen announced that the Board would now go into Closed Session at 5:35 p.m. for the reasons stated on the agenda.

The Board reconvened into Regular Session at 8:24 p.m. having taken action on 9.4:

- 9.1** Public Employee Evaluation:
Title: Interim Public Works Director

This item was pulled and continued to a future date.

9.2 Public Employee Evaluation:
Title: Public Health Officer

9.3 Public Employee Evaluation:
Title: Community Development Director

9.4 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

On motion of Supervisor Pyska, and by vote of the Board, moved to terminate Dr. Robert Bernstein effective immediately. 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 Dr. Anju Goel as interim Public Health Officer effective immediately. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

9.5 Conference with Labor Negotiator: Conference with Labor Negotiator: (a) Chief Negotiator: S. Parker; County Negotiators: J. Sloan, S. Carter, C. Moreno, P. Samac and D. Rico; and (b) Employee Organization: Deputy County Counsel Association

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

9.7 ERRATUM - Conference with Legal Counsel: Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(2), (e)(1) – Three potential cases

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board of Supervisors adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

SUSAN PARKER
Clerk of the Board

By: Johanna DeLong
Johanna DeLong
Assistant Clerk of the Board

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Chair-Lake County Board of Supervisors

