



COUNTY OF LAKE

255 North Forbes Street
Lakeport, CA 95453

Meeting Minutes - Final BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday, March 24, 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 Helena Brook.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Undersheriff Paulich.

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** a) Adopt the Resolution authorizing the County of Lake to submit the application and participate in the Prohousing Designation Program; b) Adopt the Resolution to apply for and allow for the receipt of Prohousing Incentive Pilot Program funds; c) Approve the County of Lake Homeless Encampment one-page summary and authorize the Chair to sign; and d) Authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign the Prohousing Designation Program application, the Public Participation Checklist, and the Prohousing Incentive Program application

Enactment No: Resolution No. 2026-26

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- 5.2** Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Understanding Between Lake County Behavioral Health Services and the Lake County Continuum of Care for Collaborative Applicant and Lead Agency Services and authorize the Chair to sign

5.3 Approve Update to the Bylaws of the Big Valley Advisory Council (BVAC)

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, approved Bylaws of the Big Valley Advisory Council (BVAC). The motion carried by the following vote:

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

5.4 Approve the 2026-2027 Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Plan**5.5 Authorize Probation Department to apply for Prop 64 Cohort 4 funding and designate the Chief Probation Officer as the authorized individual to sign the grant application and enter into the grant agreement on behalf of Lake County**

Chief Probation Officer Wendy Mondfrans 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, Lisa, and Margaux Kambara. 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, Authorized the Probation Department to apply for Prop 64 Cohort 4 funding and designated the Chief Probation Officer as the authorized individual to sign the grant application and enter into the grant agreement on behalf of Lake County. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

5.6 Authorize the Interim Public Works Director / Assistant Purchasing Agent to sign a Purchase Order not to exceed \$401,125.00 for the Purchase of a John Deere Motor Grader for County Road Maintenance**5.7 (a) Approve Modified Agreement between the Lake County Sheriff's Department and U.S. Forest Service for 2026 annual operating and financial plan, in the amount of \$20,500 for Pillsbury Patrol; \$2,000 for dispatch services; and \$7,500 for Controlled Substance Operations, and (b) authorize the Sheriff and the Chair to sign.**

On motion of Supervisor Sabatier, and by vote of the Board, approved consent agenda items 5.1 through 5.7 with the exception of items 5.3 and 5.5 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 Maya Lynn, Tom Flannigan, Steve Zurker, Lisa Benavides, Jodi, Skiela Laiwa, and Hilary Mosher spoke.

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

Animal Care and Control Officer Francisco Pelayo Moreno 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. - a) Consideration of a State Legislative Update; and b) Consideration of a Presentation on H.R. 1

Chief Deputy County Administrative Officer Matthew Rothstein introduced the item to the Board. Nielsen Merksemer Representative Geoff Neill and Social Services Director Rachael Dillman-Parsons 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.

Presentation Only.

6.4 9:30 A.M. - Consideration of Presentation of the Semi-Annual Employee Service Awards for the County of Lake

Human Resources Director Pam Samac introduced the item to the Board. Animal Care and Control Director Ray Smith, Auditor Controller Jenavive Herrington, Behavioral Health Director Elise Jones, Community Development Director Mireya Turner, Human Resources Technology Technician Jessie Preusser, Health Services Director Anthony Arton, Information Technology Director Shane French, County Librarian Christopher Veach, Chief Probation Officer Wendy Mondfrans, Interim Public Works Director Lars Ewing, Undersheriff Corey Paulich, Social Service Director Rachael Dillman Parsons, Special Districts Administrator, Water Resources Director Pawan Upadhyay, Assistant County Administrative Officer Stephen Carter, and Chair Rasmussen

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.

- 6.5** 10:15 A.M. – Consideration for Hearing on Account and Proposed Assessment of Abatement Costs for properties abated under a CalRecycle Grant:(a) 7840 Hyde St Nice (APN 030-233-24); Property Owner: Margaret and Rodney Bomar, TTE; (b) 2560 Fall St Nice (APN 030-071-06); Property Owner: Charles Catalina; (c) 7769 Main St Nice (APN 030-174-26); Property Owner: William and Paula Pearson; (d) 7756 Main St., Nice (APN 030-173-18); Property Owner: Emily and Pilot Smith; (e) 7762 Main St, Nice (APN 030-173-08); Property Owner: Jean Donselman; (f) 7771 Main St Nice (APN 030-174-25); Property Owner: William and Paul Pearson; (g) 2826 Bush St Nice (APN 030-142-03); Property Owner: Levi and Rachel Mentz; and (h) 2830 Bush St Nice (APN 030-142-04); Property Owner: Elsa and Albera Hendrix

Deputy Community Development Director Shannon Walker-Smith introduced the item to the Board. Code Enforcement Manager Marcus Beltramo presented the PowerPoint Presentation 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 Crandell, and by vote of the Board, approved and confirmed the assessments and directed staff to record a lien on the properties with the Recorder's Office and after recordation the lien shall be delivered to the County Auditor who shall enter the amount of the lien on the assessment roll as special assessments on the following addresses: 7840 Hyde St Nice (APN 030-233-24) in the amount of \$1,519.37; 2560 Fall St Nice (APN 030-071-06) in the amount of \$1,229.18; 2826 Bush St Nice (APN 030-142-03) in the amount of \$719.37; and 2830 Bush St Nice (APN 030-142-04) in the amount of \$2,032.39. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 6.6** 10:30 A.M. - HEARING - Consideration of Request for Hearing before the Board of Supervisors for: 4258 Lakeshore Blvd, Lakeport (APN 029-151-28); and 4270 Lakeshore Blvd, Lakeport (APN# 029-151-37); Requestor: Steve Wratishlaw

All members of the hearing were sworn in by the Clerk. Deputy Community Development Director Shannon Walker-Smith introduced the item to the Board. Code Enforcement Manager Marcus Beltramo, Appellant Attorney Andre Ross, Appellant Steve Wratishlaw, and Community Development Director Mireya Turner 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 Pyska, and by vote of the Board, moved to uphold the Notice of Nuisance and Order to Abate and direct the property owner(s) to voluntarily abate within thirty (30) days and to authorize staff to abate the nuisance if it is not voluntarily abated and that all associated costs of the abatement become a charge against the property and placed on the tax rolls as a special assessment. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain- Supervisor: 1 - Owen

6.7 1:00 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration of Presentation of 2025 General Plan - Housing Element Annual Progress Report, and 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report

Community Development Director Mireya Turner introduced the item to the Board. Associate Planner Trish Turner 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.

Presentation Only.

6.8 1:30 P.M. - (Sitting as the Lake County Sanitation District Board of Directors) Presentation considering Sewer Rate Studies for LACOSAN- Lands End/ South Lakeport Sewer and LACOSAN- SE Regional

Special Districts Administrator Robin Borre introduced the item to the Board. LT Municipal Consultants Representative Alison presented the PowerPoint Presentation to the Board. Deputy Special Districts Administrator Jesse Salmeron spoke.

Chair Rasmussen asked if anyone present wished to speak and the following people present in the Board of Supervisors Chambers spoke: Tom Lajcik, Alan Flora, and Russ Cremer. The following people spoke via Zoom: Betsy Cawn, Stephanie Pisen, Cassandra Hulbert and Sterling Wellman. No one else wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

There was board consensus to return post emergency in 6 months for the SouthEast Regional Rate Study Consideration and consensus to move forward with the Lands End Study.

7. Non-Timed Items

7.1 Supervisors' weekly calendar, travel and reports

8. Closed Session

Chair Rasmussen announced that the Board would now go into Closed Session at 3:00 p.m. for the reasons stated on the agenda.

The Board reconvened into Regular Session at 6:34 p.m. having taken action on item 8.5:

- 8.1 Public Employee Evaluation:**
Title: Librarian
- 8.2 Public Employee Evaluation:**
Title: Air Pollution Control Officer
- 8.3 Public Employee Evaluation:**
Title: Behavioral Health Director
- 8.4 Public Employee Evaluation:**
Title: Health Services Director

8.5 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

On motion of Supervisor Pyska, and by vote of the Board, moved to terminate Health Services Director Anthony Arton 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, moved to appoint Stephen Carter as Interim Health Services Director effective immediately. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

8.6 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

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

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board of Supervisors adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

SUSAN PARKER
Clerk of the Board

By: _____
Johanna DeLong
Assistant Clerk of the Board

Chair-Lake County Board of Supervisors