



ACTION MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 21, 2026, 9:00 AM
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER – BOARD CHAMBERS
4TH FLOOR, 2 S. GREEN STREET, SONORA, CA 95370

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCEDURES

Members of the public were invited to attend this meeting on-site at the location noted on the agenda.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Mike Holland	District 1 Supervisor	Present (Vice-Chair)
Ryan Campbell	District 2 Supervisor	Present
Daniel Anaiah Kirk	District 3 Supervisor	Present
Stephen A. Grier	District 4 Supervisor	Present (Chair)
Jaron E. Brandon	District 5 Supervisor	Present

MEETING STAFF: Roger Root, County Administrator; Heather Ryan, Deputy Clerk of the Board; and Dan Cederborg, Contract County Counsel.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Nicole Miller, Board Clerk, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (15 minutes)

Chair Grier pulled item 14 from the agenda.

Commenter(s): Christopher Buttner, Publisher of Calaveras Watchdog.com; Kris Abott; John Flynn; A Member of the Public (4); Mandy Jaquet; Patricia Reh; Andy Carter, Tuolumne County Transit; Kevin Wilson; and Lt. Randy Matyshock, California Highway Patrol.

STAFF REPORTS

Dr. Kimberly Freeman, Public Health Officer, and Dore Bietz, Office of Emergency Services Assistant Director.

BOARD REPORTS

Supervisor Brandon left the dais at 9:49 a.m. and returned at 9:51 a.m.

Supervisor Kirk, Supervisor Campbell, Supervisor Brandon, Supervisor Grier, and Supervisor Holland.

BOARD RECESS – 9:57 a.m. to 10:02 a.m.

DEPARTMENT ITEMS

County Administration

13. Consideration of adopting Resolution 44-26 approving an amendment to the cooperative agreement with CAL FIRE for FY 26/27 in an amount not to exceed \$32,422,015.

Presenter(s): Roger Root, County Administrative Officer, and Nathan Gorham, CALFIRE Tuolumne Calaveras Unit Assistant Chief.

Commenter(s): Julie Fountain; Christopher Buttner, Publisher of Calaveras Watchdog.com; Judy Spisak; Betsy Hurst; Shelley Muniz; Gary Sipperly; Alec Zackerson; Emily Pardee; Scott Fremd; Tim McCaffrey; Patti Irvin; Mark Brooks, District 2 Supervisor Candidate; Charles Luke; Pete Kampa, General Manager of Groveland Community Service District and county resident; Sandy Kelly, Cedar Ridge Ladies Auxiliary President; Rob Baker; Patrick Kohn, CALFIRE Unit 2881; Robert Anzar; CALFIRE Captain at Station 61-Chinese Camp; A Member of the Public (2); and Dennis Spisak.

Supervisor Brandon left the dais at 11:31 a.m. and returned at 11:32 a.m.

MOTION: Adopt Resolution 44-26 approving an amendment to the cooperative agreement with CAL FIRE for FY 26/27 in an amount not to exceed \$32,422,015.

RESULT: Withdrawn

MOVER/SECONDER: Stephen A. Grier/Mike Holland

MOTION: Maintain the current status of CalFire services and decline adopting resolution 44-26, rejecting the amendment to the cooperative agreement with CalFire for FY26/27.

RESULT: Failed

MOVER/SECONDER: Ryan Campbell/Jaron E. Brandon

AYE: Ryan Campbell, Jaron E. Brandon

NAY: Mike Holland, Stephen A. Grier

ABSTAIN: Daniel Anaiah Kirk

MOTION: Reject Resolution 44-26 and associated cooperative agreement amendment, tabling until a late November Board meeting, and direct staff to return with dedicated revenue options for funding ongoing fire services.

RESULT: Failed

MOVER/SECONDER: Jaron E. Brandon/Ryan Campbell

AYE: Ryan Campbell, Jaron E. Brandon

NAY: Mike Holland, Stephen A. Grier

ABSTAIN: Daniel Anaiah Kirk

MOTION: Reject Resolution 44-26 and decline an amendment to the cooperative agreement with CAL FIRE for FY 26/27, directing staff to return with an agenda item to reduce staffing by 5.6% at the next Board Meeting to fund fire services.

RESULT: Failed for Lack of Second

MOVER/SECONDER: Daniel Anaiah Kirk/None

MOTION: Adopt Resolution 44-26 approving an amendment to the cooperative agreement with CAL FIRE for FY 26/27 in an amount not to exceed \$32,422,015.

RESULT: Failed

MOVER/SECONDER: Mike Holland/Stephen A. Grier

AYE: Mike Holland, Stephen A. Grier

NAY: Ryan Campbell, Jaron E. Brandon
ABSTAIN: Daniel Anaiah Kirk

Chair Griefer paused the discussion of item 13 and called for Closed Session.

County Administration

14. ~~Presentation and Direction on the Implementation of Transient Occupancy Tax Distribution for the FY 2026-27 Budget.~~ - *Pulled by Supervisor Griefer*

APPOINTMENTS

10:00 a.m. 1) Closed Session: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Authority: Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)) Title: Community Development Director

10:00 a.m. 2) Closed Session: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6); Agency designated representatives: Karen McGettigan, Human Resources Director, and Christopher Schmidt, Acting County Counsel; Unrepresented employee: Community Development Director

As the Tuolumne Public Power Agency

11:30 a.m. Closed Session-Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation (Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))-Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Administrative Proceeding involving Pacific Gas & Electric, Docket No. ER25-209-000 et al.

Commenter(s): None

Chair Griefer recessed the meeting into closed session at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 2:15 p.m.

County Administration (continued)

13. Consideration of adopting Resolution 44-26 approving an amendment to the cooperative agreement with CAL FIRE for FY 26/27 in an amount not to exceed \$32,422,015.

Chair Griefer called for item 13 to be reopened for discussion and Board Action.

MOTION: Adopt Resolution 44-26 approving an amendment to the cooperative agreement with CAL FIRE for FY 26/27 in an amount not to exceed \$32,422,015.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER/SECONDER: Daniel Anaiah Kirk/Stephen A. Griefer

AYE: Mike Holland, Daniel Anaiah Kirk, Stephen A. Griefer

NAY: Ryan Campbell, Jaron E. Brandon

Health and Human Services Agency

15. Consideration of approving the Real Property Donation, Regulatory, and Use Agreement for the Miner's Motel property at 18740 Highway 108 to convey the property to Habitat for Humanity of Tuolumne County, approving the Subrecipient Agreement with Habitat for Humanity of Tuolumne County for Rehabilitation of 18740 Highway 108 in the amount not to exceed one million two hundred twelve thousand nine hundred sixty-six dollars (\$1,212,966) dollars with a term ending September 30, 2026, and authorizing the County Administrator to sign all related documents.

Presenter(s): Annie Hockett, Health and Human Services Agency Director.

Commenter(s): A Member of the Public (2); Nick Rivera, Operations Supervisor for Jamestown Sanitary District; Trinity Abila, Habitat for Humanity of Tuolumne County; and Julie, Habitat for Humanity recipient

MOTION: Approve the Real Property Donation, Regulatory, and Use Agreement for the Miner's Motel property at 18740 Highway 108 to convey the property to Habitat for Humanity of Tuolumne County, approving the Subrecipient Agreement with Habitat for Humanity of Tuolumne County for Rehabilitation of 18740 Highway 108 in the amount not to exceed one million two hundred twelve thousand nine hundred sixty-six dollars (\$1,212,966) dollars with a term ending September 30, 2026, and authorizing the County Administrator to sign all related documents.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER/SECONDER: Jaron E. Brandon/Mike Holland

AYE: Unanimous

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commenter(s): Patrick Spink, District Attorney's Office Representative, and David Vasquez, Tuolumne County Sheriff.

MOTION: Approve the April 21, 2026, Consent Calendar.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER/SECONDER: Mike Holland/Daniel Anaiah Kirk

AYE: Unanimous

1. Recognizing unanticipated revenue in the Sheriff's Animal Control Cost Center in the amount of \$71,445 for a grant from ASPCA 2025 California Wildfire & Disaster Preparedness Fund to provide much needed supplies for co-location of animal sheltering at designated County Shelters opened during a disaster, increasing appropriations by the same amount, and authorizing the County Administrator to sign all related documents. (4/5ths approval required).
2. Accepting the resignation of Ms. Laura Sunday from the Tuolumne County First 5 Commission and directing the Clerk of the Board to send a letter of appreciation.
3. Adopting Resolution 40-26 Proclaiming April 19-25, 2026 as National Library Week in Tuolumne County.
4. Approving a contract Amendment between the Tuolumne County Health and Human Services Agency and Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency for housing related case management and rapid rehousing services, in an amount not to exceed \$370,759 for the period of January 1, 2024, through March 31, 2027, and authorizing the County Administrator to sign all related documents.
5. Adopting Resolution 41-26 proclaiming April 19th through April 25th, 2026, as Tuolumne County Crime Victim's Rights Week.

6. Adopting Resolution 42-26 waiving the Building and Safety Division fees for the Habitat for Humanity of Tuolumne County (“Habitat”) Project located at 18740 Highway 108, Jamestown, CA, an affordable housing development.
7. Waiving the second reading and adopting an ordinance amending Tuolumne County Ordinance Code Sections 5.16.15, 5.16.20, 5.16.30, and 5.16.115 relating to ambulance provider agreements and permitting.
8. Delegating Signature Authority to the County Administrative Officer to sign all related documents for the implementation of the Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) program in Tuolumne County.
9. Approving the reappointment of Jim Stenger and the appointment of Hans Bayer to the Airports Advisory Committee for terms ending December 31, 2028.
10. Recognizing a vacancy of the Lived Experience position on the Tuolumne County Homelessness Committee and directing the Clerk of the Board to post a notice of vacancy.
11. Approving recognition of unanticipated revenue of \$10,000 from the awarded California Fire Foundation 2025 Statewide Climate-Related Wildfire & Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Support Grant and adopting Resolution 43-26 authorizing and ratifying the execution and submittal of the grant agreement by the Tuolumne County Fire Department Battalion Chief, Mario Torres, and authorizing the same to sign all related documents.
12. Approving agreements for On-Call Traffic Services under Project No. 1791, and delegating authority to the Director of Public Works to execute task orders under these agreements, as follows: (1) 1791 - Traffic (\$500,000 NTE per Contract): Willdan Engineering

DEPARTMENT ITEMS - Continued

Health and Human Services Agency

16. Consideration of Adopting Resolution 45-26 authorizing the appointment of Mary Barrett as a Retired Annuitant under Government Code section 21224, to perform duties of Social Worker III within the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Department of Social Services (DSS), effective May 3, 2026.

Presenter(s): Tou Yang, Department of Social Services Director.

Commenter(s): None

MOTION: Approve staff recommendation.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER/SECONDER: Jaron E. Brandon/Mike Holland

AYE: Unanimous

17. Consideration of approving the Ambulance Services Agreement between the County of Tuolumne and Mercy Medical Transport, Inc., with a base contract amount of \$6,556,467, subject to annual increases, plus additional compensation for performance-based incentives, as included in the Fiscal Year 2026–27 Adopted Ambulance Enterprise Fund Budget.

Presenter(s): Michelle Clark, Health and Human Services Agency Assistant Director, and Dr. Kimberly Freeman, Public Health Officer.

Commenter(s): A Member of the Public; Bill Caldera, Manteca Ambulance; and Dave Hunter, EMS Director-Oak Valley Hospital.

MOTION: Approve staff recommendation.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER/SECONDER: Mike Holland/Jaron E. Brandon

AYE: Unanimous

OTHER BUSINESS

18. Consideration of approving an updated 2026 Board of Supervisors Meeting Calendar.

Presenter(s): Roger Root, County Administrative Officer.

Commenter(s): None

MOTION: Approve staff recommendation

RESULT: Passed

MOVER/SECONDER: Mike Holland/Stephen A. Grierfer

AYE: Unanimous

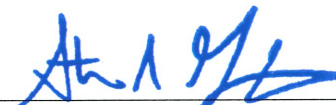
With nothing further to come before the Board, the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors adjourned their meeting at 3:32 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Heather Ryan
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors


Stephen A. Grierfer, CHAIR

I hereby certify that according to the provisions of
Government Code Section 25103, delivery of this
document has been made.

Nicole Miller
Board Clerk
By: _____

