



COUNTY OF COLUSA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

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Board Chambers
546 Jay Street, Suite 108
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March 10, 2026 at 9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

- Opening Prayer - Pledge of Allegiance
- Period of Public Comment

Mr. Newlin updates the Board on decorations for the 250th celebration.

- Report out of February 24, 2026 Closed Session
- 1. Public Employee Appointment, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) Title: Chief Probation Officer. Counsel states the matter is on the agenda.
- 2. Public Employee Appointment, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) Title: Human Resources Director. Counsel states direction given to staff with no reportable action.
- Announcement of Closed Session
- 1. CLOSED SESSION: PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE
California Government Code 54957(b). (One Case)
- 2. CLOSED SESSION - LIABILITY CLAIM
California Government Code section 54956.95.
Claimants: Celia Gomez
Agency claimed against: Colusa County
- Corrections and/or Changes to the Agenda

Mr. Pack states there was a supplemental document received from the Presiding Judge for the Chief Probation Officer which is on today's agenda.

I. STAFF REPORTS

Note: 5 minutes allowed per Department for Staff Reports. This time is available for

any County Staff who may wish to update the Board of Supervisors on projects as they relate to their respective departments.

Mr. Esenwein updates the Board on items that pertain to his department.

Ms. Fowler updates the Board on items that pertain to her department.

Assistant Sheriff Bradwell updates the Board on the Jail Project.

Ms. Kelly updates the Board on items that pertain to her department.

Ms. Ahluwalia updates the Board on items that pertain to her department and distributes the annual report for "Conservation Footprint for California Rice".**(Report on file in Clerk's office)**

II. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approve Consent Agenda Item No. 1 through 12.

Chair Corona makes time for the approval of Consent Item No.'s 1 through 12.

Supervisor Boes requests No. 1 and 2 be pulled and considered separately.

Chair Corona so directs.

Approve Consent Item No.'s 3 through 12.

RESULT:	Passed (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Supervisor Smith
SECONDER:	Supervisor Wilson
AYES:	Smith, Boes, Wilson, Bell and Corona
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None

3. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Reappoint Matthew Simmons to the Sacramento River Fire Protection District effective November 19, 2025 through November 18, 2029. **(Application received: Matthew Simmons)**

4. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Reappoint Frank Miller to the Colusa Cemetery District effective March 9, 2026 through March 8, 2030. **(Application received: Frank Miller)**

5. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Approve the Certification Statement regarding the Composition of the Local Child Care Planning Council (LPC).

6. **COUNTY COUNSEL**

Approve Contract No. **C26-034** 1st modification with **Chaplin & Hill Investigative Services, LLC**

effective March 10, 2026.

7. **TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR**

Approve the January 2026 Treasurer's Monthly Investment Report as presented

8. **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)**

Approve Purchase Orders 52102022026 and 52102032026 in the amounts of \$59,817.30 and \$21,796.44 with NWN Corporation for network switches, access points, and computers for the Sheriff's Department utilizing California State contract numbers 1-24-70-19-22 and 1-22-70-30 and authorize the Purchasing Agent to sign the Purchase Orders.

9. **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Approve Purchase Order 81102192026A in the amount of \$23,073.05 with NWN Corporation for the purchase of 15 desktop computers for the Information Technology Department on behalf of the Health and Human Services Department/Child Welfare Services utilizing CA Statewide contract no. 1-22-70-30 and authorize the Purchasing Agent to sign the Purchase Order.

10. **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Approve Contract No. **C26-035** with **Hue & Cry Inc.**, for Fire Alarm Monitoring, Inspections & Maintenance for the Department of Health and Human Services building located at 251 East Webster St., Colusa, Ca.

11. **SHERIFF/CORONER**

Approve Professional Auditing Services Contract No. **C26-036** with **CliftonLarsonAllen, LLC** in the amount of \$21,000 for the Sheriff's Department for the audit of the new Colusa County Detention and Treatment Facility.

12. **SHERIFF/CORONER**

Adopt **Resolution No. 26-006** ratifying the Proclamation declaring the existence of a local emergency issued by the Sheriff-Director of Emergency Services on March 4, 2026, due to the severe storms and flooding that began on February 22, 2026.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Corona makes time for Consent Item No. 1.

1. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Approve the February 24, 2026 Regular meeting minutes.

RESULT:	Passed (4 TO 0)
MOVER:	Supervisor Smith
SECONDER:	Supervisor Bell
AYES:	Smith, Wilson, Bell and Corona
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	Boes
ABSENT:	None

Chair Corona makes time for Consent Item No. 2.

2. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Reappoint William Ash to the Colusa Mosquito Abatement District effective March 19, 2026 through March 18, 2030. **(Application received: William Ash)**

Comments received by Supervisors Boes, Bell, Smith and Mr. Stout.

RESULT:	Failed (2 TO 3)
MOVER:	Supervisor Smith
SECONDER:	Supervisors Boes
AYES:	Smith and Bell
NAYS:	Boes, Wilson and Boes
ABSENT:	None

IX. PUBLIC HEARING/TIMED ITEMS

1. 9:30 AM Timed Item - Consider and provide direction on whether to approve an increase to the County financial subsidy for emergency ground ambulance services provided by American Medical Response (AMR) within the Colusa County Exclusive Operating Area (EOA), increasing the annual subsidy by \$500,000 effective January 1, 2026, pursuant to the terms of the existing EOA Agreement.

Comments received by Mr. Pack, Mr. Cruz and Mr. Poland.

RESULT:	Passed (4 TO 1)
MOVER:	Supervisors Boes
SECONDER:	Supervisor Corona
AYES:	Boes, Wilson, Bell and Corona
NAYS:	Daurice Smith
ABSENT:	None

2. 9:35 AM Timed Item - Approve FY25-26 Revenue and Appropriations Inter-Budget Adjustments Nos. IB019 - IB-022 **(4/5th vote required)**

Comments received by Ms. Moore.

RESULT:	Passed (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Supervisor Bell
SECONDER:	Supervisor Wilson
AYES:	Smith, Boes, Wilson, Bell
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None

III. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Adopt the job description and salary range for the new classification of Data Systems & GIS Analyst at salary range MSC36 (\$5,162–\$8,468 per month). Approve the reclassification of one (1) Systems Support Analyst position at salary range MSC27 (\$4,131–\$ 6,777) to the newly created Data Systems & GIS Analyst, and amend the Department of Health & Human Services' Position Allocation Schedule accordingly, effective March 1, 2026. Further, approve the updated Job Class Table reflecting the addition of this new classification.

Comments received by Ms. West and Ms. Kelly.

RESULT:	Passed (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Supervisor Smith
SECONDER:	Supervisor Bell
AYES:	Smith, Boes, Wilson, Bell and Corona
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None

IX. PUBLIC HEARING/TIMED ITEMS

3. 10:00 AM Timed Item - Presentation on Colusa County Partnership 2024-2025 USDA Rural Business Development Grant.

Comments received by Mr. Lucas.

IV. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1. Acknowledge the appointment of Kristen Simmons as the Colusa County Chief Probation Officer.

Comments received by Mr. Pack and Ms. Simmons.

RESULT:	Passed (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Supervisor Dist. 2 Daurice Smith
SECONDER:	Supervisor Dist. 4 Randy Wilson
AYES:	Smith, Boes, Wilson, Bell and Corona
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None

2. Arbuckle Public Utilities District Funding Request and Operational Overview.

Comments received by Mr. Pack and Mr. Lytal.

3. Approve a letter of support for a FY2027 Congressionally Directed Spending request by the Arbuckle College City Fire Protection District, authorize the Chair of the Board to sign, and discuss other updates.

Comments received by Mr. Pack.

RESULT:	Passed (5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Supervisor Smith
SECONDER:	Supervisors Boes
AYES:	Smith, Boes, Wilson, Bell and Corona
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None

V. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

1. Introduce and waive the first reading by title only of an Ordinance to repeal and replace Chapter 17 of the Colusa County Code – Purchasing System and designate the Office of the County Counsel to prepare a summary of the proposed ordinance for publication; adopt **Resolution No. 26-007** electing to utilize the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA) for applicable public works projects; and approve the amended County Purchasing and Procurement Policy, Policy 401.

Comments received by Mr. Pack and Ms. West.

RESULT:	(5 TO 0)
MOVER:	Supervisor Smith
SECONDER:	Supervisor Wilson
AYES:	Smith, Boes, Wilson, Bell and Corona
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None

VI. AD-HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Williamson Act Ad-Hoc Committee (Supervisors Smith and Wilson)
None.
2. East Park Reservoir Ad-Hoc (Supervisors Smith and Wilson)
Supervisor Wilson states the Ad-Hoc met and discussed revenue and upcoming projects.
3. Colusa Medical Center Ad-Hoc (Supervisors Boes and Smith)
Supervisor Smith and Mr. Pack state the Medical Center was invited to attend the April 7, 2026 meeting and announced the Ad-Hoc can now be dissolved.
4. City of Colusa WWTP#2 Annexation Ad-Hoc (Supervisors Corona and Boes)
Chair Corona states that pending the results of the March 24, 2026, meeting, the Ad-Hoc can be dissolved.
5. Budget Sub-Committee (Supervisors Boes and Bell)
Supervisor Boes states pending the duration of Closed Session today, the Ad-Hoc are scheduled to meet and the budget instructions will be released next week.

VII. SUPERVISORS' REPORTS OR COMMENTS

Supervisor Smith

Meetings/functions attended:

- Groundwater Authority meeting
- RCRC SGMA Ad-Hoc meeting
- Sites meeting
- Met with Ag Commissioner
- Colusa High School Crabfeed
- East Park Ad-Hoc
- NCCC meeting
- One Stop meeting
- Met with Assistant CAO and CAO

Supervisor Wilson

Meetings/functions attended:

- LAFCo meeting
- Met with Assistant CAO
- Met with CAO
- Met with Counsel
- East Park Ad-Hoc meeting
- Met with Emergency Medical Ground Transportation Advisory Committee
- Call with Constituents regarding road conditions

Supervisor Boes

Meetings/functions attended:

- Met with Problem Solver's Caucus
- Met with HHS Secretary Kim Johnson
- CSAC Board of Directors meeting
- CSAC/NACo CA Caucus Briefing
- Williams City Council meeting
- NACo Legislative Conference
- Tax Share Ad-Hoc meeting
- CSAC Officer Calls
- HR1 Education Day
- Latino Caucus meeting

Supervisor Bell

Meetings/functions attended:

- Colusa Groundwater Authority meeting
- Transportation and Transit meeting
- LAFCo 101 online training and update meeting
- Judge Lion's Club Essay Competition
- Continuum of Care Committee meeting
- Colusa City Council meeting
- Colusa High School "Bite of Reality" volunteer
- Colusa County Law Enforcement Memorial meeting
- Rural Energy Cohort meeting
- Host State Superintendent of Schools Lincoln Dinner with Sonja Shaw in May
- LAFCo Budget Ad-Hoc meeting
- NCWA Annual Board meeting
- Met with staff and provided information for Children's garden at the library
- Call from Colusa Veterans regarding facility updates
- Attended high school play "The Curse of Dionysus"
- Supported local fundraisers

Correspondence with Constituents regarding roads, river levels and other issues

Supervisor Corona

Meetings/functions attended:

Referee for Pierce Alumni Basketball fundraiser
Colusa County Law Enforcement Memorial meeting
Colusa County Sports Hall of Fame Committee meeting
Agenda Review
Colusa Continuum of Care meeting
Workplace Violence and Harassment training
Tax Share Ad-Hoc meeting
Removed trash at Hall Street and I-5 overpass

VIII. STATE OR FEDERAL LEGISLATION/GENERAL BUDGETARY MATTERS/CAO REPORTS

Supervisor Boes states there is some action around AB 218 regarding tort reform, and it may have larger implications.

Mr. Pack states there has been a lot of movement on AB218. He further states that RCRC is working on SB1005 with regard to eliminating the penny and when transactions can be rounded up or rounded down. He states that IT has requested that Microsoft 365 be migrated into the County. He also states the second round of HR Director interviews will be conducted later this week. He states the Pioneer Community Project was approved by CPUC with a 2027 launch date. He further states the Budget Ad-Hoc will be meeting today and there will be an AI Policy coming before the Board on how and when it will be used which will go out to the Department Heads tomorrow.

Chair Corona declares a recess at 11:41 a.m. to convene in Closed Session and reconvenes in Regular session at 11:55 a.m. with all Supervisors present.

X. CLOSED SESSION/COUNTY COUNSEL

1. CLOSED SESSION: PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE California Government Code 54957(b). (One Case). Counsel states the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to confirm the demotion to deputy with a five-day unpaid suspension.
2. CLOSED SESSION - LIABILITY CLAIM. California Government Code section 54956.95. Claimants: Celia Gomez. Agency claimed against: Colusa County. Counsel states the Board voted 4-0-1 to deny the claim with Chair Corona abstaining.

Chair Corona adjourned the meeting at 11:56 a.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on March 24, 2026 at the hour of 9:00 a.m.

J. Merced Corona, Chair

ATTEST: Joshua Pack, Clerk to the
Board of Supervisors

Patricia Rodriguez, Deputy Clerk