

**Amador County Board of Supervisors**  
**ACTION MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** County Administration Center, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador met at the County Administration Center, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California, on the above date pursuant to adjournment, and the following proceedings were had, to wit:

**Present on Roll Call:**

Jeff Brown, District III – Chairman  
Brian Oneto, District V –Vice-Chairman  
Patrick Crew, District I  
Richard M. Forster, District II

**Staff:** Charles T. Iley, County Administrative Officer  
Gregory Gillott, County Counsel  
Heather Peek, Deputy Clerk of the Board

**Absent:** Frank U. Axe, District IV

NOTE: These minutes remain in *Draft* form until approved by Minute Order at the next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Any packets prepared by County Staff are hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference as though set forth in full. Any staff report, recommended findings, mitigation measures, conditions, or recommendations which are referred to by Board members in their decisions which are contained in the staff reports are part of these minutes by reference only. Any written material, petitions, packets, or comments received at the hearing also become a part of these minutes by reference.

**CLOSED SESSION** may be called for labor negotiations (pursuant to Government Code §54957.6), personnel matters (pursuant to Government Code §54957), real estate negotiations/acquisitions (pursuant to Government Code §54956.8), and/or pending or potential litigation (pursuant to Government Code §54956.9). **At 8:30 a.m., the Board convened into closed session.**

**CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS:** County Negotiators: Charles T. Iley, County Administrative Officer; Jon Hopkins, General Services Director

**ACTION:** Direction given to staff.

**CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS:** Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6.

County Negotiators: Glenn Spitzer, Deputy County Counsel, Greg Ramirez, IEDA, Lisa Gaebe, Human Resources Director Employee Organization: SEIU Local 2015  
Suggested Action: Discussion and possible action.

**ACTION:** Nothing to report.

**CONFERENCE WITH COUNTY COUNSEL: ANTICIPATED LITIGATION -**  
{Government Code 54956.9(d) (2)}

Initiation of Litigation (Section 54956.9(d)(4)).

One Case.

**ACTION:** Direction given to staff.

**Confidential Minutes:** Review and possible approval of the December 19, 2023 Confidential Minutes.

**ACTION:** Direction given pursuant to the following motion.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Supervisor Oneto, seconded by Supervisor Crew and carried 4-0-1, to approve the December 19, 2023 Confidential Minutes.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Brown led the Board and the public in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

**PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** Discussion items only, no action to be taken. Any person may address the Board at this time upon any subject within the jurisdiction of the Amador County Board of Supervisors; however, any matter that requires action may be referred to staff and/or Committee for a report and recommendation for possible action at a subsequent Board meeting. Please note - there is a **three (3) minute limit per person**.

**Moment of Silence:** Supervisor Forster asked for those present to take a moment of silence in remembrance of Father Thomas Relihan, a longtime resident and pastor of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Ione that passed away recently.

**AGENDA:** Approval of agenda for this date; any and all off-agenda items must be approved by the Board (pursuant to §54954.2 of the Government Code.)

**ACTION:** Direction given pursuant to the following motion.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Supervisor Forster, seconded by Supervisor Crew and carried 4-0-1, to approve the agenda as presented.

**Ayes:** Supervisors Oneto, Crew, Forster, Brown

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** Supervisor Axe

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Items listed on the consent agenda are considered routine and may be enacted by one motion. Any item may be removed for discussion and possible action, and made a part of the regular agenda at the request of a Board member(s).

**ACTION:** Direction given pursuant to the following motion.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Supervisor Crew, seconded by Supervisor Forster and carried 4-0-1, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

**Ayes:** Supervisors Oneto, Crew, Forster, Brown

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** Supervisor Axe

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

**Board of Supervisors:** Discussion and possible action relative to the election of the 2024 Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

**ACTION:** Direction given pursuant to the following motion.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Supervisor Forster, seconded by Supervisor Crew and carried 4-0-1, to approve the appointment of Supervisor Oneto to Chair and Supervisor Crew to Vice Chair.

**Ayes:** Supervisors Oneto, Crew, Forster, Brown

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** Supervisor Axe

**Board of Supervisors:** Passing of the gavel to the incoming 2024 Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and presentation of a plaque honoring outgoing Chairman Jeff Brown.

**ACTION:** Presentation Only.

**2024 Committee Assignments:** Discussion and possible action relative to the 2024 Committee Assignments for the Board of Supervisors.

Discussion ensued with the following action being taken.

**ACTION: Direction given pursuant to the following motion.**

**MOTION: It was moved by Supervisor Forster, seconded by Supervisor Crew and carried 4-0-1, to approve the 2024 Committee Assignments.**

**Ayes: Supervisors Oneto, Crew, Forster, Brown**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Supervisor Axe**

**Administrative Agency:** Amador County impacts due to Proposition 1.

Ms. Melissa Cranfill, Behavioral Health Director, addressed the board and provided information relative to the impacts from Proposition 1.

**ACTION: Informational Only.**

**Public Works:** SR 88 Pine Grove Corridor Improvements Project

Mr. Richard Vela, Public Works Director, summarized the staff report relative to this matter which is hereby incorporated into these minutes as though set forth in full. In summary, Mr. Vela explained the four suggested courses of action:

1. Wait to see if additional funds from external sources can be committed to the project.
2. A) Award ITB 23-23 SR 88 Pine Grove Corridor Improvement Projects to George Reed. Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$9,858,426 and B) Authorize the Board Chairman to sign the construction contract based on the standard simple contract contingent upon County Counsel and the Director of Public Works approval and C) Delegate authority to the Public Works Director to accept completion of the work and sign and record a Notice of Completion if no liens or stop notices have been served within the thirty day period and D) Authorize the Board Chairman to sign the agreement and release of claims upon completion of the project and authorize the Public Works Director to release retention and final payment to the contractor.
3. Reject all bids and direct staff to scale the project back to fit the current available funding.
4. Reject all bids and terminate the project.

Mr. Vela stated that based on his discussions with Caltrans to obtain additional funding to fund the dollar gap will most likely be at the state level, at a later time and not at the amount the County is looking for. Mr. Vela said with that information, he would make a recommendation to the board to reject the bids for the project because the County doesn't have the funding, unless the board feels they want to fund the shortfall with internal funds. Mr. Vela also said that if the board rejects the bids, there is only another ten days before a decision needs to be made.

Discussion ensued and Mr. John Gedney, Executive Director, Amador County Transportation Commission (ACTC) addressed the board regarding the process of terminating the project and its cost impacts.

The following individuals wished to speak:

- Katherine Evatt, District V resident
- Russell Parker, District II resident

Lengthy discussion ensued with the following action being taken.

**ACTION:** Direction given pursuant to the following motion.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Supervisor Forster, seconded by Supervisor Brown and carried 4-0-1, to reject all bids and direct staff to work with Caltrans on the funding issue to scale this project back.

Mr. Gregory Gillott, County Counsel suggested to split the motion with the first motion rejecting the bids, and a second motion determining what the next step is.

**ACTION:** Direction given pursuant to the following motion.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Supervisor Forster, seconded by Supervisor Brown and carried 4-0-1, to reject all bids and bring this item back to the next regular scheduled meeting on January 23, 2024 for more discussion and action by the board.

**Ayes:** Supervisors Forster, Brown

**Noes:** Supervisors Crew, Oneto

**Absent:** Supervisor Axe

**\*The motion to approve fails due to lack of majority vote.\***

At this time, Mark Hopkins, Public Works, addressed the board and provided a potential solution to coordinate with the contractors and return to the board with more information for them to make a final decision.

**ACTION:** Direction given pursuant to the following motion.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Supervisor Forster, seconded by Supervisor Brown and carried 4-0-1, to reject all bids and direct staff to work with Caltrans and other entities to truncate this project.

**Ayes:** Supervisors Oneto, Crew, Forster, Brown

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** Supervisor Axe

**Public Works:** State Route 88 / Pine Grove Improvement Project; Amended District 10 Cooperative Agreement 10-0541 A3

Mr. Richard Vela, Public Works Director, summarized the staff report relative to this matter which is hereby incorporated into these minutes as though set forth in full.

Discussion ensued with the following action being taken.

**ACTION:** Direction given pursuant to the following motion.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Supervisor Crew and carried 4-0-1, to sign the Cooperative Agreement in the current form and authorize the chairman to sign a final version of the agreement by wet or electronic signature.

**Ayes: Supervisors Oneto, Crew, Forster, Brown**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Supervisor Axe**

**Administrative Agency:** Discussion and Possible Action Relative to Amending Section 2.68.020 of Chapter 2.68, as it Relates to Salaries of Elected Officials.

Mr. Gregory Gillott, County Counsel, addressed the board and stated this item is implementing the step of adding longevity and cleaning up some things that were in a previously approved ordinance.

The following individual wished to speak:

- Russell Parker, District II resident.

Discussion ensued with the following action being taken.

**ACTION:** Direction given pursuant to the following motion.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Supervisor Forster, seconded by Supervisor Brown and carried 3-1-1, to approve placing this on the consent agenda for January 23, 2024.

**Ayes: Supervisors Crew, Forster, Brown**

**Noes: Supervisor Oneto**

**Absent: Supervisor Axe**

**Minutes:** Review and possible approval of the December 19, 2023 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes.

**ACTION:** Direction given pursuant to the following motion.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Supervisor Forster, seconded by Supervisor Crew and carried 4-0-1, to approve the December 19, 2023 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes with minor corrections.

**Ayes: Supervisors Oneto, Crew, Forster, Brown**


**Noes: None**

**Absent: Supervisor Axe**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Until Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

  
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Brian Oneto, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

  
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HEATHER PEEK, Deputy Clerk of the  
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,  
California

**January 9, 2024 CONSENT MINUTES**

6.a. Budget increase from trust to department 2710 to cover the final invoice for the completion of the Vital Records project.

**ACTION: Approved**

6.b. Resolution honoring Tamara Garner on her retirement

**ACTION: Approved-Resolution No. 24-001**

6.c. Request to Reclassify the Administrative Technician in the Surveying and Engineering Department to a Senior Community Development Technician.

**ACTION: Approved**

6.d. Resolution Regarding Salaries and Fringe Benefits for Confidential Employees. It was modified to include an additional longevity wage increase for employees completing 25 years of service and a 2.5% pay range/pay rate increase to the Administrative Supervisor (SO) - Confidential classification.

**ACTION: Approved-Resolution No. 24-002**

6.e. Resolution Regarding Salaries and Fringe Benefits for Management Employees. It has been modified to include an additional longevity wage increase for employees completing 30 years of service.

**ACTION: Approved-Resolution No. 24-003**

6.f. Treasurer-Tax Collector: Adoption of a Resolution approving the Statement of Investment Policy of the Amador County Treasurer-Tax Collector.

**ACTION: Approved-Resolution No. 24-004**

6.g. Resolution Regarding Salaries and Fringe Benefits for Mid-Management Employees. It has been modified to include an additional longevity wage increase for employees completing 30 years of service.

**ACTION: Approved-Resolution No. 24-005**

6.h. Surveying Department-request to set the date for a public hearing for a Public Utility Easement Abandonment. Said easement is being vacated as part of the request for a Certificate of Merger for Brian and Theresa Oertvig. The properties involved in said Merger are Lots 284 and 249 of Lake Camanche Village Unit 1 as recorded in Book 3 of Subdivision Maps at Page 8. Assessor's Parcel No.'s 003-190-009 and 003-190-014.

**ACTION: Approved-Resolution No. 24-006**

6.i. Building Department: Agreement to Limit Use of Agricultural Structure for AG234693 - Neely

**ACTION: Approved-Resolution No. 24-007**

6.j. Amended Classification and Wage Plans/Salary Schedules for the Consolidated Wage Plan, County Administrative Officer Wage Plan and the Amador County Deputy District Attorney's Classification and Wage Plan.

**ACTION: Approved**

6.k. Behavioral Health first amendment to agreement with Crestwood Behavioral Health

**ACTION: Approved**

6.l. Amador Fire Safe Council: Discussion and possible action relative to approval of the Chairman's signature on a letter of support for a grant application the AFSC will be submitting in early January 2024. The proposed projects are as follows:

County-wide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

**ACTION: Approved**

6.m. Assessor - Assessor Roll Corrections - approval of roll correction values being decreased over \$150,000

**ACTION: Approved**

6.n. Social Services: Revisions to the MOU required by AB2083 for the Integration of Services for Youth in Foster Care

**ACTION: Approved**