

# Amador County Board of Supervisors ACTION MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 6, 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  
Brian Oneto, District V – Chairman  
Patrick Crew, District I – Vice Chairman  
Richard M. Forster, District II  
Frank U. Axe, District IV

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

**Absent:** None

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

County Negotiators: Greg Gillott, County Counsel, Chuck Iley, County Administrative Officer, Greg Ramirez, IEDA and Lisa Gaebe, Human Resources Director  
Employee Organization: All Units  
Suggested Action: Discussion and possible action.

**ACTION:** Direction given to staff.

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

Initiation of Litigation (Section 54956.9(d)(4))  
One Case.  
Suggested Action: Discussion and possible action.

**ACTION:** Update given.

**Confidential Minutes:** Review and possible approval of the January 23, 2024 Confidential Minutes.

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

**MOTION:** It was moved by Supervisor Forster, seconded by Supervisor Axe and carried unanimously, to approve the January 23, 2024 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**.

The following individuals wished to speak:

- Mr. Bill May, District II resident
- Ms. Lois McDonald, District I resident
- Mr. Larry White, District IV resident
- Mr. Oral Custer, District II resident

**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 Axe and carried unanimously, to approve the agenda as presented.

**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).

\*At this time, Chairman Oneto stated item 6.a. would be pulled from today's agenda and brought back to the board for approval at a later time.\*

Behavioral Health modification of MOU with DANCO, NPLH Development Sponsor.

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

**MOTION:** It was moved by Supervisor Crew, seconded by Supervisor Brown and carried unanimously, to approve the consent agenda as amended.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Administrative Agency:** Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing February 2024 as Civil Grand Jury Awareness Month in Amador County.

Chairman Oneto read and presented the proclamation to Carolyn Stinemates and Brenda McHenry with the California Grand Jury Association (CGJA), Mother Lode Chapter.

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

**MOTION:** It was moved by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Supervisor Crew and carried unanimously, to approve the adopt the resolution proclaiming February 2024 as Civil Grand Jury Awareness Month in Amador County.

**Administrative Agency:** A-PAL Humane Society: Discussion and possible action relative to a request by A-PAL for funding assistance in the amount of \$15,000 to provide \$40.00 low cost cat spay neuter surgery for approximately 200 cats for Amador County residents. The current budgeted amount is for \$15,000.

Ms. Susan Manning, A-PAL President, addressed the board and stated more cats are being brought in for spay and neuter services. Ms. Manning asked for the funding assistance of \$15,000 be released to A-PAL to help continue lower costing spay and neuter services.

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 Axe and carried unanimously, to release the funding assistance to A-PAL in the amount of \$15,000 from the current budget.

**Administrative Agency:** Discussion and possible action relative to the County's response to a proposal by AT&T to end landline service.

Mr. Charles Iley, County Administrative Officer, addressed the board and stated this is an issue that started with AT&T sending out letters to a large part of the county indicating they will be asking to stop being the carrier of Last Resort, which is a concern for many constituents that utilize landlines for medical devices or that live in an area with minimal cellphone service. Mr. Iley projected a map of the territory that AT&T California wants to withdraw and also provided information where these maps could be located on the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) website.

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 unanimously, to send a letter of opposition regarding AT&T's desire to stop all landline service in the designated areas.

**Minutes:** Review and possible approval of the January 23, 2024 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes.

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

**MOTION:** It was moved by Supervisor Forster, seconded by Supervisor Brown and carried unanimously, to approve the January 23, 2024 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes.

**PUBLIC HEARING 10:30 A.M.**

**Planning Department:** Consideration of the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a request for a variance (V-23;11-1 Gallaher) from the 25-foot front yard setback requirement, to allow construction of an entry addition 13.17 feet from the front property line, and a pedestrian bridge for APN: 026-163-005.

Ms. Nicole Sheppard, Planner, addressed the Board and summarized the staff report relative to this matter which is hereby incorporated into these minutes as though set forth in full. In summary, Ms. Sheppard stated the applicant requested a variance from code that requires a twenty-five (25) foot front setback to allow for the construction of an entry addition and a pedestrian bridge up to and beyond the front property line.

Chairman Oneto opened the Public Hearing at this time. There were no public comments.

Discussion ensued with the following action being taken.

**ACTION #1:** Public Hearing closed pursuant to the following motion.

**MOTION #1:** It was moved by Supervisor Forster, seconded by Supervisor Axe and unanimously carried, to close the public hearing.

**ACTION #2:** Direction given pursuant to the following motion.

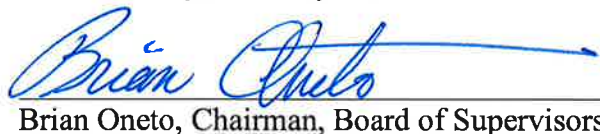
**MOTION #2:** It was moved by Supervisor Axe, seconded by Supervisor Brown and unanimously carried, to approve the variance and adopt the resolution along with the recommended findings.

1. The variance does not constitute the granting of a special privilege inconsistent with the limitations to which other lots in the vicinity with like zoning are subject.
2. Due to the location of the existing dwelling, existing accessory structures, and the slope and shape of the lot, the strict application of the front building setback is found to deprive the subject property of privileges enjoyed by other properties in the vicinity under identical zone classifications.
3. This variance is categorically exempt under section 15305 of the CEQA Guidelines (Class 5, minor setback variance not resulting in the creation of a new parcel) and a Notice of Exemption will be filed with the County Recorder.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-014**


Approving a Variance to County Code 19.24.040 R1 District Regulations Requiring a 25 Foot Building Setback from the Front Property Line to Allow Construction of an Entry Addition and a Pedestrian Access Bridge.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Until Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.



Brian Oneto, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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

**February 6, 2024 CONSENT MINUTES**

~~6.a. Behavioral Health modification of MOU with DANCO, NPLH Development Sponsor~~

**ACTION: This item was pulled to place on the agenda at a later date.**

6.b. Approve Purchase of Unbudgeted Fixed Assets (Vehicles) for the Sheriff's Department

**ACTION: Approved**

6.c. Amended Consolidated Wage Plan and amended Service Employees International Union Local 1021 Classification and Wage plan.

**ACTION: Approved**

6.d. Resolution Regarding Salaries and Fringe Benefits for Confidential Employees

**ACTION: Approved-Resolution No. 24-016**

6.e. Probation: Budget Increase Request for additional funding for the jail expansion project. There is no impact to the General Fund, funds will come from the CCP.

**ACTION: Approved**

6.f. 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 Russell and Amanda Arnold. The properties involved in said Merger are Adjusted Lots 1 and 2 of Rancho Del Monte Subdivision as recorded in Book 4 of Subdivision Maps at Page 85 and adjusted by Boundary Line Adjustment as shown in Document 2010-0009981 of records of Amador County. Assessor's Parcel No.'s 021-380-022 and 021-380-023.

**ACTION: Approved-Resolution No. 24-017**

6.g. Surveying Department-request to set the date for a public hearing for a Certificate of Merger as requested by David Mark Allen McDonald and Dalaine Lyndsay McDonald. The properties involved in said Merger are Adjusted Compliance Parcels 5 and 6 as shown on Book 65 of Maps and Plats Amador County Records at Page 37. Assessor's Parcel No.'s 011-040-034 and 011-040-035.

**ACTION: Approved-Resolution No. 24-018**

6.h. Public Health Reclassification Requests.

**ACTION: Approved**

6.i. Assessor Roll Corrections - approval of roll correction values being decreased over \$150,000 or with values being decrease 50% or more.

**ACTION: Approved**

6.j. Behavioral Health and California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) - amendment to MOU for Peer Support Specialist Certification Programs

This amendment adds an additional charge if a staff member allows their certification to lapse.

**ACTION: Approved**

6.k. Sheriff's Employee Referral Bonus Program.

**ACTION: Approved**

6.l. Social Services Department – Request to add five new positions.

**ACTION: Approved**

6.m. General Services Administration: ITB 23-25 Sutter Creek Road PM 8.1 and Pioneer Volcano Road PM 1.44 Slope Repair Project.

**ACTION: Approved**