

**Amador County Board of Supervisors  
ACTION MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**DATE:** Tuesday, September 10, 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:**

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

**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 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)}

Claim of Terry Sanders, Claim No. 24-10.

**ACTION:** Claim denied pursuant to the following motion.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Supervisor Crew, and carried 3-1-1 to deny the subject Claim due to liabilities and damages by the County being disputed.

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

**Noes:** Supervisor Forster

**Absent:** Supervisor Axe

**Confidential Minutes:** Review and possible approval of the August 27, 2024 Confidential Minutes.

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

**MOTION:** It was moved by Supervisor Forster, seconded by Supervisor Crew and carried 3-1-1, to approve the August 27, 2024 Confidential Minutes.

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

**Noes:** Supervisor Oneto

**Absent:** Supervisor Axe

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Oneto 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**.

\*At this time, Chairman Oneto announced that Supervisor Frank Axe will not be in attendance at this meeting due to a planned vacation.

- Joanne Hasson, Amador County Public Health Director
- Tracy Dehn, Amador County Public Health
- Stacey Frame, Amador County Public Health

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

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

**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 Forster, seconded by Supervisor Brown and carried 4-0-1 to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** Supervisor Axe

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

**Behavioral Health:** Resolution declaring week of September 8th-14th, 2024 as National Suicide Prevention Week and September 2024 as National Suicide Prevention Month.

Ms. Melissa Ausilio, Behavioral Health Non-Clinical Program Coordinator introduced this item and acknowledged members of Amador SPEAKS within the audience. The following individual wished to speak.

- Ms. Trixxie Smith, Sierra Wind and Wellness and Recovery Center

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

**MOTION:** It was moved by Supervisor Crew, seconded by Supervisor Brown and carried 4-0-1 to adopt the following resolution. Chairman Oneto subsequently presented the Resolution to Ms. Melissa Ausilio, Behavioral Health Non-Clinical Program Coordinator.

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

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** Supervisor Axe

### **RESOLUTION NO. 24-110**

Proclaiming September 8<sup>th</sup> through September 14<sup>th</sup> 2024 as National Suicide Prevention Week.

**Local Agency Formation Commission-Project 341:** Discussion and possible action relative to adoption of a Resolution affirming no changes to Property Tax allocations for Lockwood Fire Protection District and Amador Fire Protection District Reorganizations.

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

**MOTION:** It was moved by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Supervisor Forster and carried 4-0-1 to adopt the following resolution.

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

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** Supervisor Axe

### **RESOLUTION NO. 24-111**

Affirming No Changes to Property Tax Allocations for Lockwood Fire Protection District and Amador Fire Protection District Reorganizations LAFCO Project #341.

**Administrative Agency:** Discussion and possible action relative to a letter of opposition to AB 98. CSAC is urging the Governor to veto this bill.

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 send a letter of opposition to the governor and legislative powers.

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

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** Supervisor Axe

**Administrative Agency:** California State Association of Counties (CSAC): Report by Supervisor Richard Forster relative to the August 29, 2024 CSAC Board of Directors Meeting.

**ACTION:** Informational Only.

**Minutes:** Review and possible approval of the August 27, 2024 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 August 27, 2024 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes with minor corrections.

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

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** Supervisor Axe

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

**Planning Department:** Consideration of the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve Zone Change (ZC-24;6-3). The zone changes affect seven parcels to be rezoned from the X/Special Use District to the R1A/Single-family Residential & Agricultural district. The current X zoning is inconsistent with the land use designations adopted with the 2016 General Plan Land Use Element update. APNs 011-050-026, 021-210-060, 030-290-027, 038-130-012, 038-680-003, 040-030-075, and 040-080-011.

Ms. Nicole Sheppard, Planner, summarized the staff report relative to this matter which is hereby incorporated as though set forth in full.

Chairman Oneto opened the Public Hearing at this time. The following individuals wished to speak.

- Mr. Craig Barraco, Foothills Conservancy
- Mr. Don Halvorson, District III resident

Discussion ensued with the following action being taken.

**ACTION #1: Public Hearing continued to a date and time certain pursuant to the following Motion.**

**MOTION #1: It was moved by Supervisor Forster, seconded by Supervisor Crew and carried 4-0-1 to close the Public Hearing.**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Supervisor Axe**

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

**MOTION #2: It was moved by Supervisor Forster, seconded by Supervisor Crew, and carried 4-0-1 to affirm the adequacy of the CEQA review.**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Supervisor Axe**

**ACTION #3: Direction given pursuant to the following motion.**

**MOTION #3: It was moved by Supervisor Forster, seconded by Supervisor Crew, and carried 4-0-1 to approve the requested zone change and ordinance to change the zoning of the effective parcels with the recommended findings noted below.**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Supervisor Axe**

**Findings:**

1. A review of the proposal was conducted by staff who, through their own research, found that the zone changes will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. There are no project-specific significant effects which are peculiar to the project or its sites.
3. There is no substantial new information which was not known at the time of the General Plan Environmental Impact Report certification that supports findings of new or more severe impacts

- than those addressed in the General Plan.
4. There are no identified significant impacts caused by this project, and therefore no corresponding feasible mitigation measures identified in the General Plan Environmental Impact Report.
  5. The proposal is consistent with the General Plan. The proposed Zone Change is consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the Land Use Element of General Plan and the Agricultural General, Agricultural Transition, and Rural Residential land use designations.
  6. Based on the record as a whole, the recommendations to the Board of Supervisors represents the Planning Commission's own independent judgement.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 1854**

Amending Sectional Zoning District Map Nos J-134-, N-207, and Q-222 Pursuant to Section 19.20.020 of the Amador County Code by Rezoning Certain Real Property From the X, Special Use District to the R1A, Single-Family Residential and Agricultural Zoning District

**Planning Department:** Continuation of a public hearing for the consideration and possible determination of the mine status and financial capability of the operator to complete reclamation obligations for the Seaton mine, pursuant to Public Resources Code §2773.1(b); CA Mine ID #91-03-0026; APN 008-140-016. In May, 2024, the mine operator's bonding company issued a Notice of Cancellation/Nonrenewal of the required financial assurance mechanism for mine reclamation effective October 1, 2024. The statutorily required financial assurance has not been renewed or replaced.

Mr. Chuck Beatty, Planning Director, announced a certificate of deposit for Financial Assistance was received which will cover the current cost of reclamation for the site.

**ACTION: None.**

**Administrative Agency:** Discussion and possible action relative to a public hearing to consider the adoption of the 2024-25 Fiscal Year Proposed Adopted Budget.

Mr. Chuck Iley, County Administrative Officer provided a brief overview of the 2024/25 Fiscal Year Final Budget. Ms. Kim Holland, Budget Analyst and Ms. Tacy Oneto Rouen, Auditor, were also in attendance to provide answers to questions.

Chairman Oneto opened the Public Hearing at this time. Hearing no comment, the following action was taken.

**ACTION #1: Public Hearing continued to a date and time certain pursuant to the following Motion.**

**MOTION #1: It was moved by Supervisor Forster, seconded by Supervisor Brown and carried 4-0-1 to close the Public Hearing.**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Supervisor Axe**

Discussion ensued with the following action being taken.

**\*At this time, Chairman Oneto passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Crew. Further discussion ensued with the following actions being taken.**

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

**MOTION #2:** It was moved by Supervisor Oneto to reduce the District Attorney's budget in the amount of \$10,000.00.

*Hearing no second, the above motion failed due to lack of majority vote.*

**ACTION #3:** Direction given pursuant to the following motion.

**MOTION #3:** It was moved by Supervisor Oneto to reduce the District Attorney's budget in the amount of \$1,000.00.

*Hearing no second, the above motion failed due to lack of majority vote.*

**ACTION #4:** Direction given pursuant to the following motion.

**MOTION #4:** It was moved by Supervisor Oneto to reduce the District Attorney's budget in the amount of \$1.00.

*Hearing no second, the above motion failed due to lack of majority vote.*

**\*At this time, Vice-Chairman Crew passed the gavel back to Chairman Oneto. Further discussion ensued with the following action being taken.**

**ACTION #5:** Direction given pursuant to the following motion.

**MOTION #5:** It was moved by Supervisor Forster, seconded by Supervisor Brown, and carried 3-1-1 to approve the 2024/25 Fiscal Year Final Budget.

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

**Noes:** Supervisor Oneto

**Absent:** Supervisor Axe

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-112**

Approving 2024/2025 Fiscal Year County Final Budget for Governmental Funds.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-113**

Approving 2024/2025 Fiscal Year County Final Budget for Other Funds.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Until Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.



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Brian Oneto, Chairman

ATTEST:



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HEATHER PEEK,  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



**September 10, 2024 CONSENT MINUTES**

6.a. Approve the Purchase of One 1-Ton Truck with Dump Box and Plow Package and Approval of Unbudgeted Fixed Asset for the Transportation and Public Works Department.

**ACTION: Approved**

6.b. General Services Administration: Hangar Ground Lease #166 (McKeage, A.)

**ACTION: Approved**

6.c. Airport Advisory Committee: Approval of appointment to the subject Committee as follows: Brad Stahl as a regular member representing District I. \*Term coincides with the term of the Supervisor which the appointee represents.

**ACTION: Approved**

6.d. Victim Witness: Approval of a Resolution authorizing the District Attorney to sign any amendments and extensions to the 2023-2024 Victim Witness (VW) Grant.

**ACTION: Approved-Resolution No. 24-118**

6.e. Commission on Aging: Appointments of Sally Norris and Helen Stanley, to the subject committee for three-year terms ending September 9, 2027.

**ACTION: Approved**

6.f. Resolution approving the Undersheriff as the authorizing official for grant funding through the State of California; Board of State and Community Corrections; Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP) grant.

**ACTION: Approved-Resolution No. 24-114**

6.g. General Services Administration: Budget Increase Request for Economic Development to account for additional funding coming from the State. No additional General Funds are being requested from the General Fund.

**ACTION: Approved**

6.h. Building Department-Limited Density Owner-Built Rural Dwelling / LD244975 - GARLAND

**ACTION: Approved-Resolution No. 24-115**

6.i. Social Services: CDSS representation for Resource Family Approval (RFA) Legal Consultation and Legal Representation on Appeals/State Hearings Division (SHD) and Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH).

**ACTION: Approved-Resolution No. 24-116**

6.j. Social Services: Budget Increase Request

**ACTION: Approved**

6.k. Social Services: Resource Family Approval (RFA) Complaints Investigations.

**ACTION: Approved-Resolution No. 24-117**

6.l. Replace the Plans Examiner I in the Building Department with a Supervising Building Inspector.

**ACTION: Approved**