

**PLUMAS LAFCo**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY October 5, 2020**

**10:00 AM**

This special meeting has the same agenda as, and supersedes, the regular meeting previously scheduled for the same time and date. The meeting is noticed as a special meeting to allow Commissioners and the public to participate in the meeting via teleconference or other electronic means. A roll call vote is required for all items on the agenda. This meeting will be held via the Zoom video conferencing system **only** due to the current statewide shelter-in-place order.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS - PLUMAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
520 Main Street  
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Commissioners:

Bill Powers, City Member, Chair  
Sharon Thrall, County Member, Vice Chair  
Tom Cooley, City Member  
Kevin Goss, County Member  
Matthew Haesche, Public Member  
Terry Swofford, Public Member Alt.  
Jeff Engel, County Member Alt.  
Pat Morton, City Member Alt.

Staff:

Jennifer Stephenson, Executive Officer  
John Benoit, Deputy Executive Officer  
Cheryl Kolb, Clerk  
P. Scott Browne, Counsel

**MEETING - CONVENES AT 10:00 A.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER: Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call**  
**Roll Call.**  
**Present: Bill Powers, City Member, Chair, Sharon Thrall, County Member, Vice Chair, Tom Cooley, City Member, Kevin Goss, County Member, Matthew Haesche, Public Member, Terry Swofford, Public Member Alt. (Not voting), Pat Morton, City Member Alt. (Not voting).**  
**Absent: Jeff Engel, County Member Alt. (Not voting)**
2. **Approval of Agenda (additions or deletions)**  
**Motion: Approval of Agenda with no additions or deletions, Action: Approve, Moved by Sharon Thrall, County Member, Vice Chair, Seconded by Tom Cooley, City Member.**  
**Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 5).**  
**Yes: Bill Powers, City Member, Chair, Kevin Goss, County Member, Matthew Haesche, Public Member, Sharon Thrall, County Member, Vice Chair, Tom Cooley, City Member.**
3. **Correspondence: None**
4. **CONSENT ITEM (S)**
  - a) *Approval of the August 3rd, 2020 LAFCo minutes*  
**Motion: Approval of the August 3rd, 2020 Minutes as provided, Action: Approve, Moved by Kevin Goss, County Member, Seconded by Matthew Haesche, Public Member.**  
**Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 5).**  
**Yes: Bill Powers, City Member, Chair, Kevin Goss, County Member, Matthew Haesche, Public Member, Sharon Thrall, County Member, Vice Chair, Tom Cooley, City Member.**
5. **Public Comment**

Members of the public are invited to address the Commission on any matter of interest to the public that is not on the agenda for a period of time not exceeding 5 minutes. Pursuant to the Brown Act, the Commission cannot take any action on items not listed on the posted agenda but may add to a future agenda matters brought up under public comments for appropriate action at a future meeting.

None.

**6. Authorize payment of Claims for August 2020 and September 2020.**

a) *Authorize payment of claims August 2020 and September 2020.*

**Motion:** *Authorize payment of claims for August 2020 and September 2020, Action: Approve, Moved by Kevin Goss, County Member, Seconded by Tom Cooley, City Member.*

**Vote:** *Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 5).*

**Yes:** *Bill Powers, City Member, Chair, Kevin Goss, County Member, Matthew Haesche, Public Member, Sharon Thrall, County Member, Vice Chair, Tom Cooley, City Member.*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS and ACTION ITEMS:**

**7. Public Hearing to Consider Dissolution of 5 Inactive Districts**

a) *Review Executive Officer's report*

b) *Discussion*

c) *Consider adoption of Resolutions 2020-0009, 2020-00010, 2020-0011, and 2020-0012, to adopt zero spheres of influence for County Service Area #3, County Service Area #7, County Service Area #10, and Dixie Valley Community Services District.*

**Motion:** *Adopt Resolutions 2020-0009, 2020-00010, 2020-0011 and 2020-0012 to adopt zero spheres of influence for County Service Area #3, County Service Area #7, County Service Area #10 and Dixie Valley Community Services District., Action: Approve, Moved by Sharon Thrall, County Member, Vice Chair, Seconded by Kevin Goss, County Member.*

**Vote:** *Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 5).*

**Yes:** *Bill Powers, City Member, Chair, Kevin Goss, County Member, Matthew Haesche, Public Member, Sharon Thrall, County Member, Vice Chair, Tom Cooley, City Member.*

d) *Consider adoption of Resolutions 2020-0013, 2020-00014, 2020-0015, 2020-0016, and 2020-0017 to dissolve County Service Area #3, County Service Area #6, County Service Area #7, County Service Area #10, and Dixie Valley Community Services District.*

**Motion:** *Adopt Resolutions 2020-0013, 2020-00014, 2020-0015, 2020-0016 and 2020-0017 to dissolve County Service Area #3, County Service Area #6, County Service Area #7, County Service Area #10 and Dixie Valley Community Services District, Action: Approve, Moved by Kevin Goss, County Member, Seconded by Tom Cooley, City Member.*

**Vote:** *Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 5).*

**Yes:** *Bill Powers, City Member, Chair, Kevin Goss, County Member, Matthew Haesche, Public Member, Sharon Thrall, County Member, Vice Chair, Tom Cooley, City Member.*

**8. Discussion Regarding Cemetery District Reorganization**

- a) *Review Executive Officer's Report*  
Jennifer Stephenson noted that she had invited all the Cemetery District to attend today's meeting; none checked in.
- b) *Discussion*  
County Supervisor Lori Simpson provided some information regarding communications she had received. She has also been in touch with Greg Hagwood, incoming County Supervisor.
- c) *Provide direction to staff regarding hearing to initiate consolidation*
- d) *Consider Ad Hoc Committee to assist in outreach with subject cemetery districts*  
Kevin Goss and Sharon Thrall both volunteered to be on the Ad Hoc Committee; an invitation will also be extended to Greg Hagwood to join.

**9. Discussion Regarding Fire Reorganization by Region**

- a) *Emergency Services Study Group Update*  
Tom Cooley provided some information and an update.
- b) *Peninsula Fire/Hamilton Branch Reorganization*
- c) *Indian Valley Region*  
Kevin Goss provided some information.

**10. Executive Officer's Report**

- a) *CALAFCO Conference/Webinars*
- b) *Legislative Update (SB 414)*
- c) *Hamilton Branch CSD Annexation of Mutual Water Company*

**11. Commissioner Reports**

*This item is placed on the agenda for Commissioners to discuss items and issues of concern to their constituency, LAFCo, and legislative matters.*  
Tom Cooley reports that the City of Portola has contracted with Beckwourth Fire for fire protection services which will begin February 1, 2021.

**12. Adjourn to next regular meeting.**

**LAFCo's next regular meeting to take place 10:00 am on December 14, 2020**

The Commission may take action upon any item listed on the agenda. Unless otherwise noted, items may be taken up at any time during the meeting.

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