

TRINITY COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Trinity County Library
Conference Room
351 Main Street
Weaverville, CA

MEETING MINUTES
February 3, 2026

Chairman
Supervisor Heidi Carpenter-Harris - District 4

Vice-Chairman
Supervisor Julia Brownfield - District 5

Supervisor Ric Leutwyler - District 1
Supervisor Jill Cox - District 2
Supervisor Liam Gogan - District 3

Trent Tuthill - County Administrative Officer
Sean Cameron - County Counsel

ZOOM INFORMATION

This meeting was conducted with a zoom option.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY SUPERVISOR COX

A. PRESENTATIONS

A.1. Clerk of the Board - Received an update from U.S. Forest Service District Ranger Tara Jones regarding matters of interest in Trinity County.

A.2. Health and Human Services - Public Health - Adopted a proclamation recognizing the month of February 2026 as National Children's Dental Health Month.

Received comments from Health Education Specialist Supervisor Kirsten Ford and Health Program Coordinator Katelyn Noble.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Received comments from Vidette Vanderwide, Holly Cat, Ben Kellogg and Lina.

C. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

C.1. Received a report from Sheriff Tim Saxon.

C.2. Received a report from County Administrative Officer

C.3. Received reports from Members of the Board of Supervisors.

C.4. Received reports from the following Ad Hocs:

- Tourism Funding
- Cannabis Tax – Due to the passage of the resolution reducing the cannabis cultivation tax rate (Item E.2.) this ad hoc is disbanded.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

D.1. Auditor/Controller - Approved amendment number 8 to the agreement with CliftonLarsonAllen LLC, increasing the maximum cost by 5,000 and updating Exhibit B1 to provide professional auditing services.

Motion: Cox **Second:** Brownfield **Carried**

Ayes: Brownfield, Cox, Leutwyler, Gogan and Carpenter-Harris

D.2. Board of Supervisors - Approved changing Supervisor Brownfield to Primary and Supervisor Leutwyler to alternate as the County's representatives on the Superior California Economic Development Board.

Motion: Cox **Second:** Brownfield **Carried**

Ayes: Brownfield, Cox, Leutwyler, Gogan and Carpenter-Harris

D.3. Clerk of the Board – Adopted the following resolutions confirming the continuance of the following local emergencies in the County of Trinity:

- Resolution Number 2026-004 – Local emergency due to the 2024 Late January Winter Storm; and
- Resolution Number 2026-005 – Local emergency due to the 2024 March Winter Storm; and
- Resolution Number 2026-006 – Local emergency due to the 2024 Mid-December Winter Storm, and

- Resolution Number 2026-007 – Local emergency due to the 2025 Mid-February Winter Storm.

Motion: Cox **Second:** Brownfield **Carried**

Ayes: Brownfield, Cox, Leutwyler, Gogan and Carpenter-Harris

- D.4. Clerk of the Board - Approved regular meeting minutes for January 20, 2026, and special meeting minutes for January 27, 2026.

Motion: Cox **Second:** Brownfield **Carried**

Ayes: Brownfield, Cox, Leutwyler, Gogan and Carpenter-Harris

E. COUNTY MATTERS

- E.1. Agriculture - Introduced and waived the reading of an ordinance establishing Code Section 8.23 prohibiting Industrial Hemp Cultivation.

Received comments from Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures Angela Blanchard, Dan Trujillo, Adrian Keys, Dana Hauser, John Brower, Dan Dubak, Director of Community Development Drew Plebani, and former Trinity County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures Joe Morero.

Motion: Leutwyler **Second:** Cox **Carried**

Ayes: Cox, Leutwyler, Gogan, Brownfield and Carpenter-Harris

- E.2. Board of Supervisors - Considered the recommendation of the Cannabis Tax Ad Hoc and discussed adopting a resolution approving a temporary reduction in cannabis cultivation tax rates for calendar year 2026.

Received comments from Adrian Keys, Dana Hauser, Lisa Wright, Holly Hayes, Nicholas Holliday, Rhoda Cane, Terri McBrayer, County Counsel Sean Cameron and Director of Community Development Drew Plebani.

Original Motion by Supervisor Gogan, second by Supervisor Leutwyler to adopt the resolution as presented failed due to the passage of a subsequent motion.

Motion: Gogan **Second:** Leutwyler **Failed due to the passage of a subsequent motion**

Subsequent motion by Supervisor Brownfield to adopt a revised resolution reducing the tax rate to 0% and extending the reduction time period to include

calendar years 2026 and 2027 failed due to the lack of a second.

Motion: Brownfield **Second:** **Failed due to the lack of a second**

Subsequent motion by Supervisor Cox, second by Supervisor Carpenter-Harris to support the cannabis industry through the placement of an updated tax structure on the November 2026 ballot that the cannabis industry would draft; the measure, if passed would 1) provide remediation of the outcome retroactive to January 1, 2026; 2) include adjustments of timing for assessments to be worked out with the Tax Collector; and 3) include an initiation of payment plans as needed.

Motion: Cox **Second:** Carpenter-Harris **Withdrawn**

Subsequent motion by Supervisor Carpenter-Harris, second by Cox to adopt the resolution as submitted with the exception that the requirement for staff to review and reset annually is removed and addition of support, in the form of the Board placing the tax measure on the ballot instead of requiring signatures, for the Cannabis industry through placement of an updated tax structure on the November 2026 ballot that the cannabis industry would draft was amended as below was withdrawn.

Motion: Carpenter-Harris **Second:** Cox **Withdrawn**

Subsequent motion by Supervisor Carpenter-Harris, second by Cox to adopt the resolution as submitted with the exception that the requirement for staff to review and reset annually is removed was withdrawn

Motion: Carpenter-Harris **Second:** Cox **Withdrawn**

Adopted Resolution Number 2026-010 approving a temporary 80% reduction in cannabis cultivation tax rates for calendar years 2026 and 2027.

Motion: Leutwyler **Second:** Carpenter-Harris **Carried**

Ayes: Carpenter-Harris, Leutwyler, Gogan and Brownfield

Noes: Cox

- E.3. Clerk/Recorder/Assessor/ Elections - Receive an overview from Clerk/Recorder/Assessor/Elections Maddy Woodman on the Assessment Appeals Process.

Received Comments from Chris Losi.

- E.4. Clerk of the Board - Authorized the Chairman to sign the declaration agreement for the 2025 Trinity County Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update.

Received comments from Trinity County RCD County Coordinator Skylar Fisher.

Motion: Cox **Second:** Leutwyler **Carried**

Ayes: Leutwyler, Cox, Gogan, Brownfield and Carpenter-Harris

- E.5. County Administrative Office - Receive an update from County Administrative Officer Trent Tuthill on the Trinity County 2024-2029 Strategic Plan.

- E.6. County Administrative Office - Receive a mid-year budget review for FY 25/26.

Received comments from County Administrative Officer Trent Tuthill, Senior Financial Analyst Suzie Hawkins and Ben Kellogg.

F. CLOSED SESSION

Received comments from Lisa Wright.

- F.1. Government Code Section 54954.5(b) - Real Property Negotiations
Property: APN - 024-260-007-000
Agency Negotiators: Trent Tuthill, Margaret Long, Liz Hamilton and Jesse Ferguson
Negotiating Parties: Dana Ryan
Under Negotiations: Price and terms of payment

Direction was given to staff.

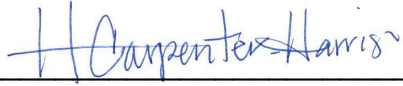
- F.2. Government Code Section 54954.5(c) - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
No. of Cases: One
Case Number: 23CV014

Direction was given to staff.

- F.3. Government Code Section 54954.5(f) - Labor Negotiations
County's Designated Representatives: Laila Cassis, Margaret Long and Suzie Hawkins
Employee Organizations: Skilled Trades Unit and the Professional Peace Officers Association

Direction was given to negotiators.

TRINITY COUNTY Board of Supervisors



Heidi Carpenter-Harris, Chairman
Board of Supervisors,
County of Trinity
State of California

Attest:

Trent Tuthill

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By:



Deputy