

The County of Yuba

B O A R D O F S U P E R V I S O R S



AUGUST 12, 2025

Call to order 12:30 p.m. with Supervisors Andy Vasquez, Renick House, Seth Fuhrer, and Jon Messick. Supervisor Gary Bradford was absent. Also present was County Administrator Kevin Mallen, County Counsel Janet Bender, Clerk of the Board Mary Pasillas and Board Clerk II Natalie Allen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – No Pledge

ROLL CALL - Supervisors Vasquez, House, Fuhrer, Bradford, Messick – Supervisor Bradford was absent

12:30 P.M. BUDGET WORKSHOP

378/2025 RECEIVE INFORMATION ON DEPARTMENT BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026. (No background material)

Workshop Overview (30 minute estimate) County Administrator Kevin Mallen recapped the process of the budget workshops this year:

- Management Analyst would present budget analysis and changes from last year to this year
- Departments would then present their PowerPoint to recap any changes
- Thursday discussion on Board direction

Assistant County Administrator Sean Powers recapped changes from the proposed budget presented to the Board in June 2025.

- COLA change from 3.5% to 2.7%
- Contract with Deputy Sheriffs Association
- New Medical Services Provider
- Yuba County Jail Medical and Mental Health Facility opening soon
- Sheriff staffing request
- Changes to General Fund
- Review County contributions list
- Medical benefits

Sheriff/Probation/District Attorney (60 minute estimate) Management Analyst Jenna Shinn recapped the budget overview for the Sheriff's Division, Probation Department and District Attorney's office.

Sheriff Wendell Anderson provided a PowerPoint presentation including the following, and responded to Board inquiries

- Jail Division statistics
- Yuba County one of only two (2) counties to go live with the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Program
- Marine Patrol and Animal Care statistics

- Operations Division statistics

Chief Probation Officer Matt Ricardy provided a PowerPoint presentation including the following, and responded to Board inquiries.

- Priorities, Milestones, Goals and Objectives
- Strategic Priorities:
- Social Services/Safety
- Detection Canine Program
- Mobile Services Vehicle
- Youth Campus
- Workforce Development/Culture
- Staff – Team Culture
- 1st Responder Conference – Peer Support

District Attorney Clint Curry provided a PowerPoint presentation including the following, and responded to Board inquiries.

- Recapped Mission Statement
- Referral statistics
 - Marysville Police Department - 32%
 - Sheriff Department - 45%
 - California Highway Patrol - 12%
 - Wheatland Police Department - 3%
 - Other - 7%
- Strategic Objectives
 - Safety and Service Delivery
 - Department Goals
 - Safety – Implement Proposition 36, and support the Sheriff's "POP" team with focused prosecutions
 - Workforce Development – Implement succession plan for legal services, and develop newer attorneys

Health and Human Services (45 minute estimate) Management Analyst Emily Bakken recapped the budget.

Director Jennifer Vasquez provided a PowerPoint presentation including the following, introduced Assistant Director John Corniel and Financial Officer Pheng Lee, and responded to Board inquiries:

- Primary Functions
 - CAPS investigations and case management
 - Public assistance, IHSS applications and case management
 - Veteran claims processing
 - Communicable disease prevention and health education
 - CalWORKs employment services
- Policy considerations and changes
- 2025/2026 Projects
 - Partnership with Probation, District Attorney and Sheriff for Prop 36 implementation and Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) program
 - Additional community partnerships with Yuba College, Yuba County Office of Education, Twin Cities Rescue Mission and Tri-Counties Community Center
 - Evaluation of Aging and Disability resources
 - Implementation of Healthcare Workforce Planning Grant
 - Modernization and upgrade of Veteran Services operations

BREAK

Treasurer/Tax Collector (20 minute estimate) Management Analyst Emily Bakken recapped the budget.

Treasurer Jolie Turk provided a PowerPoint presentation including the following, and responded to Board inquiries.

- Services Provided - Treasury
 - County's bank
 - Mitigate fraudulent transactions and activity
 - Responsible for the safekeeping and investment of funds
- Services Provided – Tax Collector
 - Billing and collection of all property taxes
 - Tracking and collection of Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT)
 - Issuance of certain business licenses in the unincorporated area

Auditor/Controller (25 minute estimate) Management Analyst Emily Bakken recapped the budget.

Auditor/Controller Rich Eberle provided a PowerPoint presentation including the following, and responded to Board inquiries.

- Office Overview and configuration
- Overview Results
 - Property Taxes
 - Accounts Payable
 - Agencies served
- Expenditures Summary
- Revenues Summary

Recessed at 4:16 P.M.

RECESS TO 9:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2025

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Chair Bradford

ROLL CALL – Supervisors Vasquez, Blaser, Fuhrer, Bradford, Messick – all present

Assessor (30 minute estimate) Management Analyst Emily Bakken recapped the budget.

Assessor Steve Duckels provided a PowerPoint presentation including the following, introduced Assistant Assessor Aaron Eller, and responded to Board inquiries:

- Total Yuba County Taxable Value 2024/2025 10.6 billion dollars
- Increase of revenue stream in 2024 by 6.8%
- County Services
 - Serve the community by providing high level of customer service
 - Office hours are 8 am to 5 pm
- 2025/26 Strategic Plan Priorities and Goals
 - GIS Mapping platform to be utilized in their office
 - Possessory interest automation to allow office to focus on more complicated issues
 - State Board of Equalization to approve electronic filing of forms

County Counsel (20 minute estimate) Management Analyst Emily Bakken recapped the budget.

County Counsel Janet Bender provided a PowerPoint presentation including the following, introduced Chief Deputy County Counsel Tahmina Morrow and Administrative Services Officer Erika Stedman, and responded to Board inquiries:

- Services Provided
 - Legal Service Request to all County departments
 - Litigation and Court Appearances in court 4 days a week
 - CPS, LPS/Probate, MHO Court6 Referrals, Care Court, Bail Bonds, IMO, Animal Control, Public Authority, consent Decree, Subpoenas
 - Counsel at Meetings
 - Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, AAB, TRLIA, SYTIA
 - Public Records Act Requests
 - Training for Care Court, CASA, Contracts
- Statistics of legal requests and hours spent by department
- Goals for 2025/2026
 - Retain attorneys and staff
 - Support Sutter Yuba Behavioral Health Ad Hoc process

Public Guardian (20 minute estimate) Management Analyst Emily Bakken recapped the budget.

Public Guardian Kiran Phagura provided a PowerPoint presentation recapping the Department Goals and Strategies, introduced Accounting Technician Corina Hodge, and responded to Board inquiries:

- Community and Behavioral Health
 - Implementing behavioral health system services for Yuba County Conservatees
 - Review behavioral health community-based services
 - Working with community partners for State Bill 43 implementation
 - Court Referrals – returning from state hospitals incompetent to stand trial (IST)
- Social Services
 - Increase utilization and connection to services and programs, such as transportation
 - Promote quality education and training for staff
 - Collaboration with community partners
- Service Delivery
 - Remain in compliance with Social Security Administration regulations and policies
 - Work with skilled nursing facilities and other counties for transition of services
 - Compliance with state association of Public Administrators/Public Guardians/Public Conservators
- Safety
 - Improve perception of county services and safety
 - Work with community partners and justice system for safe dispositions

Clerk Recorder/Registrar of Voters (20 minute estimate) Management Analyst Emily Bakken recapped the budget.

Clerk Recorder Donna Hillegass provided a PowerPoint presentation including the following, introduced Clerk-Recorder Manager Daisy Hendrickson and Elections Manager Tina Belding, and responded to Board inquiries:

- Clerk/Recorder
 - Revenue and Cost impacts
 - 2025/2026 Projects
 - Overhaul department website for increased public access
 - Identify and implement online payment service for official record copies

- Elections
 - June 2026 Primary Election
 - 2025/2026 Projects
 - Voting system update
 - Implementation of pending legislation
 - Possible statewide Special Election November 2025

BREAK

Child Support Services (20 minute estimate) Management Analyst Emily Bakken recapped the budget.

Director Tina Taylor, Program Manager Twila Kardatzke, Attorney III Patricia Bartlett, and Accounting Technician Melissa Thompson provided a PowerPoint presentation including the following, and responded to Board inquiries:

- Services provided
 - Current funding sources
 - Collaboration with various entities to manage approximately 3,600 cases annually
- County Services
 - Provide convenient, easy access to services
 - Child Support Specialist present for all family law hearings
 - Created Child Support Court Order flyer with QR code
 - Services for Spanish speaking and incarcerated individuals
 - Establish appropriate and realistic court orders for parties on a case
 - Update to intake interview process
 - Create open communication to build relationships with parties
- Engagement and Outreach
 - Educate community about processes and services
 - Conduct presentations to inmates at Yuba County Jail
 - Attend quarterly Successful Connections and community outreach events

Community Development and Services (60 minute estimate) Management Analyst Jenna Shinn recapped the various budgets.

Director Mike Lee, Assistant Director Kevin Perkins, and Deputy Director Jeremy Strang provided a PowerPoint presentation including the following, and responded to Board inquiries:

- Reorganization within the department to include Deputy Director positions
 - County Services
 - Implementation of various new software
 - Created in person teams to improve processing time and customer experience
 - Effort to keep certain permits affordable to the public
- Communications, Outreach and Engagement
 - New Business Engagement Manager, Ashley Potocnik
 - Potential Communications Specialist for online and social media presence
- Growth and Development
 - Housing and Building Code law changes
 - Business and land development
 - Focus on Prime Corridor on North Beale and Lindhurst
 - Completion of Library modernization in 2026

- Governance, Operations and Culture
 - Continuance and furtherance of Yes-to-Yuba countywide
 - Training opportunities for staff
 - Sustainable revenue sources through grant opportunities
- Department needs for Success
 - Cost effective and responsive internal support services
 - Sustainable revenues sources and competitive salaries
 - Maintain talented staffing

LUNCH TO 1:00 P.M.

Administrative Services/Information Technology (30 minute estimate) Management Analyst Jenna Shinn recapped the budget.

Director Perminder Bains and Assistant Director Jolene Harper provided a PowerPoint presentation including the following, and responded to Board inquiries:

- Information Technology
 - Cybersecurity enhancements
 - Operational efficiencies
 - Cloud and disaster preparedness
 - Infrastructure upgrades
- Upcoming facility improvement projects
 - 14Forward Campus
 - Yuba County Courthouse
 - Government Center
 - Yuba County Jail
- Solar savings statistics
- Open Gov contract management software
- Change from AT&T to Teams phones

Human Resources (30 minute estimate) Management Analyst Emily Bakken recapped the budget.

Director Tiffany Manuel and Assistant Director Karen Fassler provided a PowerPoint presentation including the following, and responded to Board inquiries:

- Services provided by Human Resources and Risk Management
- Current staffing allocations
- Workforce Development and Organizational Culture
 - NEOGOV implementations
 - Yes-to-Yuba Mindset rollout
 - Development of academies
 - Relaunching Employee Appreciation Awards
 - Early stages of new time management software
 - Transition from monthly to biweekly payroll

Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures (20 minute estimate) Management Analyst Emily Bakken recapped the budget.

Agricultural Commissioner Steven Scheer provided a PowerPoint presentation including the following, introduced Assistant Todd Quist and Fiscal Analyst Jill Hansen, and responded to Board inquiries:

- Department services provided
- Safety
 - Regulate pesticides
 - Collaborate with Yuba Sutter Farm Bureau and Sutter County to promote Spray Safe
 - Maintain staffing and training levels
- Service Delivery
 - Implementation of automated payment options and online services
 - Staff availability for in office and phone service requests
- Online registration and payment options for pest control businesses
- Online apiary registration payment and colony location reporting
- Crop report finalization September 2025

Clerk of the Board (20 minute estimate) Management Analyst Emily Bakken recapped the budget.

Clerk of the Board Mary Pasillas provided a PowerPoint presentation including the following, and responded to Board inquiries:

- Budget adjustments Fiscal Year 2024-25
 - Board of Supervisors – Increase communications for new phones, decrease office expenses
 - Clerk of the Board – Increase professional services for Agenda.net, decrease office expenses
 - Grand Jury – decrease office expenses
- Yuba County Boards Committees and Commissions
 - In Home Supportive Services Advisory Council
 - Disbandment of Library Advisory Commission
 - Grand Jury report regarding Cemetery Districts
 - Current listing of vacancies
- Organizational Duties and Responsibilities
 - Grand Jury – finances, technical support, office supply ordering
 - Board of Supervisors – finances, agendas, clerking, travel arrangements, calendars
 - Yuba county Staff – Agenda.net, assist with staff requests
 - Assessment Appeals Board No. 2 – receive and process applications, coordinate hearings, agendas
 - Various other boards – TRLIA, SYTIA, IHSS, City Selection Committee, Oversight Board for Redevelopment Successor Agencies, LAFCO
 - Claims for Damages for Yuba County
- Continue making County records accessible to the public and staff at Yuba.org

Recessed at 3:07 P.M.

RECESS TO 9:00 A.M. THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Chair Bradford

ROLL CALL – Supervisors Vasquez, House, Fuhrer, Bradford, Messick – all present

Office of Emergency Services/County Administrator (45 minute estimate) Management Analyst Jenna Shinn recapped the budget for OES and County Administrator.

The Board directed Oscar to report on the current status on the Ponderosa Fire. Oscar provided a brief recap on the cause and current status.

Emergency Services Manager Oscar Marin provided a PowerPoint which included the following, and responded to Board inquiries.

- Collaborative Coordination
 - Sheriff Department
 - Fire Districts
 - Yuba Water Agency
 - Reclamation Districts
 - Community Center's
 - School Districts
- Grant Management
 - Homeland Security Grant
 - Emergency Management Performance Grant
 - Hospital Preparedness Grant
 - Title III Fire Rural School Grant
 - Forecasted Inundation Grant
- Community Outreach
 - Youth Emergency Preparedness Program
 - Be Prepared Fair
- County – Wide Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Training
 - NIMS Compliance
 - All County Employees – ICS 100, 200, 700, & 800
 - In-House Training
 - EOC Specific Position Training
 - ICS 300 & ICS 400

County Administrator Kevin Mallen provided a PowerPoint which included the following, and responded to Board inquiries.

- Top Priorities and Milestone
 - Workforce Development
 - CSAC institute Certification Classes – Yuba and Sutter County
 - Behavioral Health
 - Secure contract with Geiss Consulting for Yuba-Sutter revenue split
 - Countywide Service Delivery
 - Budget Streamlining - Teams
 - Internal Services Fund (ISF) Review
 - Website revitalization and improvements
 - Natural Resources
 - Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority to evaluate the Feather River Setback Area ordinance and gather enforcement statistics
 - Infrastructure
 - Partnership with Yuba County, Yuba Water Agency, and Olivehurst Public Utility District for the South County sewer infrastructure in securing funding
 - Revenue Redevelopment
 - Measure K revenue growth over FY 2023-24
- Department Goals
 - Behavioral Health
 - Revenue Redevelopment

Recap and Board Direction (2 hours, 15 minute estimate) County Administrator Kevin Mallen and Assistant County Administrator Sean Powers recapped the following:

- Fiscal Year Proposed Adopted Budget versus the Fiscal Year 2025-26 recommended Budget
- Measure K Fund requests Budget Fiscal Year 2025-26
- Position Allocation Change requests for Budget Fiscal Year 2025-26
- Contribution List Review
 - Budgeted Recipients
 - Not Budgeted Recipients - Asks

The Board asked for a Discretionary Fund of \$50,000. for each Board Member to have \$10,000. for their District. The Board also reached consensus on a Senior Center at the Airport or another facility, recommended it to be through Administrative Services with an allotment of \$30,000.

Chair Bradford received consensus from the Board to bring the Discretionary Fund back at a later date with a budget amendment, a policy in place, and entertained a motion to form an Ad Hoc committee which he appointed Supervisor House and himself to serve.

MOTION: Discretionary Fund Ad-Hoc committee

MOVED: Andy Vasquez SECOND: Renick House

AYES: Andy Vasquez, Renick House, Seth Fuhrer, Gary Bradford, Jon Messick

NOES/ABSTAIN/ABSENT: None

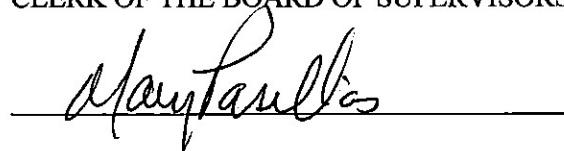
Approved via unanimous Vote

ADJOURN at 11:23 A.M.



Chair, Gary Bradford

ATTEST: MARY PASILLAS
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Approved: September 9, .2025