



Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 1, 2026, ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Regular Commission Meeting
Skinner Store Building ~ 111 Greenwood Rd., Blue Lake ~ Behind City Hall

1 **1. Call to Order:** Ted Hales called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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3 **2. Roll Call and Establish a Quorum of the Commission**

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5 **Commissioners Present:** Chair Ted Hales, Vice Chair Lin Glen, Commissioners Angela
6 Dare and Cynthia Carlson.

7 **Commissioners Absent:** Secretary Don Schang

8 **Council Liaison:** Mayor Pro Tem Scafani

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10 **3. Approval of the Agenda –**

11 **Motion by Lin Glenn to approve the agenda, Second by Cynthia Carlson.**

12 **Motion passed unanimously.**

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14 **4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

- 15 • **Mardi Grainger:** Asked the Commission about the flyers from last year and banner
16 regarding the Fourth of July and fireworks.
- 17 • **Kent Sawatzky:** Supports the previous comment regarding fireworks. Feels that the
18 potential of losing water source is biggest safety concern regarding the water tank on
19 the McClure property.

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21 **5. Approve May 4, 2026, Minutes**

22 **Motion by Lin Glen to approve minutes. Second by Cynthia Carlson.**

23 **Motion passed unanimously.**

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25 **6. Agency Check In: Blue Lake Fire, Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, Blue Lake**
26 **Rancheria, and Red Cross.**

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28 **Humboldt County Sheriff's Office:** Sgt Eckert did not have anything to report but
29 reiterated that his office is available and encouraged the Commission to reach out with any
30 concerns.

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32 **Blue Lake Rancheria Police:** Chief Miller did not have anything to report but wanted to
33 make himself available to answer any questions. Lin Glen invited Chief Miller and his
34 department to the upcoming Safety Fair on September 12th.

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36 **Blue Lake Rancheria CalOES:** Director Brittaney Lewis discusses the Tribal EOP, the
37 hazard mitigation plan, and cert team creation funded through a grant from CalOES. They
38 will be hiring a program manager full time and looks forward to participating in the Blue Lake
39 City Safety Fair on September 12th.

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41 **Blue Lake Fire and Red Cross were not in attendance**



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42 **Public Comment:**

- 43 • **Kent Sawatzky:** Happy to see a partnership developing with the Rancheria and
44 the Sheriff's Office. Values the contract with the Sheriff.

45 **No action**

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47 **7. Review of Monthly Sheriff's Incident Reports (4.26.26-5.4.26)**

48 Sgt. Eckert with HCSO was available for questions and explained that they are trying to be
49 more present regarding traffic enforcement in neighborhoods.

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51 **Public Comment:**

- 52 • **Kent Sawatzky:** Spoke about the recent fentanyl arrest and the issues with the
53 judicial system.

54 **No action**

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56 **8. Update to 2026 Workplan**

57 The Commission discussed the firework reduction education campaign in preparation for the
58 Fourth of July. **No Action**

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60 **9. Emergency Operations Plan Ad Hoc Committee Update**

61 In the process of reviewing and updating the EOP, looking into training opportunities, and
62 collaborating with agencies within the jurisdiction. The Ad Hoc discussed their short term
63 and long-term goals for the EOP review.

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65 **Public Comment:**

- 66 • **Kent Sawatzky:** Suggested looking into Ferndale's EOP.

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68 **No action, but the Commission will bring the item back to adopt the goals that the Ad**
69 **Hoc have identified.**

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71 **10. Complaint Process - Discussion.**

72 Cynthia Carlson shared that she had a hard time finding the complaint form on the City's
73 website and suggested making it more accessible. Lin Glen confirmed that complaints are
74 logged and tracked per her conversation with City Clerk Green. **No action**

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76 **11. Safety Fair Update**

77 The Commission discussed the Safety Fair during the Workplan item. The date for the
78 Safety Fair has been finalized and will be held on September 12th from 10am to 2pm. **No**
79 **action**



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12. Future agenda items:

- 4th of July fireworks.
- Annie and Mary Day Festival.
- Adopt EOP Ad Hoc plan.
- Complaint Process (website update).

13. Adjourn

Motion by Angela Dare, second by Lin Glen.

Motion passed unanimously and the Commission adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Prepared by: Angela Dare and Samantha Green (City Clerk)