



MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DEL NORTE COUNTY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

10:00 AM

PRESENT: Supervisor, District 2 Valerie Starkey
Supervisor, District 3 Chris Howard
Supervisor, District 1 Darrin Short
Supervisor, District 5 Dean Wilson
Supervisor, District 4 Joey Borges

ABSENT:

CLOSED SESSION 8:30 A.M.

Public Comment on Closed Session items only.

Hold a closed session to consider and discuss litigation and personnel matters:

- Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 between County Negotiator: Neal Lopez, CAO and County Negotiator: Will Folger.
- Liability Claim: Claimant: Patricia Vought
- Public Employee Evaluation: Director of Child Support Services.
- Conference with Legal Counsel - Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.6(d)(4) -one case
- Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)-four cases
 - *Davis v. County of Del Norte*, WC-Cm-82490
 - *John Doe 1 v. Humboldt County et al*, CV 22-01700
 - Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, Walmart National Opioid Settlements - CL-383037
 - *Jennifer Perry v. County of Del Norte*, CVPT 2023-1036

REGULAR SESSION 10:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M. Call the meeting to order and take roll.

- Moment of Reflection
- The Pledge of Allegiance to be led by Dean Wilson, District 5 Supervisor.
- Introduction of new employees to the Board of Supervisors

None

- Report of any actions from closed session by County Counsel

The Board voted unanimously to engage the firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP in the case of *John Doe 1 v. Humboldt County et al*, CV 22-01700 and to join the settlement with the retailers in the National Opioid Litigation.

- The Chair requests any deletions, corrections or additions from Board members to the agenda at this time. In order to add an item to the agenda, the matter must have come to the attention of the County subsequent to the posting of the agenda and the matter requires action before the next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

None

- Receive other brief reports or announcements relative to the County of Del Norte programs and projects, progress of the two by two committees, goal committees and/or Board and staff travel/training reports.

Supervisor Howard: After almost 10 years of litigation, Caltrans can now move forward with the US Hwy 199 Safety projects, attended the CSAC meeting and noted there are 275 bills on the State's Legislative Platform this year.

Supervisor Wilson: Attended a meeting with the Yurok Tribe to discuss culvert replacements along the Klamath River.

CONSENT AGENDA

Comments from members of the public may be heard at this time regarding matters on the Consent Agenda only.

Action: Approved. Supervisor Starkey pulled item #8 for further discussion and a separate vote.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Valerie Starkey

Second: Joey Borges

Vote Yea: 5 Valerie Starkey, Chris Howard, Darrin Short, Dean Wilson, Joey Borges

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

1. Approve and adopt the minutes from the February 28, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting.**

Approved.

2. 1) Approve a letter requesting funds from the California Department of Transportation to fund a Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program and Authorize the County Engineer to sign such letter; 2) approve and authorize the County Engineer to release a request for qualifications seeking expertise in bridge preventative maintenance if funds are awarded; and 3) approve and authorize the County Engineer to sign any and all documents, agreements, or contracts funded by the Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program provided County Counsel approves said documents, agreements, or contracts as to form as requested by the County Engineer.**

Approved.

3. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign professional services contracts for on-call architectural, engineering, forestry, and related professional services, as requested by the Assistant County Administrative Officer.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE#2023-060

4. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the first Amendment to the Agreement with California Municipal Advisors LLC for continued services in the development of a Pension Management Policy, as requested by County Administrative Officer.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE#2023-061

5. Accept the AIRCON Energy Efficiency Project as complete and authorize the Chair to execute a Notice of Completion for the project components, as requested by Director of Building Maintenance.**

Approved.

6. Approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services to sign the attached Agreement To Enter Into A Housing Assistance Payments Contract with the City of Crescent City Housing Authority for the term of May 1, 2023 through May 1, 2024, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services and Housing Services Manager.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE#2023-062

7. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached Resolution to Authorize the Director or Assistant Director of the Department of Health and Human Services to sign all future HHAP Round 3 documents, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services and Housing Services Manager.**

Approved. RESO#2023-011

8. Approve and appoint Eric Taylor to represent District 5 on the Del Norte County Planning Commission as requested by Supervisor Wilson.**

Action: Approved. Supervisor Starkey pulled this item for further discussion and a separate vote.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Valerie Starkey

Second: Joey Borges

Vote Yea: 5 Valerie Starkey, Chris Howard, Darrin Short, Dean Wilson, Joey Borges

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

9. Approve the change in per game wages paid to Adult and Teen Basketball League referees from Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per game to Forty Dollars (\$40.00) per game for a Senior Referee and Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) per game to Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per game for a Junior Referee, as requested by County Administrative Officer.**

Approved.

10. Approve and adopt a Resolution for paying and reporting the value of Employer

Paid member Contribution (EPMC) to California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) as requested by the Auditor-Controller and recommended by the County Administrative Officer and the Human Resources/Risk Manager.**

Approved. RESO#2023-012

11. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support for the City of Crescent City's application for funding through the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART, Environmental Water Resources Projects, as requested by City Consultant Orrin Plocher.**

Approved.

12. Review the attached Letter of Opposition of funding cuts in the Public Health Workforce Development and Training Programs to the Chairs of the State's Assembly Budget and Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Subcommittees, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved.

13. Approve and adopt the Natural and Cultural Resource Preservation and Protection (NCRP3) Disaster Plan, an annex to the Emergency Operations Plan and direct the Office of Emergency Services to publish this plan on the County web page, and provide a copy of this plan and training to support its utilization by operational area partners as requested by the Disaster Council/Director of Emergency Services.**

Approved.

14. Review and continue the existence of a local emergency throughout Del Norte County as a result of the January 2023 storms per Resolution No. 2023-003 adopted by the Board of Supervisors on January 24, 2023 as requested by the County Administrative Officer/Emergency Services Director.**

Approved.

15. Approve and adopt the revised classification description for the Recreation Program Assistant I/II as requested by the County Administrative Officer.**

Approved.

16. Approve and adopt a Resolution of the Del Norte County Board of Supervisors confirming the existence of a local emergency due to the March 2023 winter storm conditions as requested by the County Administrative Officer.**

Approved. RESO#2023-013

SCHEDULED ITEMS

17. 10:25 A.M. COMMENT PERIOD: Members of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the agenda, you may be asked to hold

your comments until the Board takes up that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes or less.

18. 10:30 A.M. (1) Receive an update, as directed, on Del Norte County's indigent defense services relating to the findings of the Office of the State Public Defender, and (2) give possible direction in the event the Board chooses an alternative structure from what is currently in place, as requested by the County Administrative Officer.**

The Board voted by consensus to direct staff to bring back to the Board at a future date two options by adding additional costs, Attorney's, Investigator's and some other type of support system for the current Public Defender's and to keep in mind the list of possible options for potential dollars coming from Opioid Settlements and see if they can be used for programs that work through the Public Defender's Office.

REGULAR ITEMS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

19. 1) Receive an update on the Juvenile Hall by the Chief Probation Officer; and 2) take action on the recommendation to order the closure of the Del Norte County Juvenile Hall as a custodial institution no later than June 30, 2023, and direct staff to implement organizational and operational restructuring to implement closure no later than that date as requested by the Chief Probation Officer.**

Action: Approved. The motion was amended to direct staff to begin the process of the closure of the Juvenile Hall.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Dean Wilson

Second: Joey Borges

Vote Yea: 3 Chris Howard, Dean Wilson, Joey Borges

Vote Nay: 2 Valerie Starkey, Darrin Short

Vote Abstain: 0 None

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Dean Wilson

Second: Chris Howard

Vote Yea: 5 Valerie Starkey, Chris Howard, Darrin Short, Dean Wilson, Joey Borges

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

20. Approve and adopt Budget Transfer #02-08 in the amount of \$25,000.00 within the Sheriff's Department budget for additional vehicle maintenance costs as requested by the Sheriff.**

Approved. BT#02-08

21. Approve and adopt Budget Transfer #03-02 in the amount of \$75,000.00 to Disburse State Aid into accounts for the new WIC-BFPC Program Budget Unit State Aid disbursement requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. BT#03-02

LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET ISSUES:

Consider miscellaneous legislative and budget matters pertinent to the County of Del Norte. Authorize the Chair to sign and send appropriate letters with respect to matters pending before the state or federal governments.

22. Receive and review the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget update and General Fund Budget Summary are presented by the County Administrative Officer and the Auditor-Controller.**

No action was needed on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

(Next meeting is March 28, 2023)

Kylie Goughnour, Clerk of the Board
County of Del Norte, State of California

Date Posted: March 10, 2023

THE AGENDA AND ACTION SUMMARY ARE AVAILABLE ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE:

www.co.del-norte.ca.us