



MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DEL NORTE COUNTY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Tuesday, March 28, 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 54957.6 between County Negotiator: Neal Lopez, CAO and Represented Employee Bargaining Groups.
Conference with Real Property Negotiator

- Property: APN 102-020-27
- Negotiator: Neal Lopez, CAO

Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)-three cases

1. *Jennifer Perry v. County of Del Norte* CVPT 2023-1036
2. In re Gill TIBX 60019
3. Liability Claim: Claimant: Patricia Vought
4. *People v. Three Hundred Seventy Five Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars*, CVPT 2023-1060

Conference with Legal Counsel - Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.0(d)(4) - one case

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 Darrin Short, District 1 Supervisor.
- Introduction of new employees to the Board of Supervisors

Lauren Espey – Peer Support Specialist for Behavioral Health/DHHS.

- Report of any actions from closed session by County Counsel

The Board voted unanimously to defend the suit *Jennifer Perry v. County of Del Norte* CVPT 2023-1036.

- 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.

The Board added one urgency item. With a motion by Supervisor Starkey and a

second by Supervisor Howard with a 5-0 vote (Yes: Supervisor Short, Starkey, Howard, Borges, Wilson No: None) the Board voted to add an item authorizing the Chair to sign and send a letter of support for PacificCorp's Equity-aware Enhancement of Grid Resiliency (PEER) project and grant application for funding through the U.S. Department of Energy Grid Resilience & Innovation Partnership Program.

- 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 Starkey: Supervisor Starkey requested to add two items on a future Agenda for discussion. The first item was to direct staff to begin the permitting process to clear brush on the East side of the Wal-Mart parcel so it is more visible and the second item was to direct staff to get a policy in place to process hazardous spills for County facilities.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Action: Approved. Chair Short pulled item #5 for a future Agenda. Supervisor Wilson pulled items #4,#6,#7,#8 for further discussion. Supervisor Starkey pulled item #10 for further discussion.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Chris Howard

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 March 14, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting.**

Approved.

2. Approve and adopt a Proclamation proclaiming "April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month" as requested by the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Del Norte County.**

Approved.

3. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an Agreement between the County of Del Norte and Del Norte Little League for rental of Pyke Field for Little League Baseball and Softball, as requested by the County Administrative Officer.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE#2023-065

4. Review the Del Norte County General Plan Annual Progress Report as requested by the Director of Community Development.**

Action: Approved. Supervisor Wilson pulled this item for further discussion.

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

5. 1) Approve and adopt the staffing changes as requested to establish six (6) new position allocations for the adopted staffing chart (see Attachment A); 2) approve two new Classification Descriptions for a Director of Public Health Nursing and a Supervising Legal Clerk and revisions to the Risk Management Technician classification description; and 3) direct Human Resources to amend the adopted staffing chart as requested by the Human Resources Manager and the County Administrative Officer.**

Chair Short pulled this item for a future Agenda.

6. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the second Amendment to the Agreement with Aegis Treatment Center, LLC for Narcotic Treatment services from July 01, 2021 through June 30, 2023 as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Action: Approved. DNCOAGREE#2023-066. Supervisor Wilson pulled this item for further discussion.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Chris Howard

Second: Joey Borges

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

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

7. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached renewed Agreement with HASP for Drinking Driver Treatment Program services from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 as requested by the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services.**

Action: Approved. DNCOAGREE#2023-067. Supervisor Wilson pulled this item for further discussion.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Chris Howard

Second: Joey Borges

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

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

8. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign and send a letter to the Six Rivers National Forest Supervisor expressing concerns regarding legacy mines in the Smith River National Recreation Area as requested by the Natural Resources Goal Committee and Smith River Collaborative.**

Action: The Board voted to table this item for a future Agenda. Supervisor Wilson pulled this item for further discussion.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Chris Howard

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 and authorize the Chair to sign the first amendment to the agreement between the County of Del Norte and Mintier Harnish for professional planning services as requested by the Director of Community Development.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE#2023-068

10. Approve and authorize the Del Norte County Sheriff to fund award plaques to be presented to staff of the Del Norte County Sheriff's Office during the annual LEADN awards ceremony as requested by the Sheriff.

Action: Approved. Supervisor Starkey pulled this item for further discussion.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Valerie Starkey

Second: Chris Howard

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

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

11. (1) Approve and authorize the Smith River Alliance to submit permit applications for the upgrade of three culverts along Elk Valley Road for the purpose of improving the longevity of the County infrastructure and improving fish passage; and (2) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached letter of support for

a future proposal to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for implementation funds for the culvert upgrades as requested by the Natural Resources and Environmental Coordination Technical Advisory Committee and the Smith River Alliance.**

Approved.

12. Adopt the Resolution effective March 28, 2023 proclaiming the termination of the local emergency proclaimed by Resolution 2023-003 in response to the January 2023 storm event as requested by the County Administrative Officer/Director of Emergency Services.**

Approved. RESO#2023-014

13. Review and continue the existence of a local emergency throughout the unincorporated areas of Del Norte County as a result of prolonged accumulation of snow caused by winter storms per Resolution 2023-013 adopted by the Board of Supervisors on March 14, 2023 as requested by the County Administrative Officer/Director of Emergency Services.**

Approved.

14. Approve and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the attached letter in support of AB 1057 to grant local health departments flexibility to administer the California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) to meet the unique needs of communities as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

15. 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.
16. 10:30 A.M. 1) Conduct a Public Hearing to provide the public with an opportunity to hear and provide comment on the results of activities involved under Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) 18-CDBG-12900, 18-CDBG-12901 and 20-CDBG-CV-2-3-00073; and 2) accept the final results through these grants as meeting the requirements of the grant and the various agreements between the County and subrecipients, as requested by Administrative Services Manager.**

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Valerie Starkey

Second: Chris Howard

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

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

17. 10:40 A.M. 1) Receive a presentation on the Communications Interoperability Assessment from consultant Federal Engineering; and 2) authorize Phases 2 and 3 of the Communications Interoperability Assessment to begin as requested by the Office of Emergency Services.**

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Chris Howard

Second: Dean Wilson

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

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

REGULAR ITEMS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

18. Approve and authorize a step increase to A-13 Step H, effective March 16, 2023 for the Director of Child Support Services as requested by the Board of Supervisors.

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Chris Howard

Second: Valerie Starkey

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

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

19. Approve and adopt the attached Side Letter Agreements and Resolutions authorizing a two and one half percent (2.5%) wage adjustment to all County salary schedules effective March 31, 2023, as authorized by the Board of Supervisors.**

Action: Approved. RESO#2023-015-Elected Dept. Heads; RESO#2023-016-Appointed Dept. Heads; RESO#2023-017-Asst./Deputy Dept.

Heads; DNCOAGREE#2023-069-Mid Management;
DNCOAGREE#2023-070-SEA Association; DNCOAGREE#2023-071-
SEIU Local 1021.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Chris Howard

Second: Joey Borges

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

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

20. Approve and adopt Budget Transfer #03-03 in the amount of \$289,734.00 within the Intergovernmental Transfer Budget Unit as requested by the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services.**

Action: Approved. BT#03-03

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Valerie Starkey

Second: Chris Howard

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

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

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.

21. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter of opposition to AB 742 (Jackson) which would prohibit the use of an unleashed canine by law enforcement to apprehend a person and any use of a police canine crowd control prohibiting law enforcement agencies from authorizing any use or training of a police canine that is inconsistent with the bill, as requested by Chair Short.**

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Chris Howard

Second: Valerie Starkey

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

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

22. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support for the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation's request for funding for wastewater infrastructure through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Environmental Infrastructure (EI) program as requested by Supervisor Howard.**

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Joey Borges

Second: Valerie Starkey

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

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

23. Approve and authorize the use of Measure R Funds for "The Sheriff's Office and Veterans Memorial Hall Public Parking Lot Rehab Project", as recommended by the Capital Improvements Technical Advisory Committee.**

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Chris Howard

Second: Dean Wilson

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

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

URGENCY ITEMS

24. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign and send a letter of support for PacificCorp's Equity-aware Enhancement of Grid Resiliency (PEER) project and grant application for funding through the U.S. Department of Energy Grid Resilience & Innovation Partnership Program.

Action: Approved. This item was added as an urgency item.

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

ADJOURNMENT

(Next meeting is April 11, 2023)

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

Date Posted: March 24, 2023

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

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