



MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DEL NORTE COUNTY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Tuesday, October 10, 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.

Public Employee Appointment: Public Defender.

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

Deana White – Child Support Services Assistant

- Report of any actions from closed session by County Counsel

None.

- 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 Starkey: Attended the Reaching Rural Retreat, attended the Local Behavioral Health Board meeting, attended a meeting with TRUE North regarding CERF funding, attended the City Council meeting, attended a meeting with the Del Norte/Humboldt Film Commission, attended a meeting with the Middle Mile Advisory Committee Director to discuss Broadband, attended the Planning Commission meeting, attended the Resilient DNATL meeting, attended and participated in the Seacruise, attended a meeting with County Staff, Supervisor Short and City Staff regarding animal and dispatch services and been working on getting an alternative for free COVID-19 vaccines for local residents.

Supervisor Howard: Attended a meeting regarding the Slater Fire clean-up efforts, attended a meeting with CAL-OES to discuss numerous issues related to fires, salmon, economic development, attended a meeting regarding the moratorium for house fire insurance coverage, and attended multiple meetings with Supervisor Borges related to the Elk Management Plan and crossing the highway danger and also attended the BCRAA meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Action: Approved. Engineer Jon Olson wanted to note that for item #9 the date listed in the report is supposed to be listed for the final report at the October 26, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting.

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 September 26, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting.**

Approved.

2. Approve by a unanimous vote the Del Norte Resource Conservation District's request to replace the annual audit required by Government Code 26909 with an audit covering a five-year period if the special district's annual revenues do not exceed an amount specified by the Board of Supervisors as stated in Government Code 26909(b)(2) \$150,000.00 as the amount which DNRCD's revenues must not exceed in order to qualify as requested by the Resource Conservation District.**

Approved.

3. Approve and appoint Supervisor Howard as the Delegate as proposed and Supervisor Short as the Alternate as proposed to the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Board of Directors for the year 2024 as requested by Chair Short.**

Approved.

4. Approve and authorize the Director of Information Technology to sign an End User Software License Agreement with Virsec System Inc., and approve the purchase of Virsec Advanced software licenses in the amount of \$9,999.99 to

enhance cybersecurity protection for the County network as requested by the Director of Information Technology.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE#2023-190

5. Authorize the Director of Information Technology to procure endpoint protection software licenses with Palo Alto Networks covering a three (3) year period in the amount of \$95,423.28 as requested by the Director of Information Technology.**

Approved.

6. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an Agreement between the County of Del Norte and Maverick Networks in the amount of \$30,000 for Mitel Phone Support as requested by the Director of Information Technology.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE#2023-191

7. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an Agreement between the County of Del Norte and Tyler Technologies for a Probation Case Management System as requested by the Chief Probation Officer.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE#2023-192

8. Approve salary step placement at Step C for a newly hired Integrated Caseworker I as requested by the Director of Health & Human Services and recommended by the Human Resources Manager and the County Administrative Officer.**

Approved.

9. 1) Find that there is a need to continue to take any directly related immediate action to make repairs to the infrastructure, noting that a failure to do so would threaten the health, safety and welfare of the public related to the imminent danger caused by the failure of the culvert at Washington Boulevard near Harrold Street; and 2) Direct staff to return to each regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors until the action is completed as requested by the County Engineer.**

Approved. Engineer Jon Olson wanted to note that for this item the date listed in the report is supposed to be listed for the final report at the October 26, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting.

10. Approve and appoint Sherman Jackson to the Del Norte County Fish and Game Commission Advisory Commission to represent District 1 as requested by the Del Norte County Fish and Game Advisory Commission.**

Approved.

11. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the second 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#2023-193

12. Approve and appoint the following people to be members of the Opioid Litigation Working Group: (1) Ranell Brown, Director of Health and Human Services and Reaching Rural Team Member; (2) Shiann Hogan, Program Manager for Health and Human Services, Behavioral Health Branch and Reaching Rural Team Member; (3) Naome Workman, Health and Human Services Behavioral Health Program Coordinator, who supervises the Recovery Treatment staff; (4) Valerie Starkey, District 2 Supervisor and Reaching Rural Team Member; (5) Helen Hoopes, Attorney and Reaching Rural Team Member; (6) Jermaine Brubaker, Rx Safe Del Norte Opioid Coalition Facilitator and Reaching Rural Team Member; (7) Anthony Trombetti, Joint Wellness Court Coordinator and Yurok Tribal Member.

Approved.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

13. 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.
14. 10:30 A.M. Receive an update on the Saint George Reef Lighthouse (John Zimmerman, President, Saint George Reef Lighthouse Preservation Society)

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

15. Adjourn as the Board of Supervisors, reconvene as the Board of Equalization and approve the withdrawal request for the application for change of assessment for APN 118-390-021 (Vital Hospitality LLC dba Quality Inn and Suites) Roll Year 2021/22; 22/23).**

Action: Approved.

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

16. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Stipulation Agreements with Payless Drug Stores N.W. (APN 118-100-023) for Roll Years 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 as requested by the Assessor.**

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Joey Borges

Second: Chris Howard

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:

17. Adjourn as the Board of Equalization, reconvene as the Board of Supervisors and authorize the Chair to send a comment letter to the Northern Region of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding the North Coast Roosevelt Elk Management Unit Draft Refined EMU Plan as requested by the Natural Resources and Environmental Coordination Technical Advisory Committee.**

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Dean Wilson

Second: Joey Borges

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

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

18. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support to be transmitted to the Wildlife Conservation Board for the "North Coast US 101 Wildlife Crossing Project", as requested by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.**

Action: Approved.

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

19. Authorize the Chair to sign a letter requesting that the Six Rivers National Forest Supervisor open the Smith River National Recreation to the public where

appropriate now that the Smith River Complex Fire has been contained, as requested by Supervisor Howard.**

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Joey Borges

Second: Dean Wilson

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

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

20. Authorize the Chair to (1) sign a letter requesting the Governor to send a request to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce to declare a fishery failure for 2023 in California relating to the closure of the state's nearshore groundfish fishery in the northern management area, (2) sign a letter objecting to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's nearshore groundfish fishery closure in the northern management area, and (3) select and authorize a County Supervisor to travel to the November Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting to present the County's position as stated in the letters authorized by the Board, as requested by Supervisor Howard.**

Action: Approved. The motion included sending either Supervisor Howard or Borges to the November Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting.

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

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.

ADJOURNMENT

(Next meeting is October 24, 2023)

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

Date Posted: October 06, 2023

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

www.co.del-norte.ca.us