



MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DEL NORTE COUNTY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

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 Legal Counsel pursuant to Government Code
Section 54956.9(d)(2)&(3)-One Case

Conference with Legal Counsel pursuant to Government Code
Section 54956.9(d)(4)-Two Cases.

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

Maria Gonzales-Flores - Client Services Specialist I; Laura Siller - Eligibility Specialist I
; DHHS

- Report of any actions from closed session by County Counsel
- 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.
- 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 Short: Attended the Economic Development Position Meeting with CAO Neal Lopez, Supervisor Dean Wilson and the former Humboldt County Economic Development Director about developing the Economic Development Position, attended the Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority meeting, attended the Economic Development Technical Advisory Committee meeting about the feasibility document that will be brought forward to the Board, attended the Ad Hoc Committee

Fireworks discussion, attended the Last Chance Grade Stakeholder meeting, toured Last Chance Grade with Congressman Huffman and Congressman Schiff, had a discussion with the Asbestos Abatement Contractor working on the Old Mental Health Building and thanked CAO Elishia Hayes and Supervisor Rex Bohn for setting up the Economic Development Position Meeting.

Supervisor Starkey: Attended the City Council Meeting, attended the Ad Hoc for the Fireworks discussion, attended a Teen Court Planning Session, attended the Youth Advisory Board that was developed for the Prop 64 grant, toured Last Chance Grade with Congressman Huffman and Congressman Schiff, worked on the media for the Fireworks campaign, began work on a cemetery issue that was brought to her attention, met with a resident of District 3, organized (and participated in) a large community clean up and will be attending the Groundbreaking ceremony for the new apartment development in District 2.

Supervisor Howard: Attended the California State Association of Counties Meeting, attended the Border Coast Regional Airport Authority Meeting, attended the Del Norte Senior Center Meeting, attended the Zoom Meeting with California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara about the FAIR Plan Assessment, attended the Northcoast Resource Partnership Meeting with Karen Gaffney, and attended the CSAC Insurance Working Group Meeting.

Supervisor Wilson: Attended the Economic Development Technical Advisory Committee meeting, worked with staff on various issues of concern related to infrastructure and funding for programs under consideration within the Strategic Plan, attended several meetings with nongovernmental agencies, collected data related to Economic Development and had a discussion with the School District and several other potential partners pertaining to Economic Development success.

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#12 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 August 27, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting.**

Approved.

2. Approve and adopt the minutes from the August 28, 2024 Budget Workshop meeting.**

Approved.

3. Approve and authorize an update to Chapter 1.50 (Technical Advisory Committees) of the Del Norte County Administrative Manual 1) consolidating Committee #4 "Capital Improvement", and Committee #10 "Infrastructure" Technical Advisory Committees (TAC), into a single Technical Advisory Committee, Committee #4 (Capital Improvement); and 2) redesignating Committee #10 as the "Homelessness" TAC which will replace the existing Homelessness ad hoc committee, as specified in the Board's Strategic Plan (Action Item LJH-2B) and as requested by the Assistant County Administrative Officer.**

Approved.

4. Approve and authorize adding Section 1.70 (Strategic Plan) to the Del Norte County Administrative Manual as specified in the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Plan pursuant Action Item GGB-4A, as requested by the Assistant County Administrative Officer.**

Approved.

5. Adopt the attached Proclamation declaring September 2024 as Recovery Awareness Month, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved.

6. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached Second Amendment with Granite Wellness Centers for Residential Treatment Services for the term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE#2024-181

7. Approve and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the attached renewal Agreement with CDSS for RFA Legal Services for the term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE#2024-182

8. Approve and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the attached 2024 Medi-Cal Privacy and Security Agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services for a term ending September 1, 2028, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE#2024-183

9. Authorize the Sheriff to sign the 2024-2025 agreement between the Del Norte County Sheriff's Office and Permitium, a cloud based Concealed Weapons Permit software, as requested by the Sheriff.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE#2024-184

10. Approve and adopt a Proclamation proclaiming "September 2024 as Suicide Prevention Month" as requested by Gordon Clay of Zeroattempts.org.**

Approved.

11. Approve and authorize the signing of a Resolution honoring Mike Peebles for his twenty-five years of public service as a County employee as requested by the Director of Community Development.**

Approved. RESO#2024-029

12. 1) Designate the home address located in Trinity County as the primary worksite for remote employee Danea Miller effective on her date of hire; 2) authorize reimbursement of the employee's travel expenses pursuant to Title V of the Administrative Manual; and 3) authorize the Director of Child Support to revise Ms. Miller's employment contract (Personnel Action Form) to reflect her home address located in Trinity County as her primary worksite and the Board's authorization for travel reimbursement as requested by Director of Child Support Services.**

Action: Approved. Supervisor Starkey pulled this item for further discussion and a separate vote. Included in the motion was to table this item and direct staff to bring back a telecommuting policy at some point in the future. The first motion made by Supervisor Wilson was to direct staff to enter negotiations to determine a resolution for this item and a solution to the problems of employees that work at home, but it failed due to lack of a second.

Motion: Move to table

Move: Valerie Starkey

Second: Chris Howard

Vote Yea: 4 Valerie Starkey, Chris Howard, Darrin Short, Dean Wilson

Vote Nay: 1 Joey Borges

Vote Abstain: 0 None

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 a presentation from Behavioral Health and HASP (Shiann Hogan - Deputy Director of Behavioral Health)

15. 10:45 A.M. 1) Open the public hearing for the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Recommended Final Budget as amended and all Special Districts Budgets governed by Del Norte County for 2024/2025 Fiscal Year as submitted and continue the hearing for 14 days; and 2) Approve the use of excess insurance premium funds to establish an irrevocable 115 Trust consistent with the recently adopted Pension Management Policy; and 3) Review Attachment A, establishing five General Fund (GF) positions, reclassifying eleven GF positions and adjusting the salary range for one GF position as presented by the County Administrative Officer and Auditor-Controller; and 4) Accept the Recommended Children's Budget as presented (Attachment B); and 5) Review and Adopt Resolution 2024-030 and 2024-031 to formally separate Assistant/Deputy Department Heads and Branch level Deputy Directors as submitted in Attachment C and D as requested and presented by the County Administrative Officer and Auditor-Controller.**

Action: Approved. Included in the motion was to approve items 1 through 5. The first motion made by Supervisor Short with a second by Supervisor Starkey was to table section 5 for a future Agenda, but it failed due to a 2-3 vote (Yes: Supervisor Starkey, Short No: Supervisor Borges, Howard, Wilson)

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Chris Howard

Second: Darrin Short

Vote Yea: 4 Chris Howard, Darrin Short, Dean Wilson, Joey Borges

Vote Nay: 1 Valerie Starkey

Vote Abstain: 0 None

REGULAR ITEMS

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 September 24, 2024)

Samantha Burtch, Clerk of the Board
County of Del Norte, State of California

Date Posted: September 6, 2024

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

www.co.del-norte.ca.us