



MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DEL NORTE COUNTY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

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 and Staff pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(1): Worker's Compensation Claim-One.

Conference with Legal Counsel pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(2) & (d)(3): One-Claim DEL25-0009, Murrieta Nip.

Conference with Legal Counsel pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(4): Anticipated Litigation-One.

Public Employee Evaluation: Director of Human Resources/Risk Management.

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

Mary Berry – Benefits Coordinator/HR/RM; Anndrea Sanders - Eligibility Specialist I, Cyndi Countess - Social Worker I, Gabriella Gonzalez - Social Worker IV-B, Nick Cowen - Behavioral Health Specialist I, William Bowden - Recovery Specialist II / DHHS.

- 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, technical advisory committees and/or Board and staff travel/training reports.

Supervisor Short: Attended the BCRAA meeting, attended the Homelessness TAC meeting, participated in a tour of a homeless camp located behind the Washington Boulevard Fire Station due to issues, attended Congressman Huffman's local Town Hall meeting and participated in the local Lincoln/Reagan dinner.

Supervisor Starkey: Attended a meeting with the State and National Parks Superintendent regarding future collaborations, attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting, attended the Visitor's Bureau meeting, attended the Behavioral Health Collaborative meeting, participated in a tour and update with the Del Norte Child Care Council, attended a meeting with a local Geologist to discuss pesticides related to the North Coast Water Quality Control Board meeting discussion, attended a meeting with the Local Lily Bulb growers, attended Congressman Huffman's local Town Hall meeting, attended the Local Behavioral Health Board meeting, attended the Grants TAC meeting, attended the local Harbor District meetings, attended the North Coast Water Quality Control Board meeting and also attended Senator Pro-Tem McGuire's Chili Feed in Sanoma County.

Supervisor Howard: Attended a meeting with local hunters regarding US Forest Service Road access issues, attended the BCRAA meeting, attended the NCUAQMD meeting, attended the Senior Center meeting, attended a meeting with Gasquet residents regarding AB 1014 and attended the North Coast Water Quality Control Board meeting.

Supervisor Wilson: Attended the LAFCO meeting and the Lincoln/Reagan dinner.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Valerie Starkey

Second: Darrin Short

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 23, 2025 Board of

Supervisors meeting.**

Approved.

2. Approve and adopt a Resolution of the Del Norte County Board of Supervisors approving the application of the Del Norte Association for Cultural Awareness (DNACA) and authorizing the execution of a grant contract with the California Arts Council, as requested by the Treasurer of DNACA.**

Approved. RESO#2025-022; RESO#2025-023

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 2026 as requested by Chair Borges.**

Approved.

4. Approve salary step placement at Step C for newly hired Social Worker IV-B effective the current pay period (October 10th–23rd) as requested by the Department Head of Health and Human Services and recommended by the Director of Human Resources and Risk Management.**

Approved.

5. Approve and authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign an Agreement and subsequent Supplement Agreements between the County of Del Norte and UBEO Business Services for Lease / Rental Services for Copiers and other printing devices as requested by the Director of Information Technology.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2025-209

6. Approve salary step placement at Step C for newly hired Eligibility Specialist I, effective the current pay period (October 10th-23rd), as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services and recommended by the Director of Human Resources and Risk Management.

Approved.

7. Approve and appoint Robin Hartwick to the Local Assessment Appeals Board, as requested by Supervisor Short.**

Approved.

8. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement with El Dorado County for detention of Juvenile Court Wards at the El Dorado County Juvenile Detention Facility as requested by the Chief Probation Officer.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2025-210

9. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached renewal Agreement for LPS Conservatee Services with JPS Home Care Services for the term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, as requested by the Director of Health and

Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2025-211

10. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached MOU for Professional Development Training with Giving the Gift, LLC for the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2025-212

11. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached renewal Agreement with Melissa S. Morris to continue providing Registered Dietitian Services for the term of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2028, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2025-213

12. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached Agreement with Star View Behavioral Health for Psychiatric Services for the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2025-214

13. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached Agreement for Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Services with Center for Positive Changes for the term of October 14, 2025 through June 30, 2026, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2025-215

14. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached renewal Agreement with North Valley Behavioral Health, LLC for the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2025-216

15. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached Operational Agreement renewal with Harrington House for the term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2025-217

16. Approve and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the attached WIC MOU with Partnership HealthPlan of California for an ongoing term, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2025-218

17. Approve and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the attached Participation Agreement for the State Hospital Program with CalMHSA for the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, as requested by the Director

of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2025-219

18. Approve and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the attached MOU with the California Department of Health Care Services and CalMHSA for the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2025-220

19. Approve and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the attached renewal Agreement with Rural Communities Housing Development Corporation to continue providing Property Management Services for the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2025-221

20. Approve and appoint Beau Smith to the Del Norte County Planning Commission to represent District 1, as requested by Supervisor Short.**

Approved.

21. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached renewal Agreement with Willow Glen Care Center to continue providing Community Residential Care services for the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2025-222

22. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached renewal Agreement with Willow Glen Cedar Grove to continue providing Mental Health Rehabilitation services for the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2025-223

23. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached renewal Agreement with Willow Glen Sequoia to continue providing Mental Health Rehabilitation services for the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2025-224

24. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached Agreement with Del Norte Ambulance to continue providing Emergency Transportation Services the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2025-225

25. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached renewal Agreement with

California Psychiatric Transitions, Inc. to continue providing Psychiatric Treatment and Rehabilitation Services for the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2025-226

26. Approve salary step placement at Step C for newly hired Facilities Maintenance Worker II, effective the current pay period (October 10th-23rd) as requested by the Director of Building Maintenance & Parks and recommended by the Director of Human Resources and Risk Management.**

Approved.

27. Approve salary step placement at Step C for newly hired (Health Educator I) as requested by the Director of Health & Human Services and recommended by the Director of Human Resources and Risk Management.**

Approved.

28. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support for the Yurok Tribe's Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Round II grant application to establish a Peer Respite Center in Weitchpec, California as requested by the Yurok Tribe Director of Health Services.**

Approved.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

29. 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.

REGULAR ITEMS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

30. 1) Approve and Adopt "An Ordinance Amending Portions of the County Buildings and Construction Ordinance" related to grading permits; and 2) Direct the Clerk of the Board to publish a summary of the adopted ordinance, as approved by the Board and prepared by an official designated by the Board of Supervisors, and to post a certified copy of the full text in the office of the Board of Supervisors for at least one week, within 15 days of adoption, in accordance with Government Code Section 25124 as requested by the County Engineer.**

Action: Approved. ORDINANCE #2025-004

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Darrin Short

Second: Valerie Starkey

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

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

31. Approve and authorize a step increase to A-11 Step H effective September 11, 2025, for the Agriculture Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures as requested by the Board of Supervisors.

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Darrin Short

Second: Valerie Starkey

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

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

32. Discuss and take possible action on canceling the regular Board of Supervisors meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 25, 2025, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

No action was taken on this item.

33. Review and discuss, in accordance with Penal Code Section 933, the Findings and Recommendations within the 2024-2025 Final Grand Jury Report requiring a response from the governing body; and Approve the response, with any Board directed revisions, and direct the final document to be signed by the Chair and forwarded to the presiding Judge of the Superior Court.**

Action: Approved. No changes were made.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Darrin Short

Second: Dean Wilson

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

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Darrin Short

Second: Valerie Starkey

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

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

34. 1) Approve and Adopt Budget Transfer #09-01 in the amount of \$35,000.00 (Thirty-five-thousand dollars) within the Flood Control W-1 (Meadowbrook) Budget to allow for the transfer of funds from Department Allotment to Professional Services for water system modeling and analysis, & 2) Authorize the County Engineer to sign any and all documents required by the City of Crescent City to perform the water modeling and analysis up to the available budget in the Professional Services budget line as requested by the County Engineer.**

Approved. BT #09-01

35. Approve and adopt Budget Transfer #10-01 in the amount of \$363,373.00 (Three Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars) within the Federal Title III PL 110-343 Budget, authorizing the transfer of funds from the Return Title III Funds line item to Interfund Transfer line items for the County Office of Emergency Services and the Gasquet Fire Protection District to provide for the reimbursement of approved Title III applications, as requested by the Director of Community Development.**

Approved. BT #10-02

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.

36. 1) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached Resolution for the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program Round 2 Application with the California Department of Health Care Services, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services; 2) Approve and authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign all necessary Letters of Intent to submit with the application, and; 3) Authorize the Board of Supervisors to sign a Letter of Support from the Board of Supervisors to the County of Del Norte Department of Health and Human Services for Round 2 of the BHCIP Grant.**

Action: Approved. RESO #2025-024

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Valerie Starkey

Second: Dean Wilson

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

Wilson, Joey Borges
Vote Nay: 0 None
Vote Abstain: 0 None

37. Approve and authorize the Chair and Director of Health and Human Services to sign the attached Letter of Support for the "True North" Behavioral Health Campus, as requested by Supervisor Howard and the Director of Health and Human Services.**

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

ADJOURNMENT

(Next meeting is October 28, 2025)

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

Date Posted: October 09, 2025

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

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