



**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**DEL NORTE COUNTY**  
**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**Wednesday, November 12, 2025**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**10:00 AM**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor, District 2 Valerie Starkey  
Supervisor, District 5 Dean Wilson  
Supervisor, District 4 Joey Borges

**ABSENT:** Supervisor, District 3 Chris Howard  
Supervisor, District 1 Darrin Short

## **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 and Unrepresented Employee  
Bargaining Groups.

Conference with Legal Counsel and Staff pursuant to Government Code  
54956.9(d)(1): Worker's Compensation Claim-Two

## **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 Joey Borges, Chair.
- Introduction of new employees to the Board of Supervisors

Braelynn Moore - Social Worker III, Lisa Gensaw - Client Services Specialist I,  
Chandler Vance - Office Assistant III (P/T) (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.

Chair Borges noted that on item #11 the Board report stated the term to end for the attached Agreement was on October 30, 2027 and the correct term is October 31, 2027. The actual agreement that was attached to the report had the term listed correctly.

There were was an urgency item added requested from the City of Crescent City requesting the Board to authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support for two grants the City is applying for related to the "Redwood Highway Multi-Modal Transportation and Land Use Plan" and the second being the "Crescent City Coastal Resiliency Plan". With a motion made by Supervisor Starkey and a Second made by Supervisor Wilson this item was added to the agenda with a 3-0 vote (Yes: Supervisor Starkey, Borges,

Wilson No: 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 Starkey: Spent a majority of time responding to the Cal Fresh issues, spent time working on updated Bylaws and Policies for the Chamber of Commerce, attended the Veterans Café, attended the Hmong New Year celebration, attended a meeting with Assemblyman Rogers and spent time with the County HR Team working on upcoming events for County employees.

Supervisor Borges: Attended the RCTA meeting, attended a meeting at the DN County Fairgrounds regarding a possible Lease Extension for RCTA, attended the LTCO meeting, participated in a tour of the Lake Earl Wildlife Area and the Saxton Boat Ramp, dealt with numerous constituent concerns regarding maintenance needs for local roads and participated in agenda review.

Supervisor Wilson: Attended a meeting with CDD Staff regarding possible clean-up efforts in the Waldo Street area, attended the ERF Working Group meeting, attended a meeting with our Lobbyist regarding upcoming Legislation, attended the SR Alliance meeting regarding the Elk Creek Area projects and attended the Veterans Day Parade.

## CONSENT AGENDA

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

**Action:** Approved. Chair Borges noted that on item #11 the Board report stated the term to end for the attached Agreement was on October 30, 2027 and the correct term is October 31, 2027. The actual agreement that was attached to the report had the term listed correctly.

**Motion:** Move to approve

**Move:** Valerie Starkey

**Second:** Dean Wilson

**Vote Yea:** 3 Valerie Starkey, Dean Wilson, Joey Borges

**Vote Nay:** 0 None

**Vote Abstain:** 0 None

1. Approve and adopt the minutes from the October 28, 2025, Board of Supervisors meeting.\*\*

Approved.

2. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an agreement with Bruce Nishioka,

Attorney at Law, for Public Defender Services for Pelican Bay State Prison Inmates, as requested by the Administrative Programs Manager.\*\*

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2025-241

3. Approve the changes to Section 1.50 of the Administrative Manual, specific to TAC's, as previously directed by the Board of Supervisors.\*\*

Approved.

4. Approve the attached Data Notebook 2025 For California Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.\*\*

Approved.

5. Approve the attached Annual Report from the Local Behavioral Health Board for FY 24/25, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.\*\*

Approved.

6. Approve and authorize the Chair to appoint Thelma Tomlinson as the Education Agency Representative on the Local Behavioral Health Board for the term of November 12, 2025 through November 11, 2028, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.\*\*

Approved.

7. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached Agreement for Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital Services with Sacramento Behavioral Healthcare Hospital for the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.\*\*

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2025-242

8. Approve and adopt a Resolution reappointing Gerald D. Cochran to represent Del Norte County on the Board of Directors of the Golden Gate Bridge and Highway Transportation District for the term of January 2026 to January 2028.\*\*

Approved. RESO #2025-029

9. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached first Amendment to the Agreement with Crestwood Behavioral Health 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 #2025-243

10. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached MOU renewal with Del Norte County Library to continue Public Health's Community Health Education Kiosk Project for the term of November 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.\*\*

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2025-244

11. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached second extension to the Lease Agreement with 101 N. Properties, LLC for the term of November 1, 2025 through October 30, 2027, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.\*\*

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2025-245. Chair Borges noted that on this item the Board report stated the term to end for the attached Agreement was on October 30, 2027 and the correct term is October 31, 2027. The actual agreement that was attached to the report had the term listed correctly.

12. Approve and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services and the Public Health Officer to sign the attached Center for Infectious Diseases General Data Use and Disclosure Agreement with the California Department of Public Health for a three-year term to begin on or around November 12, 2025, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.\*\*

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2025-246

## **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.

## **REGULAR ITEMS**

### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT:**

14. Approve and adopt the Resolution adopting the County of Del Norte 2025 Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Management Policy as requested by the Proactive Financial Management Technical Advisory Committee.\*\*

**Action:** Approved. RESO #2025-030

**Motion:** Move to approve

**Move:** Dean Wilson

**Second:** Valerie Starkey

**Vote Yea:** 3 Valerie Starkey, Dean Wilson, Joey Borges

**Vote Nay:** 0 None

**Vote Abstain:** 0 None

15. Approve and adopt the Del Norte County Public Notice Alternative Procedure Ordinance, which adds section 1.04.60 to the County Code to allow alternative procedures for public notice when/if there is no "newspaper of general circulation" within Del Norte County, as requested by County Counsel.\*\*

**Action:** Approved. ORDINANCE #2025-005

**Motion:** Move to approve

**Move:** Valerie Starkey

**Second:** Dean Wilson

**Vote Yea:** 3 Valerie Starkey, 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.

16. Receive an informational report from Supervisor Dean Wilson regarding a legislative concept for possible inclusion in the County's 2026 Legislative Platform that would provide flexibility in mitigation requirements for public projects occurring in rural counties with large amounts of public or Tribal lands, as requested by Supervisor Wilson.\*\*

No action was needed on this item.

## **URGENCY ITEMS**

17. 1) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter supporting the City of Crescent City's Grant Application for the "Redwood Highway Multi-Modal Transportation and Land Use Plan" ; and 2) approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter supporting the City of Crescent City's Grant Application for the "Crescent City Coastal Resiliency Plan" as requested by the City of Crescent City staff.\*\*

**Action:** Approved.

**Motion:** Move to approve

**Move:** Valerie Starkey

**Second:** Dean Wilson

**Vote Yea:** 3 Valerie Starkey, Dean Wilson, Joey Borges

**Vote Nay:** 0 None

**Vote Abstain:** 0 None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**(Next meeting is November 25, 2025)**

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

Date Posted: November 06, 2025

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

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