



MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DEL NORTE COUNTY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

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 staff regarding Real Property Negotiations pursuant to Gov. Code
Section 54956.8: APN # 141-140-031-000.

Conference with Legal Counsel pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2):
Exposure to Litigation-One

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 Chris Howard, District 3 Supervisor.
- Introduction of new employees to the Board of Supervisors

None.

- 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 RCRC meeting.

Supervisor Starkey: Attended numerous meetings regarding economic development within Del Norte County, attended a meeting with True North and Supervisor Howard regarding local Lily Bulb farming, attended a meeting with Senator McGuire's staff,

attended the DNSWMA meeting, attended the Prop 64 Stakeholder meeting, attended the Fireworks Safety Ad-Hoc committee meeting, attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting, attended the Visitor's Bureau meeting and attended the Local Performing Arts Center Stakeholder's committee meeting.

Supervisor Howard: Participated in numerous discussions with constituents and Harbor Commissioners regarding the Harbor District, attended numerous meetings regarding Last Chance Grade while hosting the Rikuzentakata delegation, attended numerous meetings with Caltrans representatives regarding Last Chance Grade and Lobbying efforts, attended the CA. Public Utilities Commission meeting, attended the RCRC meeting, attended a meeting with Assemblyman Rogers regarding Lily Bulb farming and Last Chance Grade, attended a meeting with a Congressman Huffman representative regarding Lily Bulb farming, attended the Local Performing Arts Center Stakeholder's committee meeting, attended a meeting with Assemblyman Connolly regarding upcoming projects in Del Norte County and also attended a meeting with Counsel and CDD staff regarding unpermitted development in Smith River and Klamath.

Supervisor Borges: Nothing to report.

Supervisor Wilson: Nothing to report.

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: 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

1. Approve and adopt the minutes from the January 13, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting.**

Approved.

2. Approve and appoint David Blackmon to the Del Norte County Planning Commission to represent District 2 as requested by Supervisor Starkey**

Approved.

3. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached first Amendment to the

Agreement with Iris Telehealth Medical Group to continue providing Telepsychiatry Services for the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-012

4. Approve and authorize the County Counsel to sign an agreement between Del Norte County and the Del Norte Library District for Legal Counsel Services from January 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026 as requested by County Counsel.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-013

5. Approve and authorize the Local Health Officer to sign the attached Letter and Data Use and Disclosure Agreement with the CA Dept. of Public Health for the term ending December 31, 2030, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-014

6. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Third Amendment to the 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 Administrative Programs Manager.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-015

7. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support for the City's grant application with Sister Cities International for funding for a Tsunami Preparedness Summit, as requested by the City of Crescent City.**

Approved.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

8. 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.
9. 10:30 A.M. Receive an update on Local Projects from Caltrans Representatives.

REGULAR ITEMS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

10. Approve and adopt a Proclamation proclaiming "Human Trafficking Awareness" as requested by the Soroptimist International Club of Crescent City**

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

11. Approve and adopt the 2026 Board of Supervisors Committee Appointments as requested by Chair Borges.**

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

12. Review and discuss the report provided, provide policy direction regarding Del Norte County's position on offshore drilling, and consider whether to adopt a formal resolution or other actions consistent with protecting the County's coastal environment, economy, and community interests, as requested by Supervisor Starkey.**

The Board approved by Consensus to direct staff to monitor this issue with our Federal Advocates and update the Board as needed if there is any movement on the topic.

13. Discuss and take action on canceling the regularly scheduled February 24, 2026, Board of Supervisors meeting due to lack of a quorum.

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

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.

14. Discuss requirements for setting speed limits on County roads, provide possible direction to the County Engineer to work with District 3 Supervisor to pursue statutory changes if necessary to address community concerns with current speed limits existing on certain County roads, and consider directing staff to prepare an Engineering and Traffic Survey for Fred Haight Drive as requested by Supervisor Howard.

Action: Approved. Included in the motion was direction to staff to conduct an Engineering and Traffic Study for Fred Haight Drive and explore other available methods to slow traffic and include a segmented approach for the length of Fred Haight Drive.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Darrin Short

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 February 10, 2026)

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

Date Posted: January 22, 2026

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

www.co.del-norte.ca.us