



MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DEL NORTE COUNTY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Tuesday, February 10, 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 Legal Counsel and Staff pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(1): Worker's Compensation Claim-Three.

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

Thomas Candrian - Integrated Case Worker I, Victoria Graves - Integrated Case Worker I (Part Time), Crystal Berber - Integrated Case Worker I (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.

Supervisor Borges noted that the recommendation for Board action on item #24 needs to be updated to appoint two delegates to the National Association of Counties (NACo).

- 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: Nothing to report.

Supervisor Starkey: Attended a few Community Health Improvement Plan Launch meetings, attended a meeting with Redwood National & State Park representatives,

attended the Finance, Grants and Administration TAC meeting, attended the Behavioral Health Collaborative meeting, attended the Local Behavioral Health Board meeting, attended the 2nd Coffee and Conversation meeting with constituents and attended the Opioid Settlement Working Group meeting.

Supervisor Howard: Attended a meeting with a contractor for BCRAA, attended several dinners of the new HUM Lab in DNC, attended the Senior Center BOD meeting, attended the North Coast Grower's Association Food Council meeting, attended a meeting with the USFS, attended the Del Norte Fire Safe Council meeting, attended a meeting with Assemblyman Damon Connolly, attended the Chamber dinner, attended the Finance, Grants and Administration TAC meeting, attended a meeting with Ryan Flynn from Pacific Power and constituents, attended a meeting with Nick Rail and attended a meeting with Doug Hickson from the Federal Highways Administration and Jaime Matteoli from Caltrans regarding legislation to advocate for Last Chance Grade.

Supervisor Borges: Nothing to report.

Supervisor Wilson: Attended the Homeless Working Group meeting and attended numerous meetings in Klamath with constituents regarding County and State issues.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Action: Approved. Supervisor Howard pulled items #3 and #4 for further discussion, not a separate vote.

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 January 27, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting.**

Approved.

2. Request Approval to Sell Tax-Defaulted Properties Subject to the Power of Sell as requested by the Treasurer-Tax Collector.**

Approved.

3. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support for the Del Norte Fire

Council's grant application to the North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) Capacity Grant Program, as requested by Supervisor Howard.**

Approved. Supervisor Howard pulled this item for further discussion, not a separate vote.

4. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign and send a letter of support to the North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) Leadership Council supporting the Del Norte Resource Conservation District's Capacity Planning Grant application, as requested by Supervisor Howard.**

Approved. Supervisor Howard pulled this item for further discussion, not a separate vote.

5. Adopt the attached resolution approving the Real Property Disposition and Acquisition Agreement and Joint Escrow Instructions for the sale of eighteen (18) County-owned parcels in the Pacific Shores Subdivision to the State of California, authorize the Chair to execute the Purchase and Sale Agreement and related escrow documents, and authorize the County Administrative Officer, or designee, to take all actions necessary to complete the transaction, consistent with prior Board direction, as previously directed by the Board of Supervisors**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2026-019; RESO #2026-005

6. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached Agreement with Training, Employment, and Community Help, Inc. for the Homeless Management Information System for an ongoing term, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2026-020

7. Approve and authorize the chair to sign the Cooperative Forest Road Agreement between the County of Del Norte and the USDA, Forest Service Six Rivers National Forest for the purpose of maintaining roads within the boundary of the Six Rivers National Forest including Low Divide Road, Rowdy Creek Road, Old Gasquet Toll Road, Holiday Road and Patrick Creek Road as requested by the Director of Community Development.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2026-021

8. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the First Amendment to Cal OES Second-Tier Subaward Agreement Number 2023-227 as requested by the OES Fiscal Manager.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2026-022

9. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Coastal Development Permit application to the California Coastal Commission for the Point St. George Western Lily Habitat Restoration Project, and authorize the Director of Community Development to act as the County's agent for the application as requested by the Director of Community Development.**

Approved.

10. Approve and adopt a Master Crime Insurance Program in lieu of Public Official Bonds as requested by the Director of Human Resources and Risk Management.**

Approved.

11. Approve and adopt the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Del Norte and the Del Norte County Employees Association/SEIU Local 1021 for the term of September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2028, as mutually recommended and as requested by the County Administrative Officer.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2026-023

12. Approve the attached AB 177 and AB 1869 required spending reports as requested by the Auditor-Controller**

Approved.

13. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached renewal Agreement with BHC Heritage Oaks Hospital, Inc. to continue providing Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital Services for the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2026-024

14. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached renewal Agreement with BHC Sierra Vista Hospital, Inc. to continue providing Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital Services for the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2026-025

15. Approve and adopt a Resolution allowing the Sheriff's Office to apply, conduct and sign the Boating Safety and Enforcement Program for FY 26/27 as requested by the Sheriff-Coroner.**

Approved. RESO #2026-006

16. Approve and appoint Natahna Tedsen to the Local Assessment Appeals Board, as requested by Supervisor Wilson.**

Approved.

17. Approve and appoint Ana Potter to the Local Assessment Appeals Board, as requested by Supervisor Borges.**

Approved.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

18. 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.

19. 10:30 A.M. Approve and adopt a Resolution honoring David Thompson for his twenty years of public service as a County employee as requested by the Director of Community Development.**

Action: Approved. RESO #2026-007

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

20. 10:35 A.M. 1) Receive a brief presentation on the Tsunami Signage Kiosks project; 2) approve the use of County General Funds, not to exceed \$2,000.00; and 3) authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign permit applications as requested by the Emergency Services Coordinator**

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

REGULAR ITEMS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

21. Approve salary step placement at Step 3 for the newly hired Senior Account Clerk effective February 13, 2026, as requested by the Chief Probation Officer.**

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Chris Howard

Second: Darrin Short

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

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

22. Receive a Strategic Plan update covering the Q2 period of FY 25/26, as requested by Administration.**

No action was needed on this item.

23. Approve and adopt an amendment to Chapter 1 (Board of Supervisors), Section 1.10 (Rules), of the County Administrative Manual to add Rule 31 ("State and Federal Advocacy"), clarifying Board participation, designation of representatives, and travel authorization associated with recognized state and federal advocacy organizations, as recommended by Administration and County Counsel.**

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

24. Approve an amended list of Board appointments, to add a designated representative and alternate representative for the National Association of Counties (NACo), as requested by Chair Borges.**

Action: Approved. Supervisor Borges noted that the recommendation for Board action on this item needs to be updated to appoint two delegates to the National Association of Counties (NACo).

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

25. Approve and adopt the 700 Master Salary Schedule effective February 9, 2026, to implement the biweekly compensation and chair differential as set forth in the Ordinance No. 2025-007 passed and adopted on December 9, 2025 as requested by the Director of Human Resources and Risk Management.**

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

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

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

26. 1) Approve and Adopt Budget Transfer #02-01 in the amount of \$20,000.00 (twenty-thousand dollars) within the Flood Control Zone 4 Subzone C, Klamath Glen Levee Budget to allow for the transfer of funds from Department Allotment to Transfer Out Interfund Roads for levee maintenance related activities as requested by the County Engineer.**

Approved. BT #02-01

27. 1) Approve and Adopt Budget Transfer #02-02 in the amount of \$50,000.00 (Fifty-thousand dollars) within the Flood Control Budget to allow for the transfer of funds from Department Allotment to Transfer Out Interfund Roads for work performed related to the Countywide Drainage Study as requested by the County Engineer.**

Approved. BT #02-02

28. Approve and adopt Budget Transfer #02-03 in the amount of \$61,442.00 (sixty-one thousand four hundred forty-two dollars) within the Sheriff's Office Budget to allow for the transfer of funds based on an approved insurance claim for total replacement of patrol unit 101 as requested by the Sheriff-Coroner.**

Approved. BT #02-03

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.

29. Approve and authorize the use of additional funds allocated for use on non-maintained public roads totaling \$1,922.11 over the original \$7,000.00 approved

on December 09, 2025, for the Roads Division temporary repairs to the public access road to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Smith River Fishing Access (also referred to as Saxton's) located at 2660 S. Fred Haight Drive, Smith River as requested by the Community Development Department's Roads Division.**

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Chris Howard

Second: Darrin Short

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 March 10, 2026) The February 24, 2026 meeting has been cancelled

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

Date Posted: February 05, 2026

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

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