



MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DEL NORTE COUNTY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Tuesday, March 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 pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(2),(d)(3) & (d)(4): Anticipated Litigation/Significant Exposure to Litigation: One-Case No. 56749 regarding APNs: 102-070-13; A.P.N. 102-070-17; A.P.N. 102-070-08; A.P.N. 102-070-09; A.P.N. 102-160-23; A.P.N. 102-010-41; and A.P.N. 102-010-40.

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 Dean Wilson, District 5 Supervisor.
- Introduction of new employees to the Board of Supervisors

Sierra Garewal - Office Assistant III (Part Time), Julie Betts - Eligibility Specialist I (DHHS).

- Report of any actions from closed session by County Counsel

The Board decided not to pursue an Administrative Appeal for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Case #56749.

- 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 NACo Legislative Conference and the DNSWMA meeting.

Supervisor Starkey: Nothing to report.

Supervisor Howard: Attended the NACo Legislative Conference.

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: Valerie Starkey

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 February 10, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting.**

Approved.

2. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support for the Elk Valley Artisans application for a community T-Mobile Grant for community beautification, as requested by Supervisor Howard.**

Approved.

3. Pursuant to Section 1.60.010.E of the Administrative Manual, review a letter of support requested by Caltrans for a FY 26 BUILD Grant application filed by the agency for the Last Chance Grade Project, as authorized by the Chair.**

Approved.

4. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Crescent City and the County of Del Norte for the purpose of using Community Development Block Grant Funds for the continued operation of a Mobile Market/Pantry Program in Del Norte County, as requested by the Administrative Programs Manager.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-029

5. 1) Approve and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the attached second Amendment to the Agreement with CalMHSA for the Workforce

Education and Training Program for a term ending June 30, 2026, and; 2) Authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign any future Amendments to this Agreement, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-030

6. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached first Amendment to the Participation Agreement for the State Hospital Program with CalMHSA for the term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-031

7. Approve and appoint Dylan Ridgley to the Local Assessment Appeals Board, as requested by Supervisor Howard.**

Approved.

8. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the one-year renewal proposal letter from the California Forensic Medical Group (CFMG) authorizing CFMG to put together an Amendment to the current Agreement to extend the County Jail Health Care and Psychiatrist and Psychiatric Medication Services for Del Norte County Youth housed in Humboldt County through August 31, 2027, as requested by the County Administrative Officer, Sheriff-Coroner and Chief Probation Officer.**

Approved.

9. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Certification of Statement Regarding Composition of LPC Membership as requested by the Director of Early Education and Learning of the Del Norte County Unified School District.**

Approved.

10. Approve and authorize Human Resources and the County Auditor-Controller to reimburse transportation and lodging expenses for candidates selected to participate in a final in-person interview for the County Public Defender position not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per candidate, as requested by the Director of Human Resources & Risk Management.**

Approved.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

11. 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.

12. 10:30 A.M. Discuss and give possible direction to staff to take the necessary actions to revise the FY 25/26 General Fund Budget for an increased contribution of \$5,000.00 to the Chamber of Commerce and annually thereafter, which will be used towards the increase in cost associated with the annual fireworks show during the 4th of July events at Beachfront Park as requested by the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce.

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

REGULAR ITEMS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

13. Approve the individual faithful performance bond and the individual faithful performance bond and direct that it be placed on record as required for Harbor Commissioner, Dan Schmidt, pursuant to Harbors and Navigation Code §6056 as requested by Harbor Commissioner Dan Schmidt.**

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

14. Approve salary step placement at Step 3 for newly hired (Deputy District Attorney III) as requested by the District Attorney and recommended by the Director of Human Resources and Risk Management.**

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

15. Adopt and authorize the Chair to sign the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) to provide cost reimbursement for participation in a regional Jail Medical Care Feasibility Study focused on evaluating long-term, sustainable alternatives for jail medical service delivery, as requested by the County Administrative Officer.**

Action: Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-032

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

16. Approve the Agreement for Placement of Juvenile Court Wards at Shasta County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility as requested by the Chief Probation Officer.**

Action: Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-033

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

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

17. Approve and adopt Budget Transfer #02-04 in the amount of \$4,000.00 (Four Thousand dollars) within the Sheriff Coroner's Budget to allow for the transfer of

funds based on approved funds from participation in VA research project for procurement of equipment for the coroner's van, as requested by the Sheriff-Coroner.**

Approved. BT #02-04

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.

18. Receive update on potential FY 27 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) project for Del Norte County Emergency Operations Center, as requested by the Assistant CAO**

No action was needed on this item.

19. Approve and Authorize the Chair to Sign a Letter of Support and Co-Sponsor Proposed Coastal Act Legislation Related to Farmworker Housing in Coastal Agricultural Areas, as requested by Marin County and recommended by Supervisor Howard.**

Action: Approved.

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 March 24, 2026)

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

Date Posted: March 05, 2026

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

www.co.del-norte.ca.us