



MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DEL NORTE COUNTY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

REGULAR MEETING

10:00 AM

PRESENT: Supervisor, District 3 Chris Howard
Supervisor, District 1 Darrin Short
Supervisor, District 5 Dean Wilson
Supervisor, District 4 Joey Borges

ABSENT: Supervisor, District 2 Valerie Starkey

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.

Conference with Legal Counsel pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(1), Pending Litigation-Settlement: *In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, Case No. 1:17-md-02804-DAP, pending in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio: Settling Remnant Defendants: 1) Associated Pharmacies, Inc (and American Associated Pharmacies); 2) J M Smith Corporation; 3) Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; 4) Morris and Dickson Co.; 5) North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; and 6) United Natural Foods, Inc. (including its subsidiaries SuperValu and Advantage Logistics).

Public Employee Evaluation: Director of the Community Development Department.

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

Roseanna Hodges - Medical Records Clerk I, Joshua Ammons - Health Educator I, Chase Markytan - Social Worker I (PT), Chasity Vandecar - Office Assistant III (PT), Melissa Charlier - Eligibility Specialist I (DHHS) Trinity Bullert – System Support Specialist (I.T.).

- Report of any actions from closed session by County Counsel

The Board unanimously agreed to enter into a settlement in regard to the Six Remnant Defendants in the Opioid Litigation 1) Associated Pharmacies, Inc (and American Associated Pharmacies); 2) J M Smith Corporation; 3) Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; 4) Morris and Dickson Co.; 5) North Carolina Mutual Wholesale

Drug Company, Inc.; and 6) United Natural Foods, Inc. (including its subsidiaries SuperValu and Advantage Logistics).

- 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: Nothing to report.

Supervisor Howard: Attended the Tolowa 2x2 meeting, attended the North Deal meeting, attended several planning meetings for the upcoming Kamome Festival, attended the Smith River CSD 2x2, attended a meeting with Local Lily Bulb Growers, attended a meeting with State Parks and Lobbyist regarding proposed Legislation, attended the NCUAQMD meeting, attended a meeting with County staff and the USFS regarding the Good Neighbor Authority Agreement, attended a meeting with Pacific Power regarding redundancy to the Oregon Border and attended a meeting with FHWA and others regarding funding for Last Chance Grade.

Supervisor Borges: Nothing to report.

Supervisor Wilson: Attended the LAFCO meeting.

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: 4 Chris Howard, Darrin Short, Dean Wilson, Joey Borges

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

1. Approve and adopt the minutes from the March 10, 2026, Board of Supervisors meeting.**

Approved.

2. Authorize staff to apply for construction funding for West Park Properties Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Project, and authorize the County Engineer, or his designee, to sign all needed documents to effectuate the funding application and construction of the proposed project as requested by the County Engineer.**

Approved.

3. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached Agreement between Liberty Vote and Del Norte County continuing the lease agreement of our current voting equipment as requested by the Registrar of Voters.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-035

4. Approve and adopt a Resolution of the Del Norte County Board of Supervisors appointing members to the Del Norte County Law Library Board of Trustees for the 2026 year as requested by County Counsel.**

Approved. RESO #2026-008

5. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached MOU renewal with the Yurok Tribe 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. DNCO AGREE #2026-036

6. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached second Amendment to the Agreement for Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification Program with CalMHSA for an additional one-year term of May 27, 2026 through May 27, 2027, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-037

7. Approve and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the attached Performance Contract renewal with the California Department of Public Health for the term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-038

8. Approve and authorize the use of budgeted funds within the Del Norte County Sheriff's budget unit to fund awards to be presented to staff and volunteers of the Del Norte County Sheriff's Office for the annual LEADN Awards as requested by the Sheriff-Coroner.**

Approved.

9. Approve and accept a vehicle donation from the Kern County Sheriff's Office for Del Norte Search and Rescue as requested by Sheriff-Coroner.**

Approved.

10. Approve and accept a vehicle donation from the City of Crescent City to Del Norte County Search and Rescue as requested by the Sheriff-Coroner.**

Approved.

11. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Professional Service Agreement with Omalu for autopsy services as requested by the Sheriff-Coroner.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-039

12. Approve and authorize the County to enter into a new agreement with NorthCoast Health Screening for participation in their DOT Drug and Alcohol Consortium, as requested by the Director of Human Resources and Risk Management.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-040

13. Approve and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the attached Conditional Award Attestation Letter for the upcoming Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program Round 2 Grant Agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-041

SCHEDULED ITEMS

14. 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.

15. 10:30 A.M. Approve and adopt a Resolution honoring Carla Allen for her twenty-six years of public service as a County employee as requested by the Director of Information Technology.**

Action: Approved. RESO #2026-009

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Darrin Short

Second: Dean Wilson

Vote Yea: 4 Chris Howard, Darrin Short, Dean Wilson, Joey Borges

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

16. 10:35 A.M. Approve and adopt a Proclamation proclaiming April 06, 2026–April 12, 2026, as "National Public Health Week" as requested by the Director of

Health and Human Services.**

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Darrin Short

Second: Dean Wilson

Vote Yea: 4 Chris Howard, Darrin Short, Dean Wilson, Joey
Borges

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

17. 10:40 A.M. Approve and adopt a proclamation declaring March 21, 2026 – March 29, 2026, as "Tsunami Preparedness Week", as requested by the Office of Emergency Services Manager.**

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Darrin Short

Second: Chris Howard

Vote Yea: 4 Chris Howard, Darrin Short, Dean Wilson, Joey
Borges

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

18. 10:45 A.M. Receive a presentation on the Visitor's Bureau Annual Marketing Report (Cindy Vosburg & Lynette Brailard)

REGULAR ITEMS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

19. Review the Del Norte County General Plan Annual Progress Report as requested by the Director of Community Development.**

No action was needed on this item.

20. Approve and adopt two new job classifications for extra-help, part-time, temporary for the Probation Department: Probation Special Investigator and Program Provider I.II.III.IV, as requested by the Chief Probation Officer and recommended by the Human Resources & Risk Management Director.**

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Dean Wilson

Second: Darrin Short

Vote Yea: 4 Chris Howard, Darrin Short, Dean Wilson, Joey
Borges
Vote Nay: 0 None
Vote Abstain: 0 None

21. Approve the 2026 Sewer System Management Plan and direct the County Engineer, as the Legally Responsible Official, to take the necessary steps required to implement it as required by California Water Quality Control Board.*

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Darrin Short

Second: Dean Wilson

Vote Yea: 4 Chris Howard, Darrin Short, Dean Wilson, Joey
Borges
Vote Nay: 0 None
Vote Abstain: 0 None

22. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign and send the attached letter to the Bureau of Indian Affairs on behalf of the County opposing the application to accept "into trust" the properties identified in Case No. 66169 as supported by the intent and spirit of the County's No Net Loss Policy.**

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Darrin Short

Second: Dean Wilson

Vote Yea: 4 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.

ADJOURNMENT

(Next meeting is April 14, 2026)

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

Date Posted: March 19, 2026

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

www.co.del-norte.ca.us