



MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DEL NORTE COUNTY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Tuesday, April 14, 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.

Public Employee Evaluation: Director of Maintenance and Parks / County Counsel.

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 Valerie Starkey, District 2 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, attended a meeting with the Airport Division office regarding possible expansion of our local airport and attended the LTCO meeting.

Supervisor Starkey: Attended a 4th of July Committee meeting, attended numerous Prop 64 Advisory Committee meetings, hosted a Coffee & Conversation meeting with

constituents, attended the Local Behavioral Health Board meeting, attended the Yurok 2x2 meeting, participated in numerous HR 1 meetings and also participated in numerous AB 2356 meetings.

Supervisor Howard: Participated in numerous AB 2356 meetings, participated in numerous preparation meetings for the Local Japanese Delegation visit, participated in numerous HR 1 meetings and participated in numerous discussions with the California Department of Transportation regarding traffic control on upcoming US Hwy 197 and US Hwy 199 projects.

Supervisor Borges: Nothing to report.

Supervisor Wilson: Attended the ERF meeting with staff and stakeholders, attended the Yurok 2x2 and attended the Local Behavioral Health Board 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: 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 March 24, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting.**

Approved.

2. Approve and adopt the proposed Resolution Certifying Mileage for submittal to Caltrans as requested by the County Engineer.**

Approved. RESO #2026-010

3. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Cooperative Agreement for Disaster-Related Debris Management Services with DRC Pacific, Inc. as requested by the Assistant County Engineer.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-047

4. Approve and Adopt a resolution extending the Del Norte County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program until May 31, 2037 allowing the County to continue to collect a one-dollar annual registration fee on vehicles registered in Del Norte

County to be used for the abatement of abandoned vehicles as requested by the Director of Community Development.**

Approved. RESO #2026-011

5. 1) Approve and adopt a Resolution of the Del Norte County Board of Supervisors expressing appreciation and commendation for the many accomplishments of the Del Norte Association for Cultural Awareness (DNACA); and 2) approve and adopt a Resolution approving the application and authorizing the execution of a Grant Contract with the California Arts Council, as requested by the Executive Director of DNACA.**

Approved. RESO #2026-012; RESO #2026-013

6. Approve and authorize the County Agricultural Commissioner to sign the Evaluation and Remediation of Illegal Hemp Cultivation Program agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, effective February 1, 2026, through January 31, 2028, as requested by the Agricultural Commissioner.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-048

7. Approve and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the attached Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services for the term of January 1, 2026 through May 1, 2027, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-049

8. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached second Amendment to the Master Agreement with CalMHSA for the term of April 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-050

9. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an Sixty-Month Lease Agreement between the County of Del Norte and Pitney Bowes for Mail Processing Machine as requested by the Director of Information Technology.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-051

10. Approve and authorize the Sheriff-Coroner to sign and apply for BJA FY25 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use, Site-Based Program Grant funds as requested by the Sheriff-Coroner.**

Approved.

11. Approve and adopt the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Del Norte (County) and the Del Norte County Mid-Management Group (MMG) for the term of July 1, 2025 — June 30, 2028, as mutually recommended and as requested by the County Administrative Officer.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-052

12. Approve and appoint Janie Johnson, Leonard Lafazio and Daniel Fry to the Church Tree Community Services District to fill vacancies until the next scheduled election in November of 2026, as requested by the Church Tree Community Services District.**

Approved.

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.

14. 10:30 A.M. Discuss and select the annual repair list and budget for public roads that are not part of the county-maintained road system for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 per Policy and the Board of Supervisor's direction to the County Engineer.**

Action: Approved. The Board directed staff to keep non-county-maintained road upgrades in line with the adopted policy (RESO #2024-005) in the upcoming FY 26/27 budget. No formal vote was taken – after the motion, and the second was taken the Board directed staff by consensus.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Valerie Starkey

Second: Darrin Short

REGULAR ITEMS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

15. Approve and authorize a step increase to Range 158, Step 7 effective April 12, 2026 for County Counsel as requested by the Board of Supervisors.

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

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

16. Approve and adopt Budget Transfer #03-02 in the amount of \$43,921.00 (forty-three thousand, nine hundred twenty-one dollars) within the Sheriff Coroner's Budget to allow for the transfer of funds based on reimbursement from OES for 911 equipment maintenance agreement with AT&T, as requested by the Sheriff-Coroner.**

Approved. BT #03-02

17. Approve and adopt budget transfer #04-01 within the Contingency budget in the amount of \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars) to fund an increased contribution to the Chamber of Commerce for costs associated with the annual fireworks show during the 4th of July events at Beachfront Park, as requested by the Administrative Programs Manager.**

Approved. BT #04-01

18. Approve and adopt budget transfer #04-02 within the Advertising and Promotion budget in the amount of \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars) to fund an increased contribution to the Chamber of Commerce for the costs associated with the annual fireworks show during the 4th of July events at Beachfront Park, as requested by the Administrative Programs Manager.**

Approved. BT #04-02

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.

19. Receive copies of letters provided to State legislatures from the Director of Health and Human Services per Section 1.60 of the Administrative Manual, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

No action was needed on this item.

20. Pursuant to the Board's adopted Legislative Platform, receive a letter of opposition to AB 2356 from Chair Borges as required by Section 1.60.010.E of the County's Administrative Manual, and Authorize the Chair to sign a letter to

the Author on behalf of the full Board.**

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

21. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached letters urging the Governor, the State Senate and the State Assembly to provide funding to address the impacts of H.R. 1 as requested under the California Counties' Multi-Year Budget Request for FY 26/27 and FY 27/28.**

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

ADJOURNMENT

(Next meeting is April 28, 2026)

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

Date Posted: April 09, 2026

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

www.co.del-norte.ca.us