



MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DEL NORTE COUNTY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Tuesday, April 28, 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 County Counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Pending Litigation (One); Verizon Wireless Application UP2321, Wireless Telecommunications Facility, 2801 Railroad Avenue, FCC Shot Clock Tolling Agreement to October 30, 2026.

Conference with County Counsel and Staff pursuant to Government Code Section § 54956.9(d)(2) & (3): Significant Exposure to Litigation (One).

Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8-One: APN 115-030-002.

CLOSED SESSION 3:00 P.M.

Conduct in Closed Session: Pursuant to Government Code 54957(b) Public Employment - County Public Defender interview.

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

Theo Harrison – Child Support Specialist; Jessica Millhouse – Child Support Specialist; LisaMarie Moore – Child Support Assistant (CSS) Brandon Nichols - Legal Clerk I; Sofia Ferrer - Client Services Specialist I; Valerie Wenning - Vocational Assistant I; Aaron Damigos - Office Assistant III; Pang Vang - Integrated Case Worker I (PT); Tawna Curtis - Office Assistant III (DHHS).

- Report of any actions from closed session by County Counsel

The Board unanimously agreed to extend the Shot Clock Tolling Agreement with Verizon Wireless to October 30, 2026.

- 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.

Chair Borges noted that the afternoon Closed Session was updated to start at 3:45 PM, changing the 3:00 PM time posted.

- 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: Nothing to report.

Supervisor Howard: Noted the CDBG funding issues, participated in the Japanese Delegation Kamome Festival activities and attended the NCRP meeting.

Supervisor Borges: Nothing to report.

Supervisor Wilson: Attended the DNSWMA meeting, attended the Local Behavioral Health Board meeting and participated in the Japanese Delegation Kamome Festival Activities.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Action: Approved. Chair Borges pulled item #2 for further discussion and 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 April 14, 2026, Board of Supervisors meeting.**

Approved.

2. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support for the Crescent City Harbor District Port Infrastructure Development Project grant application, as requested by the Harbor District.**

Action: Approved. Chair Borges pulled this item for further discussion and 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

3. Authorize the Registrar of Voters to sign the attached renewal agreement between the California Secretary of State and Del Norte County to provide Del Norte County with federal reimbursement funds in the amount of \$32,884.41, as requested by the Registrar of Voters.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2026-053

4. Authorize the Registrar of Voters to sign the attached agreement between the California Secretary of State and the Del Norte County Elections Department to provide Del Norte County with federal reimbursement funds in the amount of \$108,324.38, to comply with the requirements of the "HAVA Polling Place Accessibility Training Program", as requested by the Registrar of Voters.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2026-054

5. Approve and Authorize the County Engineer to execute a task order with Consor, under the existing master agreement, for pedestrian crossing studies at three locations on Northcrest Drive at the following cross streets: Madison Avenue, Hoover Avenue, and Coolidge Avenue; the study shall be performed on a time and material basis with a not-to exceed amount of \$60,000.00 as recommended by the County Engineer.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2026-055

6. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached Agreement with Del Norte Ambulance to continue providing Emergency Transportation Services for the term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2026-056

7. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached Lease Agreement renewal with Fernando and Maria Pereira for the term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2026-057

8. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached renewed Lease Agreement with Derrick and Rose Burr for the term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2026-058

9. Approve and appoint James Queen to fill Del Norte County's seat, currently held by Andrew Leighton, to the North Coast Resource Partnership Technical Peer Review Committee, as requested by the Deputy Director of Community Development.**

Approved.

10. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an Agreement between the County of Del Norte and Area 1 Agency on Aging to provide an area service plan relating to services to support for elderly Americans in Del Norte County with the term of July 01, 2026, through June 30, 2027, not to exceed \$24,102.00, as requested by the Clerk of the Board.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2026-059

11. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached Lease Agreement Extension with Crescent City Properties, LLC, for the term of April 14, 2026 through June 30, 2028, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2026-060

12. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached Task Order with Calpo Hom & Dong Architects, Inc. to provide Schematic Site and Building Design for the Department of Health and Human Services' upcoming BHCIP campus project, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE #2026-061

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. Approve and adopt a Proclamation recognizing May 10-16, 2026, as "Hospital and Nurses Week" as requested by the Sutter Coast Hospital CEO,

Michael Lane.**

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

15. 10:35 A.M. Approve and adopt a proclamation proclaiming April 2026 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" as requested by the Director of Public Relations of the Parent Cooperative Community.**

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

16. 10:40 A.M. Del Norte Resource Conservation District Update (Becky Crockett, District Manager for RCD)

REGULAR ITEMS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

17. Approve and authorize the Chair to (1) sign a resolution adopting a list of projects funded by Senate Bill 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 and (2) direct staff to submit the adopted resolution to the California Transportation Commission by July 1, 2026, as requested by the County Engineer**

Action: Approved. RESO #2026-014

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Dean Wilson

Second: Darrin Short

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

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

18. Approve an amendment to the agreement between the County of Del Norte and DDR Cleaning and Hauling to increase the amount of compensation available for on-call nuisance abatement services from \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00, as requested by the Director of the Community Development Department.**

Action: Approved. DNCOAGREE #2026-062

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

19. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the agreement for Human Resources Information System (HRIS) services with UKG through the OMNIA Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, including all associated service contracts and implementation documents, and approve the related implementation project costs and ongoing annual expenditures as outlined in the proposal as requested by the Human Resources & Risk Management Director.**

Action: Approved. UKG - DNCOAGREE #2026-063; Vertosoft DNCOAGREE #2026-065

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

20. Authorize the temporary closure of Del Norte County offices on May 27, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. to allow employees to participate in a countywide Employee Training and Appreciation Event as requested by the Human Resources and Risk Management Director.**

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: 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

21. Approve and adopt Budget Transfer #04-03 in the amount of \$74,368.00 (Seventy-four thousand three hundred sixty-eight dollars) within the Sheriff-Coroner's Budget to allow for the transfer of funds based on payment from the US Forest Service for the hours worked by Search and Rescue staff during the Smith River Fire as requested by the Sheriff.**

Approved. BT #04-03

22. Approve and adopt Budget Transfer #04-04 within the Probation Department budget in the amount of \$39,700.00 (Thirty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars) to reallocate funds within the Mobile Probation Grant budget to cover increased project costs as requested by the Chief Probation Officer.**

Approved. BT #04-04

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.

23. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter opposing SB 1404 (Stern) which would require payment of annual fees for all parcels located in State Responsibility Areas, as requested by Chair Howard.**

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 and adopt a revision and update to Section 10.10.020 of the Administrative Manual to include budget controls related to restricting net General Fund cost increases as part of the Proposed/Recommended Budget, as recommended by the Budget Officer.**

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Valerie Starkey

Second: Dean Wilson

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 May 12, 2026)

Kylie Goughnour, Clerk of the Board

County of Del Norte, State of California

Date Posted: April 23, 2026

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

www.co.del-norte.ca.us