



MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DEL NORTE COUNTY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

REGULAR MEETING

10:00 AM

PRESENT: Supervisor, District 2 Valerie Starkey
Supervisor, District 3 Chris Howard
Supervisor, District 1 Darrin Short
Supervisor, District 4 Joey Borges

ABSENT: Supervisor, District 5 Dean Wilson

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 Section 54957.6 between County Negotiator: Neal Lopez, CAO and Represented Employee Bargaining Groups.

Conference with Legal Counsel & Staff pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) & (3) - Significant Exposure to Litigation: 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 Darrin Short, District 1 Supervisor.
- Introduction of new employees to the Board of Supervisors

Kristine Gaetke - Fiscal Manager I, Stephanie Sample - Social Services Aide, Kiley Cundiff - Behavioral Health Clinician 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.

Chair Borges pulled item #9 off the agenda.

- 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 the Healthcare District meeting, participated in the County Employee Appreciation event, attended the Aegis Treatment Center open-house, participated in a tour of the Teen Center, attended the Local Behavioral Health Board meeting, attended the local Forest Moon Festival, attended the City Council meeting, participated in Coffee & Conversation with constituents, attended a 4th of July planning meeting, attended numerous A1AA planning meetings, attended the Last Chance Grade Stakeholders meeting (mentioned to the Board that she will be requesting approval to Travel to San Diego to advocate for LCG funding), attended the Visitor's Bureau meeting and attended the Homelessness TAC meeting.

Supervisor Howard: Attended the Senior Center meeting, attended a meeting with the Asst. CAO and a representative from the Del Norte Resource Conservation District and the Del Norte Fire Safe Council, attended a meeting with the chosen contractor (WSB) for the design of LCG and participated in a tour of future tunnel placement, attended a meeting with a USDA representative regarding future projects in Northern CA., attended a meeting at the BCRAA regarding financing, attended the County Employee Appreciation event and attended the local Forest Moon Festival.

Supervisor Borges: 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. Chair Borges pulled item #9 from the Agenda; Supervisor Starkey pulled item #10 for further discussion and separate vote.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Darrin Short

Second: Valerie Starkey

Vote Yea: 4 Valerie Starkey, Chris Howard, Darrin Short, Joey Borges

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

1. Approve and adopt the minutes from the May 26, 2026, Board of Supervisors meeting.**

Approved.

2. Review and consider adoption of Administrative Manual Title 13 (Grants), including Section 13.10 (Grant Application Review and Authorization) and Section

13.20 (Strategic Funding Plan), as recommended by the Finance, Grants, and Administration Technical Advisory Committee.**

Approved.

3. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support for a CAL FIRE Forest Health Grant for the "Hiouchi-Smith River Forest Resiliency & Protection Project", as requested by the Del Norte Fire Safe Council.**

Approved.

4. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached renewal Agreement with California Psychiatric Transitions, Inc. to continue providing Psychiatric Treatment and Rehabilitation Services for the term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-099

5. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached renewal Agreement with Family Resource Center of the Redwoods for parenting classes for the term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-100

6. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached renewal Agreement with Marco A. Cazares for DUI Monitoring Services for the term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-101

7. Approve and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the attached second Amendment to the Grant Agreement with the Behavioral Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission for the term of October 4, 2022 through June 30, 2028, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-102

8. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached new Lease Agreement for Behavioral Health clients with Jamal Dahdoul for the term of June 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-103

9. Approve and authorize the decommission of two ultra-low temperature freezers currently owned by the Department of Health and Human Services, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Chair Borges pulled this item from the agenda.

10. Approve and authorize the Chair to (1) enable the County's primary and alternate Public Risk Innovation, Solutions, and Management (PRISM) board members to execute agreements, memorandums of understandings (MOUs), policy documents, and proposed amendments to the foregoing documents, hereinafter referred to as "agreements", as necessary to support risk financing by and between PRISM and the County of Del Norte; and, (2) authorize the County's primary and/or alternate PRISM board members to execute the proposed amendment to the PRISM Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), as requested by the Risk Manager.**

Action: Approved. Supervisor Starkey pulled this item for further discussion and separate vote. DNCO AGREE #2026-104; RESO #2026-015

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Valerie Starkey

Second: Chris Howard

Vote Yea: 4 Valerie Starkey, Chris Howard, Darrin Short, Joey Borges

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

11. Approve and adopt revisions to the Countywide Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP), as requested by the Risk Manager.**

Approved.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

12. 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.

REGULAR ITEMS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

13. 1) Provide direction to the Director of Building Maintenance and Parks as it relates to the agreement between Gateway Education of the Wild Rivers Coast and Del Norte County Building Maintenance and Parks Department; and 2) authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign the Agreement based on the Board of Supervisors Direction as requested by the Director of Maintenance and Parks.**

Action: Approved. The motion included to keep the Agreement that has

been in place for the past four years with the new County insurance requirements included. Chair Borges made a motion to update the Agreement with the Director of Maintenance and Parks recommendations, but it failed due to lack of a second.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Valerie Starkey

Second: Chris Howard

Vote Yea: 3 Valerie Starkey, Chris Howard, Darrin Short

Vote Nay: 1 Joey Borges

Vote Abstain: 0 None

14. Provide direction to staff regarding whether the County should continue pursuing development and negotiation of a Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) Agreement with the Six Rivers National Forest, and return to the Board with a proposed agreement for consideration and approval, as requested by Supervisor Howard.**

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Valerie Starkey

Second: Darrin Short

Vote Yea: 4 Valerie Starkey, Chris Howard, Darrin Short, Joey Borges

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Darrin Short

Second: Valerie Starkey

Vote Yea: 4 Valerie Starkey, Chris Howard, Darrin Short, Joey Borges

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

15. Approve and adopt Budget Transfer #05-06 in the amount of \$30,000.00 within the 2102032 Hospital Preparedness Budget Unit to cover the increased cost of payroll and benefits for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. BT #05-06

16. Approve and adopt Budget Transfer #05-07 in the amount of \$110,000.00 within the 2102030 Bioterrorism Preparedness Budget Unit to cover the increased cost of payroll and benefits for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. BT #05-07

17. Approve and adopt Budget Transfer #05-08 in the amount of \$82,000.00 within the 2102020 TUPP Budget Unit to cover the cost of increased payroll, training/conferences, and Subcontractor costs, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. BT #05-08

18. Approve and adopt Budget Transfer #05-09 in the amount of \$20,000.00 within the 2102031 Pandemic Flu Budget Unit to cover the increased cost of payroll and benefits for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. BT #05-09

19. Approve and adopt Budget Transfer #05-11 in the amount of \$50,000.00 within the 2102011 SNAP Ed Budget Unit to cover the cost of payroll and benefits as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. BT #05-11

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.

20. Review, discuss and take possible action on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for the Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority as requested by the Director of the Solid Waste Management Authority.**

No action was taken on this item.

21. 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.

22. Authorize the County Administrative Officer/Budget Officer to send the attached letter to the Judicial Council of California in response to the notice received by the County in March 2026 regarding capital improvement needs at the Del Norte County Courthouse, a state-owned facility, as requested by the CAO.**

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Darrin Short
Second: Valerie Starkey

Vote Yea: 4 Valerie Starkey, Chris Howard, Darrin Short, Joey
Borges

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

ADJOURNMENT

(Next meeting is June 23, 2026)

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

Date Posted: June 04, 2026

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

www.co.del-norte.ca.us