



MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DEL NORTE COUNTY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

REGULAR MEETING

10:00 AM

PRESENT: Supervisor, District 2 Valerie Starkey
Supervisor, District 1 Darrin Short
Supervisor, District 5 Dean Wilson
Supervisor, District 4 Joey Borges

ABSENT: Supervisor, District 3 Chris Howard

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 & Staff pursuant to Government Code Section
54956.9(d)(2) & (3) - Significant Exposure to Litigation: One.

Public Employee Evaluation: Chief Probation Officer.

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 two ribbon cutting ceremonies, one for the Empath Unit and the other for the Homeless Shelter and attended the DNSWMA meeting.

Supervisor Starkey: Attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Empath Unit and has been in discussions with the local VFW members regarding getting an updated Agreement with the County in place.

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: Valerie Starkey

Second: Darrin Short

Vote Yea: 4 Valerie Starkey, Darrin Short, Dean Wilson, Joey Borges

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

1. Approve and adopt the minutes from the June 09, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting.**

Approved.

2. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Annual Subvention Certificate of Compliance and Annual Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Program Certificate of Compliance with the California Department of Veterans Affairs, as requested by the Veterans Service Officer.

Approved.

3. Approve and authorize the county Agricultural Commissioner to sign the cooperative agreement between Del Norte County and the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Division of Measurement Standards for the Petroleum agreement from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, as requested by the Agricultural Commissioner.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-108

4. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached renewal Agreement with Vista Pacifica to continue providing Residential Support 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 #2026-109

5. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached renewal Agreement with

Canyon Manor to continue providing Mental Health 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 #2026-110

6. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached renewal Agreement with Life Generations Healthcare to continue providing Special Treatment Program 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 #2026-111

7. 1) Approve the attached 2026-2029 BHSA Integrated Plan, and; 2) Authorize the Chair to sign the attached Board of Supervisors Certification, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved.

8. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached Opioid Litigation Funds Plan for FY 26/27, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved.

9. Approve the appointment of Brett Jensen to the Del Norte County Library District Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Andrew Murphy as requested by the County Clerk/Registrar.**

Approved.

10. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached Resolution for the agreement for admission of Del Norte In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority ("IHSS") to the Golden State Risk Management Authority (GSRMA), as requested by the Risk Manager.**

Approved. Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-112; RESO #2026-016

11. Approve the Community Corrections Partnership's Public Safety Realignment Plan for FY 2026/27 as requested by the Chief Probation Officer, Chair of the CCP.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-113

12. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached Task Order 05 to the Agreement with Lenders Construction Services to continue providing construction project management support for the Encampment Resolution Fund Micro Shelter Village project, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-114

13. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached letter to the California Department of Social Services dated June 23, 2026, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved.

14. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Second Amendment to the Agreement with California Forensic Medical Group (CFMG) for County Jail Inmate Health Care Services, extending the term of the agreement for the first of two additional one-year periods, as requested by County Administrative Officer.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-115

15. Approve and authorize the emergency contract with Tidewater Contractors Inc. pending final review and approval by County Counsel, and ratify emergency agreements with Stover Engineering and Aggregate Resource Industries, Inc. related to the South Fork Road Rockfall hazard removal and geotechnical evaluation near Boulder Creek as requested by the County Engineer.**

Approved. Tidewater - DNCO AGREE #2026-116; Stover - DNCO AGREE #2026-107; Aggregate - DNCO AGREE #2026-118

16. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement to use the Hambro property on South Beach for the 4th of July IC post area as requested by the Sheriff-Coroner.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-119

SCHEDULED ITEMS

17. 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.
18. 10:30 A.M. Saint George Reef Lighthouse Preservation Society Update (John Zimmerman, President)
19. 10:40 A.M. 1) Receive the Annual Report from the Area One Agency on Aging (Maggie Kraft, Executive Director)

REGULAR ITEMS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

20. Approve and authorize the removal of Del Norte County from the Redwood Coast Transit Authority's (RCTA) Lease with the 41st District Agricultural Association (Del Norte County Fairgrounds), as requested by Supervisor Short & Chair Borges.**

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Valerie Starkey

Second: Darrin Short

Vote Yea: 4 Valerie Starkey, Darrin Short, Dean Wilson, Joey Borges

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

21. Review and approve the Director of Building Maintenance and Park's 30-year longevity salary step placement effective 6/24/2026 in accordance with the Appointed Department Head Resolution as requested by the Director of Human Resources and Risk Management.**

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Darrin Short

Second: Dean Wilson

Vote Yea: 4 Valerie Starkey, Darrin Short, Dean Wilson, Joey Borges

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

22. Approve and authorize the Director of Information Technology to apply for a .gov (delnortecounty.gov) domain name on behalf of the County of Del Norte as requested by the Director of Information Technology.**

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Valerie Starkey

Second: Darrin Short

Vote Yea: 4 Valerie Starkey, Darrin Short, Dean Wilson, Joey Borges

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

23. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support for the True North Organizing Network's application to the Grant Application to support planning, engineering, design, permitting and other predevelopment activities necessary to establish a USDA-inspected regional meat processing facility serving Del Norte County, as requested by Supervisor Starkey and Supervisor Howard.**

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Darrin Short

Second: Valerie Starkey

Vote Yea: 4 Valerie Starkey, 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.

24. Authorize the direct payment of Juvenile Detention invoices for the period of June 2025 to May 2026, by the Del Norte County Probation Department to the Humboldt County Probation Department, as requested by the Chief Probation Officer.**

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Valerie Starkey

Second: Darrin Short

Vote Yea:	4	Valerie Starkey, Darrin Short, Dean Wilson, Joey Borges
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Vote Nay:	0	None
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Vote Abstain:	0	None
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25. Direct staff to submit Del Norte County's Fiscal Year 2026 Secure Rural Schools (SRS) election and allocation, as requested by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), electing to receive the State payment and allocating 85% to Title I, 8% to Title II, and 7% to Title III, as recommended by the Assistant County Administrative Officer.**

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Darrin Short

Second: Dean Wilson

Vote Yea:	4	Valerie Starkey, Darrin Short, Dean Wilson, Joey Borges
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Vote Nay:	0	None
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Vote Abstain:	0	None
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26. Approve and authorize the use of travel funds for Supervisor Starkey and Supervisor Howard to attend the California Transportation Commission meeting scheduled for August 20–21, 2026, in San Diego County to advocate on behalf of Del Norte County regarding funding for the next phase of the Last Chance Grade project as requested by Supervisor Starkey and Supervisor Howard.**

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Dean Wilson

Second: Darrin Short

Vote Yea: 4 Valerie Starkey, Darrin Short, Dean Wilson, Joey
Borges

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

27. 1) Discuss and take action as necessary to approve the 2026/2027 Fiscal Year Recommended Budget as presented by the County Administrative Officer (CAO) and Auditor-Controller; 2) Approve attached position list for establishing and eliminating non-General Fund positions as requested by DHHS and CSS and authorize Human Resources to take all administrative tasks necessary such as revising staffing charts/position control lists to accurately reflect Board action as requested by CAO, Auditor-Controller and Human Resources Director (Attachment A); 3) Approve the use of County General Funds for the FY 26/27 operational budget of the local Fish and Game Commission as requested by the CAO and the Auditor-Controller; 4) Approve the use of County General Funds for the FY 26/27 operational budget of the Pacific Shores Watch Station as requested by the CAO and the Auditor-Controller; 5) Authorize the Budget Team to continue to review and analyze each departmental budget and conduct a second round of department level budget meetings to reduce expenditures and increase revenues where applicable, and authorize the Auditor-Controller to make the necessary adjustments to the FY 26/27 Recommended Budget; and 6) Direct departments that no FY 25/26 budget transfers will be allowed transferring funds from Salaries and Benefits to any other expenditure category unless determined to be operationally necessary by the CAO and Auditor-Controller.**

Section 1) Approved; 3-1 Vote (Yes: Supervisor Short, Borges, Wilson No: Supervisor Starkey); **Section 2)** Approved; 4-0 Vote (Yes: Supervisor Short, Starkey, Borges, Wilson No: None); **Section 3)** Approved; 4-0 Vote (Yes: Supervisor Short, Starkey, Borges, Wilson No: None); **Section 4)** Approved; 3-1 Vote (Yes: Supervisor Short, Borges, Wilson No: Supervisor Starkey); **Section 5)** Approved; 4-0 Vote (Yes: Supervisor Short, Starkey, Borges, Wilson No: None); **Section 6)** Approved; 4-0 Vote (Yes: Supervisor Short, Starkey, Borges, Wilson No: None)

28. 1) Discuss and consider approval of each of the FY 2026/2027 Measure R funding requests provided in this report as recommended by the Measure R Oversight and Advisory Committee and as presented by the CAO and the Auditor-Controller; 2) Authorize the Auditor-Controller to make any adjustments necessary to the FY 26/27 Recommended Budget effective July 1, 2026, for one-time purchases and effective July 3, 2026, for approved staffing changes based on Board direction; 3) Authorize Human Resources to complete all administrative

tasks necessary to reflect Board direction where applicable; 4) Attached for information only, current annual obligations for Measure R funding for established vital service positions, wage offsets for public safety and annual cost associated with Search and Rescue; and 5) Attached for review only, the FY 25/26 Measure R Oversight and Advisory Committee's Annual Report.**

Action: Approved. Supervisor Starkey made a motion to approve only the one-time spending Measure R Requests at this time, but it failed due to lack of a second.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Dean Wilson

Second: Darrin Short

Vote Yea: 3 Darrin Short, Dean Wilson, Joey Borges

Vote Nay: 1 Valerie Starkey

Vote Abstain: 0 None

ADJOURNMENT

(Next meeting is July 14, 2026)

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

Date Posted: June 18, 2026

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

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