



**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**DEL NORTE COUNTY**  
**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**Tuesday, July 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 County Counsel and Border Coast Regional Airport Authority (BCRAA) Legal Counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) & (3), Significant Exposure to Litigation: One.

Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 between County Negotiator: Neal Lopez, CAO and Represented Employee Bargaining Groups.

## **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

Kevin Vue - Administrative Analyst I; Michelle Zenk - Social Worker Supervisor I; Natalie Dillon - Medical Records Clerk 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.

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 Starkey: Attended the ribbon-cutting of the new monument at the CA/OR Border on US Hwy 101, attended a meeting with the Local Performing Arts Center

representatives and others, attended a meeting with Susan Seaman to discuss how to get the County ready for more shovel-ready projects for Grant Funding, participated in the 4th of July Festivities, held her local Coffee and Conversation with Constituents, attended the Downtown Planning & Steering Committee meeting and attended a meeting with County Staff and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Staff regarding state owned property maintenance concerns.

Supervisor Howard: Nothing to report.

Supervisor Borges: Nothing to report.

Supervisor Wilson: Participated in the 4th of July Festivities and attended a 2x2 Harbor District 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 June 23, 2026, Board of Supervisors meeting.\*\*

Approved.

2. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Amendment to the Tetra Tech Agreement #2024-133 for the Hazard Mitigation Plan update as requested by the OES Fiscal Manager\*\*

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-125

3. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement with Mendocino County for Placement of Juvenile Court Wards at the Mendocino County Juvenile Hall, as requested by the Chief Probation Officer.\*\*

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-126

4. Approve and authorize the County Engineer to enter into Agreements and

change orders with Tidewater Contractors, Inc. for road material supplies in amounts not to exceed the approved Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget for such materials as requested by the County Engineer.\*\*

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-127

5. Approve and authorize the donation of rental fees for County baseball fields to Special Olympics Del Norte for use during athlete skill development activities and practices on Sundays from July 19, 2026, through September 20, 2026, as requested by the Recreation Coordinator and the Administrative Programs Manager.\*\*

Approved.

6. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Financial Plan between Del Norte County and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services, as requested by Administrative Programs Manager.\*\*

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-128

7. Approve and authorize the County Agricultural Commissioner to sign the Nursery Inspection Agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 as requested by the Agricultural Commissioner.\*\*

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-129

8. Approve and authorize the County Counsel to sign an agreement between Del Norte County and the Del Norte Resource Conservation District (RCD) for Legal Counsel Services from July 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 as requested by County Counsel.\*\*

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-130

9. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached new Agreement for Psychiatric Services with Daughter Project Girls Home for the term of January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.\*\*

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-131

10. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached renewal Agreement for Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital Services with Santa Rosa Behavioral Healthcare Hospital for the term of October 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.\*\*

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-132

11. Approve and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the attached renewal MOU with the California Department of Child Support Services to provide the Department of Health and Human Services access to the Child

Support Enforcement System for a three-year term beginning June 23, 2026, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.\*\*

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-133

12. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached first extension to the Lease Agreement with 101 N. Properties, LLC for the term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.\*\*

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-134

13. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached new Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement with Partnership HealthPlan of California for an ongoing term beginning on or around July 14, 2026, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.\*\*

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-135

14. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached MOU renewal with Sutter Coast Hospital for 5150 services for a term of June 26, 2026 through June 30, 2028, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.\*\*

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-136

15. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached Agreement for mobile crisis consultation services with Jacob Rosen for the term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.\*\*

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-137

16. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached Agreement with Mary Middleton Counseling LLC to continue providing Licensed Clinician 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 #2026-138

17. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached renewal Agreement with Iris Telehealth Medical Group to continue providing Telehealth 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 #2026-139

18. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached new Agreement with True North Organizing Network for the Trillium Drop-In Teen Center for the term of June 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.\*\*

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-140

19. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign and send a letter of support for the

Tolowa Dee-Ni' Nation's Connected Communities Project, creating a mile-long Class I shared-use path along Ocean View Drive and Indian Road, as requested by the Tolowa Dee-Ni' Nation.\*\*

Approved.

20. Receive and review the FY 2025/26 Q4 donation list from the Department of Health and Human Services, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.\*\*

Approved.

21. Approve and Adopt a Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Del Norte County Tax Collector's Office and the Franchise Tax Board—Court Ordered Debt Collections Program (COD), as requested by the Treasurer/Tax Collector.\*\*

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-141; RESO #2026-017

## **SCHEDULED ITEMS**

22. 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.

23. 10:30 A.M. Approve and adopt a Proclamation proclaiming July 2026 as "Disability Pride Month" as requested by the Systems Change Advocate — Tri County Independent Living.\*\*

**Action:** Approved.

**Motion:** Move to approve

**Move:** Dean Wilson

**Second:** Valerie Starkey

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

**Vote Nay:** 0 None

**Vote Abstain:** 0 None

24. 10:35 A.M. Receive a Legislative Update from Thorn Run Partners (Greg Burns)

25. 10:45 A.M. SiteLogIQ Feasibility Report

The Board directed staff by consensus to include on the agenda for the next scheduled Capital Improvements and Infrastructure Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting a discussion regarding energy resource solutions for use during natural disasters.

## REGULAR ITEMS

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

26. Approve the purchase of a video surveillance system, a fixed asset, for the Flynn Administrative Center using Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funding as requested by the Fiscal Manager of OES.\*\*

**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

27. Approve and authorize the Purchasing Agent to exceed the \$20,000 limit for Purchase Order for Services, as outlined in the Del Norte County Administrative Manual Section 4.30.020, and issue a Purchase Order for Fiscal Year 2026 to the City of Crescent City to cover all bills for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and to bring back a budget amendment if required for ongoing operation and maintenance of the County Service Area No. 1 as requested by the County Engineer.\*\*

**Action:** Approved.

**Motion:** Move to approve

**Move:** Chris Howard

**Second:** Darrin Short

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

**Vote Nay:** 0 None

**Vote Abstain:** 0 None

28. Review and approve the Harbor Facilities Plan (HFP) dated May of 2026, as requested by the Crescent City Harbor District.\*\*

**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

## **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

29. Approve and adopt budget transfer #07-01 in the amount of \$21,000.00 within the Office of Emergency Services (OES) budget to add 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funds into the FY 26/27 budget for the purchase of a fixed asset, as requested by the Fiscal Manager of OES.\*\*

Approved. BT #07-01

## **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.

30. Receive an informational update regarding the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's evaluation of the California Coastal Management Program and direct staff to continue monitoring relevant federal policy developments in coordination with Thorn Run Partners, including the upcoming public-comment process and subsequent evaluation findings, as previously directed by the Board of Supervisors.\*\*

**Action:** Approved. Included in the motion was direction to staff to write a letter explaining the negative impacts off-shore drilling would have on Del Norte County.

**Motion:** Move to approve

**Move:** Valerie Starkey

**Second:** Joey Borges

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

**Vote Nay:** 0 None

**Vote Abstain:** 0 None

31. Receive an oppose unless amended, letter on AB 53 (Ramos) as transmitted by Supervisor Howard, pursuant to Section 1.60.010(E) of the County Administrative

Manual, and provide staff direction regarding preparation of a letter from the full Board, as requested by Supervisor Howard.\*\*

**Action:** Approved. The motion included direction to staff to include in the letter an acknowledgment and appreciation for the removal of Section 4 from the bill, and to state that the Board would oppose any future reinstatement of language related to Section 4 in the bill.

**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

32. Receive a copy of an advocacy letter provided to Governor Newsom 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.

33. Approve a Line of Credit for the Border Coast Regional Airport Authority and authorized the Chair of the Board to sign, as presented and requested by the County Administrative Officer and the Auditor-Controller.\*\*

**Action:** Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-142

**Motion:** Move to approve

**Move:** Chris Howard

**Second:** Darrin Short

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

**Vote Nay:** 0 None

**Vote Abstain:** 0 None

34. 1) Pursuant to Title 10, section 10.10.020 of the County Administrative Manual, approve a temporary hiring freeze for all positions fully or partially funded by the County General Fund; and 2) Authorize the County Administrative Officer/Budget Officer, the Auditor-Controller and Human Resources Director to consider General Fund employee requisitions on a case by case basis for any exceptions to the hiring freeze based on operational needs; and 3) Direct the CAO/Budget Officer to bring this item back to the Board prior to the final Adopted Budget in September for further consideration by the Board of Supervisors as Recommended by the CAO/Budget Officer.\*\*

**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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**(Next meeting is July 28, 2026)**

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

Date Posted: July 08, 2026

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

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