



MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DEL NORTE COUNTY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Tuesday, September 8, 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 Legal Counsel and Staff pursuant to Government Code 5496.9(d)(1): Confidential Worker's Compensation Claim-One.

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

Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 - Two; APNs: 118-360-017 & 118-360-018.

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

Julia Thomas - Integrated Case Worker I; Amy Gayler - Social Worker 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.

The Chair noted that DNACA's request on item #20 has been withdrawn. The Chair also stated there was an error in the attachment to item #17 under the General Fund Budget Summary that impacted the budget amount by \$70,571.00 and a new General Fund Budget Summary will be added to the agenda packet after the minutes are published. The budget attachments as a whole were correct, just the budget summary wasn't finalized correctly when it was uploaded to the agenda packet, which was clarified by the Auditor Controller.

- 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, attended the Behavioral Health Collaborative meeting, attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting, attended the Visitor's Bureau meeting, attended her Coffee & Conversation monthly meeting with constituents and has been monitoring SB 1013.

Supervisor Howard: Attended the Senior Center meeting, attended the LTCO meeting, attended the BCRAA meeting, attended a meeting with the Senior VP of Advanced Airlines and attended the summit with the Consul General of Japan in San Francisco.

Supervisor Borges: Gave an update to the public that there is a delay on the Board discussing Flock Cameras due to the Sheriff holding a Town Hall related to the issue. It will be brought to the Board for discussion at a later date.

Supervisor Wilson: Been working with Supervisor Howard and the Director of Maintenance and Parks to get the Klamath Boat Ramp docks installed.

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: Chris Howard

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 August 25, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting.**

Approved.

2. Approve and adopt Resolutions appointing Supervisor Howard, Supervisor Short, and Gerry Hemmingsen to the Border Coast Regional Airport Authority Board of

Commissioners for four-year terms, and Supervisor Wilson as the County's alternate member, consistent with Sections 1.4 and 1.5 of the Border Coast Regional Airport Authority (BCRAA) Joint Powers Authority Agreement, as requested by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.**

Approved. Howard: RESO #2026-022; Short: RESO #2026-023; Hemmingsen: RESO #2026-024; Wilson: RESO #2026-025

3. Approve and appoint Sean Rosenthal, the current Airport Director for the Border Coast Regional Airport Authority (BCRAA), as a supplemental member of the Del Norte County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) as requested by the Director of Community Development.**

Approved.

4. Reject all bids for the Roy Lift Station Emergency Power Project for Del Norte County Service Area No. 1, and direct the County Engineer to replace the existing failed generator and transfer switch with the previously purchased generator and transfer switch as suggested by County Engineer.**

Approved.

5. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter supporting the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation's application for the K'vsh-chu (Redwood) Climate Resilience Project as requested by the Executive Director of the Del Norte & Tribal Lands Community Food Council.**

Approved.

6. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached renewal Agreement with Del Norte County Office of Education for Foster Youth Education Services for the term of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-169

7. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached new HHAP Round 5 Funding Agreement with Training, Employment, and Community Help, Inc. for the term of September 8, 2026 through June 30, 2029, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-170

8. Approve and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the attached new Child Welfare MOU with Partnership HealthPlan of California for the term beginning on or around September 8, 2026 through December 31, 2029, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-171

9. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached first Amendment to the Agreement with Life Generations Healthcare to provide Special Treatment

Program Services for the term of July 8, 2025 through June 30, 2026, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-172

10. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached first Amendment to the Agreement with Life Generations Healthcare to provide 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 #2026-173

11. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached proposal letter from the California Forensic Medical Group (CFMG) authorizing CFMG to amend the current medical services Agreement to reflect the cost of additional staffing for the implementation of the mandated California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Justice Involved Initiative, as requested by the County Administrative Officer and the Sheriff-Coroner.**

Approved. DNCO AGREE #2026-174

12. Authorize the District Attorney to accept and implement the Violence Against Women Vertical Prosecution Program grants for calendar years 2027 (VV26025301), 2028 (VV27025301), and 2029 (VV28025301), including any extensions or amendments thereto, subject to further review and approval; and agree to provide all cash matching funds required for the grants and to comply with the rules and regulations of Cal OES, as requested by the District Attorney.**

Approved.

13. Approve and appoint Supervisor Howard as the Delegate as proposed and Supervisor Short as the Alternate as proposed to the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Board of Directors for the year 2027 as requested by Chair Borges.**

Approved.

SCHEDULED ITEMS

14. 10:15 AM Approve and adopt a Proclamation declaring September 2026 as "Recovery Awareness Month", as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

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. 10:20 A.M. Approve and adopt a Proclamation proclaiming September 2026 as, "Suicide Prevention Month" as requested by Zero Attempts Representative Gordon Clay.**

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

16. 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.

17. 10:30 A.M. 1) Open the public hearing for the 2026/2027 Fiscal Year Final Recommended Budget as amended for Del Norte County and all Special District Budgets governed by Del Norte County as submitted and continue the hearing for fourteen (14) days as requested by CAO and Auditor-Controller; 2) Approve the attached position list for establishing and reclassifying General Fund positions as requested by County Administration, the Assessor, and Human Resources/Risk Management and authorize Human Resources to take all administrative steps necessary such as, updating current job descriptions and revising staffing charts/position control lists to accurately reflect Board action as requested by CAO, Auditor-Controller and Human Resources & Risk Management Director (Attachment A); 3) Authorize the Auditor-Controller to adjust the FY 2026/2027 Final Recommended Budget to accurately account for FY 2025/2026 interest allocations, and pursuant to Board-approved County Pension and OPEB Policy, establish a stabilization fund/reserve for an Additional Discretionary Payment to be made in FY 2027/2028 towards unfunded accrued liabilities; 4) Approve the use of County General Funds for the operational budgets of the Pacific Shores, Fish and Game and Veteran's Cemetery budgets; and 5) Approve the end of the temporary hiring freeze approved July 14, 2026, for all positions fully or partially funded by the County General Fund effective immediately as requested by the CAO/County Budget Officer.**

Approved. Chair Borges stated there was an error in the General Fund Budget

Summary attachment that impacted the budget amount by \$70,571.00 and a new General Fund Budget Summary will be added to the agenda packet after the minutes are published. The budget attachments as a whole were correct, just the budget summary wasn't finalized correctly when it was uploaded to the agenda packet, which was clarified by the Auditor Controller.

Section 1: Approved. A motion was made by Supervisor Starkey and a second was made by Supervisor Short with a 5-0 Vote (Yes: Supervisor Short, Starkey, Howard, Borges, Wilson No: None).

Section 2: Approved. A motion was made by Supervisor Wilson and a second was made by Supervisor Starkey with a 5-0 Vote (Yes: Supervisor Short, Starkey, Howard, Borges, Wilson No: None).

Section 3: Approved. A motion was made by Supervisor Wilson and a second was made by Supervisor Short with a 5-0 Vote (Yes: Supervisor Short, Starkey, Howard, Borges, Wilson No: None).

Section 4: Approved. A motion was made by Supervisor Starkey and a second was made by Supervisor Short with a 5-0 Vote (Yes: Supervisor Short, Starkey, Howard, Borges, Wilson No: None)

Section 5: Approved. A motion was made by Supervisor Howard and a second was made by Supervisor Wilson with a 5-0 Vote (Yes: Supervisor Short, Starkey, Howard, Borges, Wilson No: None).

18. 10:45 A.M. Receive a presentation regarding the Proposition 64 Public Health & Safety grant (Lonnie Reyman, Chief Probation Officer)

No action was needed on this item.

19. 10:55 A.M. Public Hearing on Workforce Vacancies, Recruitment, and Retention (Assembly Bill 2561 / Government Code Section 3502.3) (Kerri Vue, Human Resources/Risk Management Director)

No action was needed on this item.

REGULAR ITEMS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

20. Confirm the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)-owned properties identified by the Board of Supervisors for potential future County ownership and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to transmit a letter to CDFW executive leadership expressing the County's interest in discussing fee title transfer of the identified properties and, where appropriate, interim Right-of-Entry agreements as requested by the Director of Community Development.**

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

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.

21. 1) Consider the attached outside agency annual funding (contribution) requests from the Saint George Reef Lighthouse Preservation Society (SGRLPS) and the Del Norte Association for Cultural Awareness (DNACA) as requested by the SGRLPS, DNACA and Supervisor Starkey and; 2) Contingent on Board approval, give direction to the County Administrative Officer and the Auditor-Controller to revise the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Final Recommended Budget as applicable.**

Action: Approved. Chair Borges stated that DNACA's request for funding was withdrawn. The motion included approval of the funding as a one-time allocation, contingent upon a future presentation to the Board detailing how the funds were utilized. Following the presentation, the Board may consider establishing the funding on an annual basis.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Darrin Short

Second: Chris Howard

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

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

22. 1) Consider approval of the County Budget Team's recommendation to designate and transfer Measure R funds to the Jail Rehabilitation/Justice Campus project budget as requested by the County Administrative Officer and the Auditor-Controller; 2) Authorize the Auditor-Controller to make the necessary adjustments to the FY 26/27 Final Recommended Budget based on Board direction if applicable.**

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

ADJOURNMENT

**(Next meeting is September 22, 2026 at a special time
9:00 A.M.)**

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

Date Posted: September 04, 2026

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

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