

NED COE
1st District

SHANE STARR
2nd District

KATHIE RHOADS
3rd District

ELIZABETH CAVASSO
4th District

GERI BYRNE
5th District



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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING REGULAR MEETING

January 9, 2024

10:00 AM Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Ned Coe	Supervisor District I	Present	10:00 AM
Shane Starr	Supervisor District II	Present	10:00 AM
Kathie Rhoads	Supervisor District III	Present	10:00 AM
Elizabeth Cavasso	Supervisor District IV	Present	10:00 AM
Geri Byrne	Supervisor District V	Present	10:00 AM
Chester Robertson	County Administration Officer	Present	10:00 AM
Scott McLeran	Deputy County Counsel	Remote	10:00 AM
Tiffany Martinez	Clerk of the Board/ACAO	Present	10:00 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Prayer

Public Comment

None.

Approval or Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
SECONDER:	Shane Starr, Supervisor District II
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

Correspondence

Supervisor Cavasso entered a text message from Northern California Emergency Medical Services (EMS) notifying the county that Southern Cascades Community Services District (CSD) will no longer be able to offer ground transport services as of January 3, 2024.

The Clerk of the Board entered the following correspondence: 1) A letter from the Disability Rights of California regarding a request for the Modoc County Board of Supervisors to defer implementation of California Senate Bill 43 until January 1, 2026; 2) An email from Paramedic Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Specialist, Jessica Thompson, reporting a reduction in services for ground transport in the Adin area as of January 3, 2024; 3) A flyer regarding National Stalking Awareness and Human Trafficking Prevention month.

a. Letter from the Surprise Valley Health Care District (SVHCD) - AB-1882 Seismic Compliance Reporting

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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b. Notice to the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) - Amendment of the Big Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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c. Correspondence received - An email from Paramedic Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Specialist, Jessica Thompson, reporting a reduction in services for ground transport in the Adin area as of January 3, 2024.

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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d. Correspondence received - A letter from the Disability Rights of California regarding a request for the Modoc County Board of Supervisors to defer implementation of California Senate Bill 43 until January 1, 2026.

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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e. Correspondence received - A flyer regarding National Stalking Awareness and Human Trafficking Prevention month.

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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Department Head Reports

None.

1. Clerk of the Board Items:

1.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Reorganization of the Board of Supervisors and election of the 2024 Chair and Vice-Chair of the Modoc County Board of Supervisors. (Clerk of the Board)

The Chair of the Board turned the gavel over to the Clerk of the Board, Tiffany Martinez, for the purpose of electing a Chair of the Board and Vice-Chair of the Board for the year 2024.

Clerk of the Board Martinez accepted the gavel and called for nominations for the 2024 Chair of the Board.

Supervisor Coe nominated Supervisor Starr for the 2024 Chair of the Board.

Clerk Martinez asked for any other nominations. There being no other nominations, Clerk of the Board Martinez closed the nominations.

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Rhoads, seconded by Supervisor Cavasso, to elect Supervisor Starr as Chair of the Board for the year 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk of the Board Martinez called for nominations for the 2024 Vice-Chair of the Board.

Supervisor Byrne nominated Supervisor Cavasso for the 2024 Vice-Chair of the Board.

Clerk Martinez asked for any other nominations. There being no other nominations, Clerk of the Board Martinez closed the nominations.

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Byrne, seconded by Supervisor Rhoads, to elect Supervisor Cavasso as Vice-Chair of the Board for the year 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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10:05 a.m. The Board took a recess to reorganize the seating of the Board of Supervisors.

10:06 a.m. The Board reconvened with Supervisor Coe, Rhoads, Starr, Cavasso, and Byrne present.

2. Board of Supervisors Items:

2.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution in memory and profound appreciation of distinguished service to the County of Modoc by Nick Macy. (Board of Supervisors)

Supervisor Byrne read the resolution into the record and thank all those in attendance to honor Nick Macy.

Representative of Senator Brian Dahle and Assemblywoman Dahle, Jennifer Andrea, presented a resolution to the family in honor of Nick Macy.

Resolution# 2024-01

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
SECONDER:	Elizabeth Cavasso, Supervisor District IV
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2024-01

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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- 2.b. PRESENTATION: Presentation from Toni Scott, Managing Principal, and Sarah Deforest, Grants Manager of Morrison on the Modoc Meat Processing Facility feasibility study by the Superior California Economic Development Corporation (SCED). (Board of Supervisors)**

Managing Principal, Toni Scott and Grants Manager, Sarah DeForest, provided a presentation on the following: 1) Process to Date; 2) Today's Objectives; 3) Modoc Meat Processing Feasibility Study - Market Interest Survey; 4) Next Steps.

A discussion was held and several questions were asked by the Board.

Kelly Crosby stated she is a part of the team working on the feasibility study and reported on the positive aspects of a modular processing facility for Modoc County.

3. Administrative Services Items:

- 3.a. PRESENTATION: Presentation by Tilson on the broadband planning and feasibility study. (Administrative Services)**

Principal Consultant for Tilson Technology, Shelly Westal, provided a presentation on the following: 1) Partner Recognition; 2) Outreach and Engagement; 3) The broadband planning and feasibility study; 4) Quick Funding Summary; 5) What is a SMART Community; 6) Next Steps.

- 3.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to reclassify the salary and update the class specification of the Administrative Assistant, from Range 203: Step A-J; \$3,006.00 to \$4,663.00 monthly to Range 221: Step A-J; \$3,288.00 to \$5,101.00 monthly, effective January 1, 2024. (Administrative Services)**

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a background on the proposed reclassification.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Elizabeth Cavasso, Supervisor District IV
SECONDER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

4. Treasurer/Tax Collector Items:

- 4.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution renewing the delegation of investment authority to the Treasurer for the year February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025. (Treasurer/Tax Collector)**

Treasurer-Tax Collector, Cheryl Knoch, provided a background on the proposed resolution.

Resolution# 2024-02

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
SECONDER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2024-02

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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Recess as the Board of Supervisors and convene as the Modoc County Air Pollution Control District.

Motion to recess as the Board of Supervisors and convene as the Modoc County Air Pollution Control District.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
SECONDER:	Elizabeth Cavasso, Supervisor District IV
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

5. Air Pollution Control District:

- 5.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a budget modification for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to Air Pollution Fund 675; modifying revenues in the amount of \$1,794,861.00 and expenditures in the amount of \$1,639,142.00. (Air Pollution Control District)**

Air Pollution Control Officer, Heather Kelly, provided a background on the proposed budget modification.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
SECONDER:	Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

Adjourn as the Modoc County Air Pollution Control District and reconvene as the Board of Supervisors.

Motion to adjourn as the Modoc County Air Pollution Control District and reconvene as the Board of Supervisors.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
SECONDER:	Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

6. Consent Agenda Items:

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
SECONDER:	Elizabeth Cavasso, Supervisor District IV
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso
ABSTAIN:	Byrne

- 6.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and DHCS for ODS-DMC Services not to exceed \$713,940.00, effective July 1 2023 through June 30, 2027. (Behavioral Health)**
Contract# 2024-01

- 6.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract amendment between the County of Modoc and Partnership HealthPlan of California for the Master Administration Services Agreement. (Behavioral Health)**
Contract# 2024-02

- 6.c. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign an alcohol license for the Big Valley Endowment Foundation dinner held at the Adin Community Center on February 17, 2024. (Clerk of the Board)**

- 6.d. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval to appoint Jessie Lee Holloway as a District III Commissioner to the Modoc County Fish, Game, and Recreation Commission, for a two (2) year term effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025. (Board of Supervisors)
- 6.e. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval of the reappointment of Mark Moriarity as District IV Commissioner to the Modoc County Fish, Game and Recreation Commission, for a two (2) year term effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025. (Board of Supervisors)
- 6.f. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval of the reappointment of Mark Shepard as District V Alternate Commissioner to the Modoc County Fish, Game and Recreation Commission, for a two (2) year term effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025. (Board of Supervisors)
- 6.g. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval of the reappointment of Chris Ratliff as District V Commissioner to the Modoc County Fish, Game and Recreation Commission, for a two (2) year term effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025. (Board of Supervisors)
- 6.h. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting the reappointment of Kris Anderson to the Modoc County Law Library, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. (Board of Supervisors)
- 6.i. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting the reappointment of Harry Hitchings as the Modoc County Veterans' Remains Officer, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. (Board of Supervisors)
- 6.j. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval to reappoint Health Services Director, Stacy Sphar, to the Board of Employee Appeals for Modoc County, effective January 3, 2024 through December 31, 2026. (Board of Supervisors)
- 6.k. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval to reappoint Road Commissioner, Mitch Crosby, to the Board of Employee Appeals for Modoc County, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026. (Board of Supervisors)
- 6.l. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval to reappoint Assessor/Recorder, Kristen DePaul, to the Board of Employee Appeals for Modoc County, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026. (Board of Supervisors)

- 6.m. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to reappoint District Attorney, Nina Salarno, to the Board of Employee Appeals for Modoc County, effective January 3, 2024 through December 31, 2026. (Board of Supervisors)**
- 6.n. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of the November 13, 2023 Board of Supervisors special meeting minutes. (Clerk of the Board)**
- 6.o. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of the November 28, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. (Clerk of the Board)**
- 6.p. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of the December 12, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. (Clerk of the Board)**

7. Board of Supervisors Items:

- 7.a. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Discussion regarding a code enforcement officer position for the California Pines units. (Board of Supervisors)**

Supervisor Cavasso provided a background on the request to discuss code enforcement in California Pines. Supervisor Cavasso reported she provided the By-Laws and Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&RS) to the Clerk of the Board which provide the authority through regulations and penalties for California Pines to conduct code enforcement under the terms of these documents.

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, reported on the codes which are enforced by the county and the methods for code enforcement through the California Pines CC&RS. CAO Robertson provided a detailed background on the history of code enforcement conducted in California Pines and the requests made for code updates to the Modoc County code. CAO Robertson provided an update on the Board directive to address code enforcement and the current process to obtain a consultant to assist the county with setting up a code enforcement program and update the county code. CAO Robertson provided an update on the progress of the community cleanups which have occurred in several townships throughout Modoc County.

Supervisor Byrne stated the county does not have the funding to provide an officer specific for California Pines as the issue is a county wide problem.

Assistant County Administrative Officer, Tiffany Martinez, provided a report on the online reporting system and discussed several challenges that face the county to conduct code enforcement throughout the county.

CAO Robertson reported on the staffing issues throughout the county that have caused a delay in code enforcement throughout the county.

Supervisor Cavasso reported she appreciated the conversation and stated she feels the public is not aware of how much the county has done to address code enforcement throughout the county.

Supervisor Starr reported the county needs to be respectful of private property rights in regards to vehicle abatement.

A discussion was held on possible solutions for the removal of vehicles and solid waste in the community.

7.b. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Discussion and update on the transition from American Express to CAL-Card for the County of Modoc. (Board of Supervisors)

Auditor, Stephanie Wellemeyer, reported the original discussion was in 2020 and reported a tremendous staff turnover has prevented the Auditor's office from implementing CAL-Card. Auditor Wellemeyer reported she and her staff would be attending the CAL-Card training provided by the State on how to implement CAL-Card. Auditor Wellemeyer reported on several recommended changes to the CAL-Card policy and the travel policy.

Supervisor Rhoads reported a meeting may need to be scheduled to review the CAL-Card and the travel policy.

A discussion was held on the per diem rate paid for travel.

A discussion was held on the need for legal and potential union review of the CAL-Card policy.

Supervisor Rhoads asked when a meeting could be scheduled with the Auditor.

Auditor Wellemeyer reported the CAL-Card training is in February and she would not be available to meet until after March 5, 2024.

7.c. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Discussion and approval for the Chair of the Board to set the 2024 Ad Hoc Committees for the Board of Supervisors. (Board of Supervisors)

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Rhoads, seconded by Supervisor Byrne to approve the 2024 Ad Hoc Committees for the Board of Supervisors with no changes.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
SECONDER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

7.d. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Discussion and approval for the Chair of the Board to set the 2024 Standing Committees for the Board of Supervisors. (Board of Supervisors)

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Rhoads, seconded by Supervisor Byrne to approve the 2024 Standing Committees for the Board of Supervisors with no changes.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Chair of the Board returned to item 7.d. and requested a motion to reopen the item.

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Byrne, seconded by Supervisor Cavasso to reconsider item 7.d.

Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held on the recommendation from County Clerk Wellemeyer to remove the Republican Central Committee from the Board of Supervisors Standing Committees.

Clerk of the Board Martinez recommended the committee remain on the list for historical tracking purposes but have a notation for the Republican Central Committee that members are elected or appointed in lieu of election by the Board of Supervisors.

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Cavasso, seconded by Supervisor Rhoads to approve as amended the 2024 Standing Committees for the Board of Supervisors with a notation on the Republican Central Committee that members are elected or appointed in lieu of election by the Board of Supervisors.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Chair of the Board moved to 8.a.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Elizabeth Cavasso, Supervisor District IV
SECONDER:	Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

7.e. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of the County of Modoc Appointment Procedures for Board of Supervisors Advisory Boards, Commissions, and Committees, effective January 1, 2024. (Board of Supervisors)

Clerk of the Board, Tiffany Martinez, reported the draft procedures were presented to the Board of Supervisors at the December 12, 2023 meeting. Clerk of the Board Martinez reported the requested changes were made and are now presented for adoption.

Motion by Supervisor Coe, seconded by Supervisor Rhoads to approve the County of Modoc Appointment Procedures for Board of Supervisors Advisory Boards, Commissions, and Committees, effective January 1, 2024.

County Clerk, Stephanie Wellemeyer, reported she recommends removing the Republican Central Committee from the 2024 Standing Committees List.

Clerk of the Board Martinez reported item 7.d. has been completed. Clerk of the Board Martinez recommended the board complete item 7.e. and then return to item 7.d. and request a motion to reconsider.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Chair of the Board returned to item 7.d.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
SECONDER:	Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

8. Comments/Reports:

a. Public Comments

None.

b. Administrative Services Report

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a report on the following: 1) Geothermal Appraisals; 2) Upcoming meeting with Southern Cascades Community Services District (CSD); 3) Discussion with Cal-Trans on posting county roads on winter weather conditions on county roads when I-5 is shut down; 4) Broadband project update.

c. Department Head Reports

Auditor, Stephanie Wellemeyer, reported the 2022 financial audit was completed this summer but the single audit has been delayed due to Secure Rural Schools information requested by the auditing firm. Auditor Wellemeyer reported the draft 2022 audits would be provided to her for review.

d. Board of Supervisors Reports

Supervisor Rhoads reported on the following: 1) Modoc County Transportation Commission (MCTC); 2) Forest Service Coordination meeting; 3) Conversation with constituents regarding Assessor mapping issues.

Supervisor Byrne reported on the following: 1) Tri-Counties meeting; 2) Sexual Harassment Training; 3) Grasshopper Ad Hoc Committee meeting; 4) Modoc Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) discussion on the Cal-Trans grant program; 5) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Officers call with an update on legislation.

Supervisor Cavasso reported on the following: 1) Youth Justice Office of Youth and Community Rehab (OYCR) Action webinar and Juvenile Justice legal updates.

Supervisor Coe reported on the following: 1) Modoc Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo); 2) Washington D.C. congressional and agency visits; 3) Conference call with Western Resources Legal Center; 4) Modoc Feasibility Study conference call; 5) Grasshopper meeting with

the Agriculture Commissioner, Farm Advisor, and Natural Resources Advisor; 6) Meeting with a constituent and District Attorney; 7) National Association of Counties (NACo) Rural Action Caucus virtual meeting; 8) Juniper Berry Parade; 9) NorCal Emergency Medical Services (EMS) update; 10) Modoc Feasibility Study conference call.

Supervisor Starr reported on the following: 1) Forest Service Coordination meeting; 2) Call from a constituent regarding the construction fence at the Veterans Hall.

The Chair of the Board read the closed session items into the record.

11:59 a.m. Motion to go into Closed Session.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
SECONDER:	Elizabeth Cavasso, Supervisor District IV
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

9. Closed Session:

9.a. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957; Performance Evaluation; Title: Natural Resources Director. (Administrative Services)

RESULT:	EVALUATION HELD
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9.b. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957; Performance Evaluation; Title: County Administrative Officer. (Board of Supervisors)

RESULT:	EVALUATION HELD
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3:30 p.m. The Board reconvened and reported out of closed session with Supervisor Coe, Rhoads, Starr, Cavasso, and Byrne present.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn the January 9, 2024 meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
SECONDER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 PM

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned to meet in regular session Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Tiffany A. Martinez
Clerk of the Board

Shane Starr
Chair, Modoc County Board of Supervisors