

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 23, 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
Margaret Long	County Counsel	Present	10:00 AM
Chester Robertson	County Administration Officer	Present	10:00 AM
Tiffany Martinez	Clerk of the Board/ACAO	Present	10:00 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Prayer

Public Comment

Noelle Jones provided comments on the election system and detailed the activities of New California who are working to ensure a secure voting system. Jones invited the Board to view a one day paper ballot voting demonstration.

Jay Jones read a new declaration from New California.

Approval or Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Correspondence

Clerk of the Board, Tiffany Martinez, entered the following correspondence into the record: 1) 2023 Annual Jail Report from Sheriff, Tex Dowdy; 2) Letter from the California Massage Therapy Council regarding massage regulations with local control.

a. Correspondence received - California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Notification Letter for Hwy 299 & Hwy 75.

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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Department Head Reports

None.

1. Board of Supervisors Items:

1.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution in memory and profound appreciation of distinguished service to the County of Modoc by City of Alturas Chief of Police, Robert Sidney "Sid" Cullins. (Board of Supervisors)

Resolution# 2024-03

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

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2024-03

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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1.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution of appreciation for Margaret Long and Prentice and Long, PC for ten (10) years of service to the County of Modoc. (Board of Supervisors)

Resolution# 2024-04

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

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2024-04

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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1.c. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a letter of support for Collins Timber Company to apply for a California Climate Investment (CCI) Forest Health grant to provide treatment to 2,500 acres in the Adin area. (Board of Supervisors)

Supervisor Cavasso provided a background on the proposed letter.

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

1.d. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting the Board of Supervisors oppose Proposition 1 to amend the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). (Board of Supervisors)

Supervisor Byrne provided a background on the proposed opposition.

Director of Health Services, Stacy Sphar, provided a background on Proposition 1 and detailed how the current funding would be redirected within the county.

Supervisor Byrne stated there would be a reduction in funding from 90% to 81% for the county.

Supervisor Starr asked about the housing component of the proposition.

A discussion was held and several questions were asked of the Director of Health Services Sphar.

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

2. Public Hearing - 10:00 AM:

2.a. PUBLIC HEARING: Huffman Parcel Map (PM2023-04) - Applicant Otto Huffman is requesting a parcel map to split this existing 62-acre project site into two (2) parcels. (Planning)

The Chair of the Board opened the public hearing at 10:21 a.m. and requested a staff report.

Planning Director, Sean Curtis, provided a background on the proposed parcel split. Planning Director Curtis detailed a discrepancy between the surveyor's map and the parcel quest information. Planning Director Curtis reported the final amount would be 62 acres as detailed in the surveyor's report.

Proponents: None.

Opponents: None.

There being no public present to speak on the matter, the Chair of the Board closed the public hearing at 10:24 a.m.

3. Planning Department Items:

3.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution for Parcel Map (PM 2023-04) as filed by Otto Huffman and adopt a notice of exemption. (Planning)

Planning Director, Sean Curtis, provided a background on the proposed parcel split.

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Coe, seconded by Supervisor Cavasso to approve as amended a Resolution for Parcel Map (PM 2023-04) as filed by Otto Huffman and adopt a corrected notice of exemption reflecting 62 acres.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution# 2024-05

RESULT:	APPROVE AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
SECONDER:	Elizabeth Cavasso, Supervisor District IV
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2024-05

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3.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to waive the first reading of an Ordinance to rezone Assessor Parcel Number 007-010-008-000, owned by Otto Huffman; from Unclassified (U) zone to Agriculture General (AG) zone within the boundaries of Parcel Map (PM2023-04) and set the second reading for February 6, 2024. (Planning)

Planning Director, Sean Curtis, provided a background on the proposed parcel split.

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

4. Consent Agenda Items:

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

- 4.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and Heard's East 4th Street Storage for the lease of storage space not to exceed \$80.00 per month, effective October 3, 2022. (Public Health)

Contract# 2024-03

- 4.b. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and Swift Mini Storage, LLC for the lease of storage space not to exceed \$150.00 per month, effective January 3, 2024. (Public Health)

Contract# 2024-04

- 4.c. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and Tri West Healthcare for participation in Tri West's network for Tri West administered health care programs, effective March 15, 2023 through December 31, 2024. (Behavioral Health)

Contract# 2024-05

- 4.d. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign an annual contract between the County of Modoc and California Department Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Pest Detection Agreement 23-0234-005-SF for the amount not to exceed \$6,486.00, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. (Agriculture)

Contract# 2024-06

- 4.e. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the County Administrative Officer to sign a lease renewal between the Quality Children's Services and the Newell Migrant Center, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. (Agriculture)

Contract# 2024-07

- 4.f. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign an annual Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Modoc and California Seed Law for the Sampling of Seed not to exceed \$250.00, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. (Agriculture)

Contract# 2024-08

- 4.g. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval of a corrected action to appoint District Attorney, Nina Salarno, to the Board of Employee Appeals for Modoc County, effective January 3, 2024 through December 31, 2026. (Board of Supervisors)
- 4.h. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting the reappointment of Patricia Cantrall as a committee member to the Modoc County Behavioral Health Advisory Board, effective October 27, 2022 through October 26, 2025. (Behavioral Health)
- 4.i. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting the reappointment of Harry Hitchings as a committee member to the Modoc County Behavioral Health Advisory Board, effective October 27, 2023 through October 26, 2026. (Behavioral Health)
- 4.j. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting the reappointment of Clifton Inaba as a committee member to the Modoc County Behavioral Health Advisory Board, effective October 27, 2023 through October 26, 2026. (Behavioral Health)
- 4.k. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval to reappoint Daisy Turpin to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board, effective October 27, 2023 through October 26, 2026. (Behavioral Health)

5. Treasurer/Tax Collector Items:

- 5.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval to sell tax-defaulted property subject to the Tax Collector's power to sale in a public auction format on the website: www.bid4assets.com. (Treasurer/Tax Collector)

Treasurer/Tax Collector, Cheryl Knoch, provided a background on the proposed power to sale.

A discussion was held and several questions were asked of Treasurer/Tax Collector Knoch.

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

6. Health Services Items:

- 6.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval of a Resolution authorizing the appointment of an independent hearing panel for the Local Enforcement Agency, effective January 23, 2024. (Public Health)

Director of Health Services, Stacy Sphear, provided a background on the proposed resolution.

Resolution# 2024-06

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

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2024-06

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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7. Behavioral Health Items:

- 7.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and Siskiyou Joint Community College District for the Alcohol and Drug Clinical Experience Program, effective January 1, 2024 through January 1, 2026. (Behavioral Health)**

Director of Health Services, Stacy Sphar, provided a background on the proposed contract.

A discussion was held and several questions were asked of the Director of Health Services Sphar.

Contract# 2024-09

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

8. Social Services Items:

- 8.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting permission to voluntarily demote one (1) Social Worker II, Range 255: Step-D; \$4,511.00 monthly to an Employment and Training Worker I, Range 221: Step-D; \$3,807.00 monthly, effective January 1, 2024. (Social Services)**

Director of Social Services, Tom Sandage, provided a background on the proposed voluntary demotion.

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

9. Watermaster Items:

- 9.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a budget modification for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to Watermaster Fund 667, modifying expenditures in the amount of \$6,000.00. (Watermaster)**

Interim Watermaster, Peggy Ash, provided a background on the proposed budget modification.

A discussion was held and several questions were asked of Interim Watermaster Ash.

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

10. Agriculture Items:

- 10.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and Clark Pest Control for domestic pest control in the Newell Migrant Center housing units not to exceed \$658.00 regular service fee for four (4) months of the year, with an initial service fee of \$658.00, effective January 11, 2024 until terminated. (Agriculture)**

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

Contract# 2024-10

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

11. Resource Analyst Items:

- 11.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting a delegation of authority for the Chair of the Board to sign comments on the Forest Service's Old Growth Management proposal. (Natural Resources)**

Resource Analyst, Sean Curtis, provided a background on the proposed delegation of authority for comments on the Forest Service Old Growth Management.

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

12. Administrative Services Items:

- 12.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract proposal between the County of Modoc and SLB dba GeothermEx Inc. for asset valuation services in the amount of \$13,050.00, effective January 23, 2024. (Administrative Services)**

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

Contract# 2024-11

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

13. Comments/Reports:

a. Public Comments

None.

b. Administrative Services Report

None.

c. Department Head Reports

None.

d. Board of Supervisors Reports

Supervisor Rhoads had no report.

Supervisor Byrne reported on the following: 1) Endangered Species Act (ESA) Consultation Management Team meeting; 2) Tri-Counties meeting; 3) Public Lands Steering Committee monthly meeting; 4) Lunch with Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) and Senator Alvarado-Gil; 5) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), Golden State Financing Authority (GSFA), and Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) Board meetings; 6) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Leadership reception; 7) Monthly meetings between Siskiyou, Modoc, Klamath, Del Norte and Humboldt counties briefing call; 8) AB1234 Public Ethics training; 9) Meeting with the Modoc County Administrative Officer (CAO) and the Klamath Water Users Association; 10) Big Valley Groundwater Water Quality Ad Hoc Committee meeting; 11) Apiary Ad Hoc Committee meeting; 12) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Officers call; 13) Call from constituents regarding lack of a deputy in Adin and juvenile vandalism problems.

Supervisor Cavasso reported on the following: 1) Wildland Fire Leadership Council - Western Region Leadership; 2) Alturas Swimming Pool Committee meeting; 3) Wildland Fire Leadership Council Western Region Monthly Cohesive Strategy meeting; 4) First 5 Modoc Commission meeting; 5) AB1234 Public Ethics training; 6) Wildland Fire Leadership Council Western Region:

Urban Firestorm/Conflagration workgroup; 7) Update of the Boards and Commissions list to remove California Sierra Eastside Prioritization Group; 8) Calls from constituents regarding the Public Health parking lot; 9) Sierra Nevada Conservancy update.

Supervisor Coe reported on the following: 1) Tri-Counties meeting; 2) National Association of Counties (NACO) Public Lands Council meeting; 3) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) board meeting and leadership reception; 4) California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Executive Committee meeting; 5) Broadband meeting; 6) AB1234 Public Ethics training; 7) Broadband meeting with the Fort Bidwell Tribe; 8) Apiary Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Supervisor Starr reported on the following: 1) Modoc County Historical Society and voluntary meeting; 2) Alturas Garden Club meeting; 3) Meeting with Health Services to review the Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Center operations; 4) 24th Annual Economic Forecast from the Northstate Planning and Development Collective; 5) Forest Service County Coordination meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn the January 23, 2024 meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned to meet in special session on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Tiffany A. Martinez
Clerk of the Board

Shane Starr
Chair, Modoc County Board of Supervisors