

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 24, 2023

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
Margaret Long	County Counsel	Present	10:00 AM
Mickey Cole	Extra Help	Present	10:00 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Prayer

Senior Pastor of Christian Life Assembly, Clarence McCarty, offered a prayer.

Public Comment

None.

Approval or Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Extra Help, Mickey Cole, reported that on item 1.a. the effective date should be through January 31, 2024.

Supervisor Cavasso reported the next Board of Supervisors meeting date listed on the agenda should be February 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

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

Correspondence

Extra Help, Mickey Cole, added the following to the record: 1) A letter from the State of California Wildlife Conservation Board providing notice they will consider the allocation of a grant to the California Rangeland Trust to assist in its acquisition of a conservation easement; 2) Correspondence received from the California Fish and Game Commission providing notice of proposed changes in elk hunting regulations; 3) Correspondence received from the California Fish and Game Commission providing notice of proposed changes in lobster and hoop net regulations.

- a. **Correspondence Received - State of California Wildlife Conservation Board proposed grant to assist the California Rangeland Trust in the acquisition of a conservation easement.**

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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- b. **Correspondence Received - State of California Fish and Game Commission notice of proposed changes in lobster and hoop net regulations.**

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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- c. **Correspondence Received - State of California Fish and Game Commission notice of proposed changes in elk hunting regulations.**

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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Department Head Reports

None.

1. Administrative Services Items:

1.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a resolution to approve of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the United Public Employees of California (UPEC) Local 792 (General Unit) and the County of Modoc, effective from ratification through January 1, 2024. (Administrative Services)

County Administrative Officer (CAO), Chester Robertson, provided a background resolution and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). CAO Robertson detailed one of the major changes within the MOU was to correct the longevity issue with CalPERS, where employees were receiving longevity into an infinity of steps and CalPERS was no longer recognizing their years of service. CAO Robertson detailed the second major change was the county agreeing to picking up the difference in the health insurance costs from prior years for a one year period.

A brief discussion was held regarding the proper process for future job reclassification requests.

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Coe, seconded by Supervisor Cavasso to approve of a Resolution approving of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the United Public Employees of California (UPEC) Local 792 (General Unit) and the County of Modoc, effective from ratification through January 31, 2024.

Resolution# 2023-03

Contract# 2023-10(A)

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

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2023-03

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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FINAL CERTIFIED CONTRACT# 2023-10(A)

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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1.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Modoc and Robert K. Weidner for government relations advisory services in the amount of \$15,000.00, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. (Administrative Services)

Supervisor Coe requested technical changes be made to the document which included: 1) Removal of references to Tri-Counties; 2) Under "Responsibilities", the words commissioners participating should be removed; 3) Under II C., removal of affected counties and replace with Modoc County.

Supervisor Byrne requested a correction to the spelling of Coalition.

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Coe, seconded by Supervisor Byrne to approve as amended and authorize the chair of the Board to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Modoc and Robert K. Weidner for government relations advisory services in the amount of \$15,000.00, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, with the addition of the following technical changes:

- 1. Under Section II D, removal of Tri-County and replace with Modoc.**
- 2. Under Section II Responsibilities, removal of "& Commissioners of participating coalition counties including".**
- 3. Spelling correction of coalition in item II D.**
- 4. Under Section II C, removal of affected counties and replace with Modoc County.**

Contract# 2023-11

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

2. Public Hearing - 10:00 AM:

2.a. PUBLIC HEARING: Establishing fees for industrial hemp cultivation. (Agriculture)

The Chair of the Board opened the public hearing at 10:11 a.m.

Acting Agriculture Commissioner/ Sealer of Weights and Measures, Rick Gurrola, provided a background on the required resolution to establish fees for the cultivation of industrial hemp. Agriculture Commissioner Gurrola reported the state licensing fee of \$900.00, was extremely low and may need to be adjusted in the future. Agriculture Commissioner Gurrola reported the actual acreage of industrial hemp has continued to decline all over the United States and especially in California because of the lack of viable markets. Agriculture Commissioner Gurrola reported the resolution would allow growers to produce industrial hemp while allowing Modoc County to recover the fees that would be involved with issuing a license and doing the necessary inspections.

Proponents: None.

Opponents: None.

There being no public members present to speak on the matter, the Chair of the Board closed the public hearing at 10:14 a.m.

3. Agriculture Items:

3.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution establishing fees for industrial hemp cultivation. (Agriculture)

Supervisor Byrne recommended the fee verbiage be adjusted to reflect potential future fee adjustments by the State of California.

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Byrne, seconded by Supervisor Cavasso to approve as amended of a Resolution establishing fees for industrial hemp cultivation with the addition of the following: 1) In Item 1 under Fees, the addition of verbiage to read "or current California Department of Food and Agricultural Registration Fee".

Resolution# 2023-04

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

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2023-04

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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4. First 5 Modoc Items:

4.a. PRESENTATION: Presentation by the Executive Director of First 5 Modoc on the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 summary evaluation of programs and current systems change investments. (First 5 Modoc Commission)

Executive Director of First 5 Modoc, Nicole Hinton, provided a report on the following: 1) Improved Child Health; 2) Improved Child Development; 3) Improved Family Functioning; 4) Improved Systems of Care; 5) Summary and evaluation of programs; 6) Overview of Goals Achieved in Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

A discussion was held regarding organizational operations and funding streams and questions were asked of Executive Director of First 5 Modoc Hinton.

Executive Director of First 5 Modoc Hinton reported she would perform additional research and planned to present further information to the board in March, 2023.

5. Consent Agenda Items:

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

- 5.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Director of Social Services to sign the 2019 Medi-Cal Privacy and Security Agreement (PSA) agreement amendment, effective September 1, 2019 through March 1, 2024. (Social Services)**

Contract# 2023-12

- 5.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Director of Social Services to sign an annual Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Modoc Communications System Dispatch Center between the Modoc County Department of Social Services and the Modoc County Sheriff's Office, not to exceed \$10,000.00, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. (Social Services)**

Contract# 2023-13

- 5.c. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Director of Health Services to sign the amended contract between the County of Modoc and Women's Recovery Services to meet requirements set by the California Department of Health Care Services for the Substance Abuse Block Grant not to exceed \$50,000.00, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. (Behavioral Health)**

Contract# 2023-14

- 5.d. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign the ninth amendment to the Refuse Collection Agreement between USA Waste of California, Inc. dba Alturas Disposal and the County of Modoc, extension effective February 28, 2023 through February 28, 2024. (Public Works)**

Contract# 2023-15

6. Treasurer/Tax Collector Items:

- 6.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution renewing the delegation of investment authority to the Treasurer for the year February 1, 2023 through February 1, 2024. (Treasurer/Tax Collector)**

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

Resolution# 2023-05

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

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2023-05

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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7. Social Services 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 The Regents of the University of California, UC Davis Continuing and Professional Education for the Cal-OAR Services Agreement not to exceed \$68,543.00, effective February 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024. (Social Services)**

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

Contract# 2023-16

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

8. Health Services Items:

- 8.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Director of Health Services to sign an amendment to the contract between the County of Modoc and the Department of Health Care Services to increase the Substance Use programs funding from \$303,856.00 to \$7,076,900.00, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. (Behavioral Health)**

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

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

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Cavasso, seconded by Supervisor Starr to approve as amended and authorize the Chair of the Board and the Director of Health Services to sign an amendment to the contract between the County of Modoc and the Department of Health Care Services to increase the Substance Use programs funding from \$303,856.00 to \$364,285.00, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

Contract# 2023-17

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

Handout Provided - Agreement with adjusted dollar amount.

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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9. Probation Items:

- 9.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to award bid and authorize the purchase of two (2) Ford Interceptor All Wheel Drive (AWD) sport utility vehicles (SUV's) with prisoner transport cages from 911 Rapid Response per County Code 3.24, in the amount of \$59,127.25 per vehicle. (Probation)**

Chief Probation Officer, Stephen Svetitch, and Support Services Administrator, Don Raymond, provided a background on the proposed vehicle purchase and reported Future Ford had become the lowest bidder due to sales tax not being included in the Rapid Response 911 bid. Support Services Raymond reported the current department vehicles would be sold via a public auction site after the new vehicles were delivered.

A discussion was held and several questions were asked.

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Cavasso, seconded by Supervisor Coe to approve as amended to award bid and authorize the purchase of two (2) Ford Interceptor All Wheel Drive (AWD) sport utility vehicles (SUV's) with prisoner transport cages from Future Ford of Sacramento per County Code 3.24, in the amount of \$59,279.55 per vehicle.

Contract# 2023-18

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

9.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting to reclassify the salary and update the class specification for the Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Range 300: Step A-F; \$4,355.00 - \$5,559.00 monthly. (Probation)

Chief Probation Officer, Stephen Svetich, and Support Services Administrator, Don Raymond, provided a background on the proposed reclassification of the position. Support Services Administrator Raymond provided a handout detailing the workflow of the Probation Department.

A lengthy discussion was held and several questions were asked of Chief Probation Officer Svetich and Support Services Administrator Raymond.

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Starr, seconded by Supervisor Coe to approve as amended to reclassify the salary and update the class specification for the Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Range 300: Step A-F; \$4,355.00 - \$5,559.00 monthly to Range 371: Step A-F; \$6,207.00 - \$7,921.00 monthly, effective January 24, 2023.

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

Handout Provided - Probation Department workflow chart.

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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11:10 a.m. Motion for a five minute recess.

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

11:24 a.m. The Board reconvened with Supervisor Coe, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne and Starr present.

The Chair of the Board returned to item 9.b.

Recess as the Board of Supervisors and convene at the Modoc County Air Pollution Control District.

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:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

10. Air Pollution Control District:

- 10.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution for the Grant Agreement between the Modoc County Air Pollution Control District and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to receive AB 197 Funds for Air Quality Assurance Review of Point Source Emissions Data in the amount of \$8,583.00, effective June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023. (Air Pollution Control District)**

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

Resolution# 2023-06

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

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2023-06

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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Adjourn as the Modoc County Air Pollution Control Board and reconvene as the Board of Supervisors.

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

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

11. Board of Supervisors Items:

11.a. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Review of and discussion regarding the State Responsibility Area (SRA) Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) map. (Board of Supervisors)

County Administrative Officer (CAO), Chester Robertson, provided a background on the map and reported on the following: 1) The State had created a State Responsibility Area (SRA) Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) draft map; 2) A meeting was scheduled for tonight at Devil's Garden regarding the map; 3) The Building and Planning Departments had no comments to add regarding the proposed map; 4) The Fire Safe Council had no comments to add regarding the proposed map; 5) Communication had occurred with CAL FIRE in an effort to determine which areas on the map were subject to change.

A discussion was held and members of the Board of Supervisors expressed their concerns with the map in regards to the following: 1) Insurance increases in high fire areas could affect constituents; 2) How severity levels on the map were determined; 3) Lack of transparency with roll out of map; 4) How would future updates to map occur; 5) Safe guards of the map not being used to set insurance rates or the denial of insurance; 6) Notification to Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) regarding the map.

A lengthy discussion was held and several questions were asked of CAO Robertson.

CAO Robertson stated he would relay the Board of Supervisors concerns at the meeting tonight, and would draft a comment letter to present to the board at the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

12. Comments/Reports:

a. Public Comments

None.

b. Administrative Services Report

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, thanked the Road Department and staff for their presentation the previous night regarding the Clean California grant for the Dorris and Alturas Veterans Park program.

Supervisor Cavasso asked if there had been any major changes from the paper submission for the Veterans Park program.

Road Commissioner, Mitch Crosby, replied there had been no major changes from the paper submission.

c. Department Head Reports

Assistant County Administrative Officer, Tiffany Martinez, reported on the following: 1) The Code Enforcement portal had gone live on the county website; 2) Ways that the public could access the Code Enforcement portal; 3) Building and Planning Department's on line application portal was live for constituents to submit building applications remotely.

d. Board of Supervisors Reports

Supervisor Byrne reported on the following: 1) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA), and Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) meetings and officer installation reception; 2) Big Valley Advisory Committee (BVAC) and Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGMA) consultation call; 3) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) officer's meeting.

Supervisor Starr reported on the following: 1) Stakeholders meeting; 2) Constituent meetings; 3) Modoc Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) meeting; 4) Parks meeting.

Supervisor Coe reported on the following: 1) NorCal Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board meeting; 2) Klamath Watershed temporary operating plan meeting; 3) Rural County Representative of California (RCRC) Board meeting and officer installation; 4) National Association of Counties (NACo) Western Region meeting; 5) California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Executive Committee meeting.

Supervisor Cavasso reported on the following: 1) Participation on the interview panel for the Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Services (OES) position; 2) Participation on the interview panel for the second round of interviews for the Deputy Director of OES position; 3) Meeting with the Executive Director of First 5 Modoc, Nicole Hinton; 4) Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) and Juvenile Justice partnership meeting; 5) Sierra East Side Regional Coordination group (a subgroup of the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Taskforce) meeting; 6) Constituent call from Modoc County resident, Kara Binning regarding her concerns with remote work in the Planning Department.

Supervisor Rhoads reported on the following: 1) Participation on the interview panel for the Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Services (OES) position; 2) Participation on the interview panel for the second round of interviews for the Deputy Director of OES position; 3) Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting; 4) Law Library meeting; 5) United States Forest Service (USFS) Coordination Meeting.

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:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

13. Closed Session:

**13.a. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957; Performance Evaluation;
Title: Director of Health Services. (Administrative Services)**

RESULT:	EVALUATION HELD
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**13.b. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957; Performance Evaluation;
Title: Road Commissioner. (Administrative Services)**

RESULT:	EVALUATION HELD
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**13.c. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957; Performance Evaluation;
Title: County Administrative Officer. (Administrative Services)**

RESULT:	EVALUATION HELD
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4:37 p.m. The Board reconvened and reported out of closed session with Supervisor Coe, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne and Starr present.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn the January 24, 2023 meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 PM

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned to meet in regular session Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Tiffany A. Martinez
Clerk of the Board

Kathie Rhoads
Chair, Modoc County Board of Supervisors