

NED COE
1st District

KATHIE RHOADS
3rd District

ELIZABETH CAVASSO
4th District

GERI BYRNE
5th District



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REGULAR MEETING

January 25, 2022

10:00 AM Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Ned Coe	Supervisor District I	Present	10:00 AM
Kathie Rhoads	Supervisor District III	Present	10:00 AM
Elizabeth Cavasso	Supervisor District IV	Remote	10:00 AM
Geri Byrne	Supervisor District V	Present	10:00 AM
Tiffany Martinez	Clerk of the Board/ACAO	Present	10:00 AM
Mickey Cole	Extra Help	Present	10:00 AM
Chester Robertson	County Administration Officer	Present	10:00 AM
Margaret Long	County Counsel	Present	10:00 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Prayer

Public Comment

Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC) and California Advisory Committee to Indian Health Services representative, Rosemary Nelson, urged Modoc County constituents to follow current COVID-19 guidelines and recommendations. Committee member Nelson relayed diabetes is the number one mortality risk factor with COVID-19. Representative Nelson reported Indian Health Service at the national level had been working to vaccinate all tribal members and had currently vaccinated more than any other group. Representative Nelson encouraged Modoc County constituents to participate in COVID-19 vaccination efforts, in order to reach 80% community vaccination levels and achieve herd immunity. Representative Nelson reported that Modoc County is currently at a forty or forty-one percent vaccination level. Representative Nelson asked that Modoc County residents encourage others to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Approval or Additions/Deletions to Agenda

The Chair of the Board reported the Office of Emergency Services has requested to remove item 5.a.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

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

Correspondence

Supervisor Coe reported he received a letter from NorCal EMS, Dan Spies, who served as the Executive Director of NorCal EMS for forty-five years. A planned Retirement party for Dan Spies was postponed last year due to fire activity and increased COVID-19 activity. Dan has requested to cancel his retirement party and instead create a Certification Assistance Fund to aid Emergency Medical Responders (EMR) and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) to meet their certification costs. NorCal EMS has contributed to the fund and is seeking individual contributions to the fund.

Clerk of the Board Extra help, Mickey Cole, reported receiving a letter from Modoc County resident, Doreen SmithPower, relating to government codes regarding Board of Supervisors minutes.

a. Correspondence Received - Notice of Proposed Changes in Regulations - December 28, 2021 Recreational Clam, Sand Crab and Shrimp Gear.

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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b. Correspondence Received - Lassen County Board of Supervisors comment letter, Draft "Pathways to 30x30 strategy".

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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Department Head Reports

1. Public Hearing - 10:00 AM:

The Chair of the Board read the item into the record and opened the public hearing at 10:07 a.m.

1.a. PUBLIC HEARING: Amending Section 8.40-050 - Membership of Chapter 8.40 - Children and Families Commission Amendment of Section 8.40-050 - Membership of Chapter 8.40 - Modoc County Children and Families Commission, also known as First 5 Modoc, to include item (h) Representatives of the community at large within Modoc County. (First 5 Modoc Commission)

The Chair of the Board read the item into the record and opened the public hearing at 10:07 a.m.

Executive Director of First 5 Modoc, Nicole Hinton, provided a background on the proposed amended section.

Proponents:
None.

Opponents:
None.

There being no public present to speak on the matter, the Chair of the Board closed the public hearing at 10:08 a.m.

2. First 5 Modoc Items:

- 2.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to waive the first reading of Ordinance 321-D to amend Chapter 8.40 Children and Families Commission, Section 8.40.050 Membership of the Modoc County Code and set the second reading for February 8, 2022. (First 5 Modoc Commission)**

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

3. Consent Agenda Items:

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

- 3.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting the appointment of Kris Anderson to the Modoc County Law Library, effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. (Board of Supervisors)**
- 3.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Director of Health Services to sign a Professional Services agreement between the County of Modoc and First 5 Modoc for the purpose of providing COVID vaccine outreach and education not to exceed \$100,000.00, effective January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022. (Health Services)**

Contract #2022-05

- 3.c. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Director of Health Services to sign the Modoc County Behavioral Health Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Fiscal Year 2021-2022 addendum that addresses the new Workforce Education and Training (WET) project. (Behavioral Health)**

- 3.d. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Director of Health Services to sign a Professional Services agreement between the County of Modoc and TEACH Inc., for the purpose of providing COVID vaccine outreach and education not to exceed \$100,000.00, effective January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022. (Health Services)

Contract #2022-06

- 3.e. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval of the December 21, 2021 Board of Supervisors Special meeting minutes. (Clerk of the Board)
- 3.f. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval of the December 14, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. (Clerk of the Board)
- 3.g. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval of the December 15, 2021 Board of Supervisors Special meeting minutes. (Clerk of the Board)
- 3.h. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Director of Health Services to sign a contract between Modoc County Behavioral Health and Sutter Center for Psychiatry not to exceed \$20,000.00, effective dates July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. (Behavioral Health)

Contract# 2022-07

- 3.i. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Director of Health Services to sign a contract between Modoc County Behavioral Health and Vista Pacifica Enterprises not to exceed \$300,000.00, effective dates July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. (Behavioral Health)

Contract# 2022-08

4. Sheriff/Coroner Items:

- 4.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval of budget modification for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 to DOJ - Lifescan Fund 04743, modifying expenditures in the amount of \$10,220.00. (Sheriff's Office)

County Administrative Officer (CAO), Chester Robertson, provided a background on the proposed budget modification, and reported the funds would be used to replace the current Lifescan machine as well as pay dues for the equipment.

Supervisor Byrne asked when the last Lifescan machine was purchased.

CAO Robertson reported the previous machine was purchased in 2013 or 2014.

Supervisor Coe asked what is the revenue source for Lifescan.

CAO Robertson reported there is a fee charged when individuals utilize Lifescan services, which would create revenue.

Supervisor Cavasso asked what is the annual maintenance fee and would that fee remain the same in subsequent years.

CAO Robertson reported he did not currently have that information.

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

5. Emergency Services Items:

- 5.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of budget modification for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 to Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) 19/20 Fund 135-8319, modifying expenditures in the amount of \$37,241.00. - Removed from the agenda by requesting department. (Office of Emergency Services)**

Item 5.a. was pulled from the agenda by the Office of Emergency Services.

RESULT:	NO ACTION
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6. Treasurer/Tax Collector Items:

- 6.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting permission to add one (1) Treasurer-Tax Collector Specialist II, Range 240 to the allocation table and promote from within, effective January 1, 2022. (Treasurer/Tax Collector)**

Treasurer/Tax Collector, Cheryl Knoch, provided a background on the proposed allocation and promotion.

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

- 6.b. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution renewing the delegation of investment authority to the Treasurer for the year February 1, 2022 to February 1, 2023. (Treasurer/Tax Collector)**

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

Resolution# 2022-03

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

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2022-03

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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7. Veterans Services Items:

- 7.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a budget modification for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund 001; Veterans Services Unit 4210, modifying revenue in the amount of \$450.00. (Administrative Services)**

County Administrative Officer (CAO), Chester Robertson, provided a background on the proposed budget modification.

Supervisor Coe asked if the budget modification would be modifying expenditures rather than revenue.

CAO Robertson reported the budget modification would be modifying revenue.

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Cavasso, seconded by Supervisor Rhoads to approve as amended a budget modification for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund 001; Veterans Services Unit 4210, modifying expenditures in the amount of \$450.00. (Administrative Services)

Motion carried unanimously.

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

8. Administrative Services Items:

- 8.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a budget modification for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 to General Fund 001; Natural Resources Unit 2660, modifying expenditures in the amount of \$11,700.00. (Administrative Services)**

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

Supervisor Byrne thanked the board for supporting this as it directly benefits her district. Supervisor Byrne detailed coordination efforts with other agencies, including the Bureau of Reclamation regional level and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Supervisor Coe reported the contracted individual has been an asset to the process, providing important contacts as well as assisting in maintaining the message throughout the process.

Supervisor Byrne expressed agreement with Supervisor Coe. Supervisor Byrne reported although this budget modification would benefit one district directly, it would indirectly benefit the entire county as a whole due to revenue generated in that district.

Doreen SmithPower provided comments regarding advertisement and bids and discussed her background and experience with Natural Resources summaries and water rights laws.

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

8.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution establishing interim personnel policies related to COVID-19 effective January 25, 2022 through March 25, 2022. (Administrative Services)

County Administrative Officer (CAO), Chester Robertson, provided a background on the proposed resolution. CAO Robertson detailed the ways in which the policy is meant to benefit County employees during the current wave of COVID-19. CAO Robertson reported the resolution would be a temporary benefit that would end in sixty (60) days if it not renewed.

Assistant County Administrative Officer, Tiffany Martinez, provided a correction to the word "fourteen" to be changed to "five" days in the printed resolution, which would adhere to new COVID-19 quarantine recommendations.

Resolution# 2022-04

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

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2022-04

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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8.c. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a Client Services Agreement between the County of Modoc and Land IQ, LLC for Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping services for the Big Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan, not to exceed \$6,800.00. (Administrative Services)

Assistant County Administrative Officer, Tiffany Martinez, provided a background on the proposed agreement for mapping services.

Contract# 2022-09

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

9. Comments/Reports:

a. Public Comments

Doreen SmithPower provided public comments regarding an appellate brief she previously provided to Supervisor Coe relating to employees mandatory testing and mandatory vaccines. SmithPower discussed the way in which she submitted the brief.

Supervisor Byrne recommended public comments be sent to the Clerk of the Board, which would then be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

b. Administrative Services Report

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a report on the following: 1) Attended Rural Action Caucus (RAC) meeting; 2) Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) meeting; 3) Trindel Insurance Board meetings; 4) Library Advisory Board meeting; 5) Many employees currently working remotely including Probation, Health Services, as well as other departments due to pandemic COVID-19 cases; 6) Meeting with Agriculture department regarding bids for springtime weed spraying and providing earlier bids.

c. Department Head Reports

Assistant County Administrative Officer (ACAO), Tiffany Martinez, reported on the following: 1) Provided an update on the DWR Grant for Big Valley Groundwater Basin; 2) Waters of the United States webinar, which discussed local coordination methods. ACAO Martinez reported comments would be due February 7, 2022 and she believes comments submitted by staff would be valuable.

Supervisor Coe and Supervisor Byrne expressed agreement that submitting comments would be valuable.

d. Board of Supervisors Reports

Supervisor Cavasso provided a report on the following: 1) Wildland Fire Leadership Counsel Western Region cohesive strategy call; 2) Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) meeting; 3) First 5 Modoc meeting; 4) Moving Modoc Forward task force meeting; 5) Alturas City Pool committee meeting; 6) Clean California local grant meeting; 7) Multiple calls and text messages from constituents regarding code violations in Alturas which was then discussed with the Sheriff for further code enforcement information; 8) Sierra East Side Regional Prioritization group meeting; 9) iWork demo meeting; 10) Library Advisory Board meeting; 11) Attended Cheryl Baker's retirement party.

Supervisor Coe provided a report on the following: 1) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Zoom meeting; 2) Moving Modoc Forward meeting; 3) California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee Meeting; 4) Modoc Resource Conservation District (RCD) meeting; 5) Golden State Natural Resources (GSNR) meeting; 6) Technology Review Ad Hoc meeting; 7) National Association of Counties (NACo) West Region meeting; 8) Wolf Working Group meeting.

Supervisor Rhoads provided a report on the following: 1) Rural Action Caucus (RAC) meeting.

Supervisor Byrne provided a report on the following: 1) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Zoom meeting; 2) Several calls and emails regarding code enforcement with a Town Hall meeting organized with Lassen County for March 1, 2022; 3) Call from Lassen County Supervisor Albaugh regarding Golden State Connect (arm of RCRC) meeting; 4) Tri-County water issue press release.

10:51 a.m. Motion to go into Closed Session.

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

10. Closed Session:

10.a. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957; Performance Evaluation; Title: Road Commissioner. (Board of Supervisors)

RESULT:	EVALUATION HELD
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10.b. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957; Performance Evaluation; Title: Health Services Director. (Board of Supervisors)

RESULT: EVALUATION HELD

**10.c. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957; Performance Evaluation;
Title: County Counsel. (Board of Supervisors)**

RESULT: EVALUATION COMPLETED AND DIRECTION GIVEN
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**10.d. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957; Performance Evaluation;
Title: County Administrative Officer. (Board of Supervisors)**

RESULT: EVALUATION HELD

1:27 p.m. The Board reconvened and reported out of closed session with Supervisor Coe, Rhoads, Cavasso and Byrne present.

ADJOURNMENT

1:28 p.m. Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn the January 25, 2022 meeting.

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

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned to meet in regular session Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Tiffany A. Martinez
Clerk of the Board

Geri Byrne
Chair, Modoc County Board of Supervisors