

NED COE
1st District

PATRICIA CULLINS
2nd District

KATHIE RHOADS
3rd District

ELIZABETH CAVASSO
4th District

GERI BYRNE
5th District



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January 26, 2021

10:00 AM Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Prayer

Public Comment

Jay Jones provided comments regarding the Healthy Communities resolution. Mr. Jones read from a letter by Sheriff, Tex Dowdy, regarding the Sheriff's support of the Healthy Communities resolution. Mr. Jones urged the Board of Supervisors to place the resolution on the next agenda for consideration.

State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention Battalion Chief, Steve Walker, reported the Governor's budget shows the Devil's Garden Conservation Camp #40 being depopulated and then repopulated. Chief Walker reported the Department of Corrections removed all inmates and staff from the camp in December. Chief Walker reported Cal Fire is anticipating the repopulation of the camp with fire fighters. Chief Walker reported the previous staffing level of Cal Fire employees at the Devil's Garden camp was twenty-four (24) permanent personnel and reported the new staffing level appears to be twenty-three (23) permanent personnel with eighty (80) seasonal fire fighters. Chief Walker reported fuels work will continue and improvements to the facility are the priority for 2021. Chief Walker invited the Board of Supervisors to take a tour of the facility and thanked the Sheriff and local California Highway Patrol for their assistance with the security and patrol of the facility. Walker reported there will be long term funding of the camp and detailed the steps being taken to staff the facility.

Approval or Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Supervisor Cavasso requested to pull item 1.a. from the consent agenda.

Clerk of the Board, Tiffany Martinez, reported 1.a. will be placed as 10.a. on the agenda.

Supervisor Byrne requested to remove items 8.a. and 8.b. from the agenda.

Clerk of the Board Martinez reported she received a message from Sheriff, Tex Dowdy, requesting to remove item 5.a. from the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

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

Correspondence

Correspondence Received - State of California Fish and Game Commission - Notice of proposed regulatory action relative to Section 502, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to Waterfowl hunting season 2021- 2022.

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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Correspondence Received - United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management - Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) (DOI-BLM-CA-NO20-2021-0009-EA).

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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Department Head Reports

Planning Director/Natural Resources Analyst, Sean Curtis, provided a report regarding the settlement of the lawsuit by Modoc County grazers for the over population of wild horses on the Devils' Garden Modoc National Forest. Planning Director Curtis reported he has been working with grazers to submit comments on the draft biological opinion for Lost River and Short Nose Sucker fish. Planning Director Curtis reported they are considering bringing the last twenty years (20) of research from the University of California regarding the positive affects of grazing to the Board of Supervisors for the approval as an appendix to the counties local recovery plan for the two fish species listed. Planning Director Curtis provided an update on the radar site and detailed the next steps of obtaining a survey and appraisal for the property.

A discussion was held and several questions were asked of staff.

Interim Director of Social Services, Tom Sandage, provided an update on the following: 1) Adult Services Master Plan on Aging executive order signed by the Governor in 2019 is a ten (10) year plan; 2) Migration to one California data base for eligibility services called California Statewide Automated

Welfare System (CalSAWS) by September of 2021; 3) California CalWORKs Outcomes and Accountability Review (Cal-OAR) a data driven program for the CalWORKs program; 4) California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) program implementation; 5) Child Welfare Services (CPS) is collaborating with Behavioral Health and Probation were mandated to implement Family Urgent Response System (FURS) by July 1, 2021 for current and future foster youth which includes a statewide hot line; 6) County Expense Claim and Reporting System (CECRIS) implementation by September of 2021.

A discussion was held and several questions were asked of staff.

1. Consent Agenda Items:

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

- 1.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and Chief Probation Officer to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and Modoc County Sheriff's Office for 911 Dispatch Services not to exceed \$600.00, effective January 19, 2021. - *Pulled from consent agenda.* (Probation)**

Contract# 2021-12

- 1.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between Vince Minto and the County of Modoc for services regarding the Williamson Act not to exceed \$3,000.00, effective January 26, 2021 through June 1, 2021. (Assessor)**

Contract# 2021-13

- 1.c. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Funding Annual Update and Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Evaluation Report as submitted. (Behavioral Health)**

Contract# 2021-14

- 1.d. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign the California Department of Veterans Affairs Subvention Certificate of Compliance for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. (Administrative Services)**

Contract# 2021-15

- 1.e. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of the January 12, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. (Clerk of the Board)**

2. Recorder Items:

- 2.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a budget modification for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 to Assessor Sec. 408.3 Fund 4785 and to General Fund 001, Assessor Unit 1150 increasing expenditures in the amount of \$11,030.02. (Assessor)**

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

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

3. Road/Airport Items:

- 3.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting authorization to revise the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Personnel Allocation Table increasing the Road Department Fiscal Officer position from one (1) to (1.33) positions. (Road/Airport)**

Road Commissioner, Mitch Crosby, provided a background on the proposed allocation table by remote location.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Patricia Cullins, Supervisor II
SECONDER:	Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor III
AYES:	Coe, Byrne, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso

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:	Patricia Cullins, Supervisor II
AYES:	Coe, Byrne, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso

4. Air Pollution Control District:

- 4.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Air Pollution Control Officer to sign an application between the Modoc County Air Pollution Control District and the Air Resources Board for \$200,000.00 to administer the Carl Moyer Program within Modoc County, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. (Air Pollution Control District)

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

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

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:	Elizabeth Cavasso, Supervisor IV
AYES:	Coe, Byrne, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso

5. Sheriff/Coroner Items:

- 5.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Modoc County Sheriff to sign a Lease Agreement between the Modoc County Sheriff's Office and CalNeva Towers for the continued use of our radio tower for their broadband equipment, effective January 1, 2021 for a period of five (5) years. - *Removed from the agenda by requesting department.* (Sheriff's Office)

Contract# 2021-17

RESULT:	NO ACTION
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- 5.b. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval of a budget modification for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 to 4603 Civil, increasing expenditures in the amount of 12,739,45. (Sheriff's Office)

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

A discussion was held and several questions were asked of Sheriff Dowdy and Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Services, Heather Hadwick.

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

6. Social Services Items:

- 6.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign an addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Modoc and multiple agencies for the System of Care, effective July 1, 2020 and shall remain in full force until the occurrence of dissolution of interests, as recognized by a majority vote of the County Board of Supervisors or Modoc County Office of Education. (Social Services)**

Interim Director of Social Services, Tom Sandage, provided a background on the proposed memorandum of understanding.

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

- 6.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting permission to promote one (1) Office Assistant II, Range 164, Step-B, \$2,322.00 monthly to an Eligibility Specialist Trainee, Range 165; Step-C, \$2,450.00 monthly, effective February 1, 2021. (Social Services)**

Interim Director of Social Services, Tom Sandage, provided a report on the proposed promotion.

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

7. Treasurer/Tax Collector Items:

7.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting a review and approval to accept the 2019-2020 Treasury Oversight Compliance Audit performed by R.J. Ricciardi, Inc. (Treasurer/Tax Collector)

Treasurer/Tax Collector, Cheryl Knoch, provided a background on the proposed audit which has been approved by the Treasury Oversight Committee. Treasurer/Tax Collector Knoch reported on the letter received from the schools

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, reported he would like to address finding 2017-01 of the 2019-2020 Treasury Oversight Compliance Audit and the letter regarding finding 2017-01 from the Modoc County Office of Education. CAO Robertson stated he feels the Office of Education deserves a verbal and written response.

CAO Robertson reported the compliance finding 2017-01 is looking quite a ways in the rear view mirror and is not looking at the county's current year. CAO Robertson reported finding 2017-01 is addressing Government Code 27136 which states "Prior to approving a withdrawal, the county treasurer shall find that the proposed withdrawal will not adversely affect the interests of the other depositors in the county treasury pool." CAO Robertson reported one of the issues the county had with the hospital deficit, was that it was created over a long period of time, and that it was adversely impacting other depositors within the treasury pool. CAO Robertson reported at that time, it was both external and internal participants within the treasury who were being affected. CAO Robertson reported that since he has worked at the county, it has affected only internal depositors within the treasury pool.

CAO Robertson reported this became the largest issue facing the county at that time and the county had to hold public hearings because the county had not provided the amount of appropriation that public safety divisions would like and other general fund departments needed to provide core essential services. CAO Robertson reported they could state that the purpose of repaying the hospital debt was to comply with the legislation, but reported the county has many other sets of legislation they must also comply with. CAO Robertson stated when you are faced with an impossible situation, and stated the only reason he felt it was an impossible situation, is that government is not designed to be profitable. CAO Robertson reported that in government you provide a service and you get a reimbursement or and appropriation, or you apply for a grant and you get reimbursed for providing that service.

CAO Robertson reported that when the county appropriated funds for the county hospital well beyond its means, at the peak time of the hospital debt, you could have shut down the entire general government portion of the county. CAO Robertson stated the general fund is the discretionary portion of the counties budget, and if appropriated to the hospital debt it would have taken three and half year (3 1/2) to pay the debt off. CAO Robertson reported that the county hospital dept was fifteen million (\$15,000,000) at its peak and when he began with the county it was at thirteen million fifty four thousand (\$13,054,000). CAO Robertson reported that when he began with the county, the county had revenue in about four million two hundred thousand (\$4,200,000) in secure roll and if you add the sales tax at about three hundred thousand (\$300,000) you would have had to shut the county down for almost three and a half years (3 1/2) in order to pay back the hospital debt. CAO

Robertson stated this is a daunting task for a government agency where those funds that are appropriated are designed to be providing mandated services for the public, not assigned to be paying back debts.

CAO Robertson reported when the county began to address repaying the debt it was to comply but was to meet the intent of the law, that it will not adversely affect the interest of the other depositors. CAO Robertson stated that in other words, by repaying the hospital debt we were taking money, by not appropriating money elsewhere in the county, general fund because it is a general fund obligation and repaying it allowed us to allow the other depositors to meet their mandated expenditure time lines. CAO Robertson reported they have statutory obligations to fulfill with funds that had been appropriate prior for the hospital. CAO Robertson reported if the county had not taken this action, they would of had an enforcement action and the county would have probably gone into bankruptcy. CAO Robertson stated the county evaluated doing lease revenue bonds, otherwise called certificates of participation to collateralize the courthouse or other county facilities in response to those up front obligations. CAO Robertson reported the county was not eligible for this option as the county did not have audits which were current nor could they meet the obligation of the payment.

CAO Robertson reported the county had to make the hospital debt the priority in the early years because the size of the debt in relation to the size of the total county treasury threatened the cash flow of the county both during the crisis and afterwards. CAO Robertson reported that progressively over time the relation of the debt to the amount of county treasury has improved. CAO Robertson reported that during the fiscal crisis the management of the county determined they did not have sufficient cash to continue to engage in grant or business activity which is on a reimbursement basis. CAO Robertson reported that it became a priority for the county to restore a healthy cash flow and treasury to return to the ability to engage in grant or business activity to provide services to the public. CAO Robertson reported the other core reason to pay down the hospital debt is that the county would have not met the legal obligation for timeline expenditure of funds. CAO Robertson detailed the bond funds throughout the county had to meet the legal obligation and avoid enforcement action. CAO Robertson reported the payment plan was also to establish a baseline of continuity for essential services provided by the county. CAO Robertson reported on the challenge of this plan for the county to pay back the debt while still meeting the minimum baseline to meet the basic requirements which are mandated by law.

CAO Robertson detailed the audit finding of stepping back from paying the hospital debt. CAO Robertson reported the county stepped back from the payment plan for the hospital debt to address other legal obligations that were near term liabilities. CAO Robertson reported these liabilities would grow at a faster rate than the hospital debt if not addressed. CAO Robertson reported if the county stepped back from paying the hospital debt it did not threaten the county's cash flow and it did not threaten the county's service delivery. CAO Robertson reported that if the county had continued to appropriate money to the hospital debt and not the other liabilities, the county would have defied the very intent that is in the government code to "adversely affect the interest of other depositors within the treasury pool."

CAO Robertson reported if the county had continue to pay the debt, it would have threatened the county to manage government appropriately. CAO Robertson reported that the county has mandate to provide service delivery but it also has an obligation to pay employees at a comparable rate. CAO

Robertson detailed the state minimum wage increase for employees which is an additional mandate the county is obligated to implement. CAO Robertson detailed the following as additional near term liabilities the county has addressed: 1) CalPERS Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL); 2) Increase in interest rates on the remaining two thirds of the hospital debt; 3) Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) liabilities have decreased and are very healthy in comparisons to other counties; 4) Higher rate in crime and funds required to meet the public safety concerns.

CAO Robertson detailed the improving health of the county treasury due to grant and business activity within the county while building the reserves of restricted funds. CAO Robertson reported on the requirements for the certificate of participation. CAO Robertson reported on the improvement of the general fund balance and the encouragement of the state to complete a certificate of participation. CAO Robertson detailed how the treasury bar charts show the improvement to the county funds which will provide the long term ability to repay the hospital debt. CAO Robertson stated he feels that he has demonstrated how the county has not adversely affected the interests of the other depositors in the county treasury pool by stepping back from paying the hospital debt. CAO Robertson stated this does not mean the status of the treasury is a legal situation but the county is addressing the situation as best as possible in the interest of the public and maintaining stability and services to the public who are ultimately the beneficiaries of the statement in the government code.

Supervisor Cavasso reported the hospital debt is a complex issue and requires complex decisions regarding the repayment of the debt and reported she feels that it is unrealistic to think that there is a linear solution. Supervisor Cavasso reported the CAO, Board of Supervisors, and other county leaders have all worked to find innovative solutions to this complex issue and stated no other depositor in the treasury pool has been adversely impacted.

Treasurer/Tax Collector, Cheryl Knoch, reported that during the Treasury Oversight Committee meeting the Treasurer and Auditor will review the budget to determine if the county could make some sort of payment towards the hospital debt rather than just the interest. Treasurer/Tax Collector Knoch reported she agrees the county is in a better financial position and the treasury is larger than it has ever been since she began with the county. Treasurer/Tax Collector Knoch stated she feels the letter received is a reminder that the county needs to work to address the issue and stated she is the Treasurer for the entire treasury pool.

Supervisor Byrne stated the outside entities should not be critical or threatening but instead come to the Board of Supervisors and have a discussion. Supervisor Byrne stated she is very disappointed the schools did not reach out to the county to discuss this issues prior to writing the letter. Supervisor Byrne stated the schools need to understand the history of all that has been done to improve the financial position of Modoc County. Supervisor Byrne state the CAO, County Treasurer, and Auditor have worked very hard to improve the County of Modoc over the ten (10) years she has been on the board. Supervisor Byrne stated she was very disappointed by the letter from the schools.

Supervisor Cavasso stated she agreed with Supervisor Byrne.

Supervisor Rhoads stated she agreed with Supervisor Byrne.

Supervisor Cullins stated she agreed with Supervisor Byrne and thanked CAO Robertson for his detailed report on the matter.

CAO Robertson reported he supports the request from the schools but recommends we address it strategically.

Treasurer/Tax Collector Knoch reported the interest rates are very low and reported the county has to invest in a safe manner.

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor III
SECONDER:	Patricia Cullins, Supervisor II
AYES:	Coe, Byrne, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso

- 7.b. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign the updated Modoc County Investment Policy, effective January 26, 2021. (Treasurer/Tax Collector)**

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

Contract# 2021-20

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

- 7.c. **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 tax sale.

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

Handout Provided - May 21-24, 2021 Tax Sale Schedule Modoc County

Handout Provided - May 21-24, 2021 Update Tax Sale Parcel List

8. Behavioral Health Items:

- 8.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and Director of Behavioral Health Services to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement between Modoc County Health Services and Partnership HealthPlan of California, a grant award of up to \$330,000.00, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. - *Item removed from the agenda* (Behavioral Health)

Contract# 2021-21

RESULT:	NO ACTION
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- 8.b. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and Director of Behavioral Health Services to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Modoc County Health Services and the County of Yolo, effective on the last date signed through December 31, 2022. - *Item removed from the agenda* (Behavioral Health)

Contract# 2021-22

RESULT:	NO ACTION
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9. Board of Supervisors Items:

- 9.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign letters of support for the Proposed Wildfire and Forest Resilience Expenditure Plan. (Board of Supervisors)

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

10. Probation Items:

- a. **Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and Chief Probation Officer to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and Modoc County Sheriff's Office for 911 Dispatch Services not to exceed \$600.00, effective January 19, 2021. - *Item moved from original posting order.***

Supervisor Cavasso reported the reason she pulled the item from the consent agenda was due to the clarity needed on the effective date.

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Cavasso, seconded by Supervisor Byrne to approve as amended and authorize the Chair of the Board and Chief Probation Officer to sign a contract

between the County of Modoc and Modoc County Sheriff's Office for 911 Dispatch Services not to exceed \$600.00, effective January 26, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

11. Comments/Reports:

a. Public Comments

None.

b. Administrative Services Report

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a report on the Coronavirus Relief Funding (CRF) accountability report in relation to software purchases.

c. Department Head Reports

None.

d. Board of Supervisors Reports

Supervisor Byrne reported on the following: 1) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC); 2) Forest Service Coordination Committee meeting; 3) Big Valley Advisory Committee meetings.

Supervisor Cavasso reported on the following: 1) Special meeting of the Continuum of Care (COC); 2) Call from a constituent regarding a nuisance abatement issue in California Pines.

Supervisor Rhoads reported on the following: 1) Forest Service Coordination meeting; 2) Treasury Oversight Committee meeting.

Supervisor Cullins reported on the following: 1) First 5 Commission meeting; 2) Community Corrections Partnerships (CCP); 2) Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting.

Supervisor Coe reported on the following: 1) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC); 2) Environmental Services Joint Powers Association (ESJPA) Special meeting; 3) 2021 CEDs Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee; 4) Department of Center (DOC) Public Health weekly COVID-19 meeting.

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

12:09 p.m. Motion to go into Closed Session.

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

2:00 p.m. The Board reconvened with Supervisor Coe, Cavasso and Byrne present. Supervisor Cullins and Rhoads and County Counsel Meyers were present by remote location.

12. Board of Supervisors Items - 2:00 P.M.

12.a. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Discussion regarding COVID-19 with the following individuals: County Health Officer, County Counsel, County Administrative Officer, and Director of Health Services. (Board of Supervisors)

Director of Health Services , Stay Sphar provided an update on the following: 1) 392 total COVID-19 cases in Modoc County; 2) 360 COVID-19 cases have recovered; 3) 28 active COVID-19 cases; 4) 1 hospitalized; 5) Since the end of October there has been a total of 11 community members hospitalized; 6) 4 deaths due to COVID-19.

Director Sphar reported the county is currently in the purple tier and is seeing a significant decline in case rates. Director Sphar reported the county will need to remain in the purple tier for three (3) weeks with low case rates and then the county will be considered to move to the red tier. Director Sphar reported the county test positivity rate is 1.3%. Director Sphar reported the schools have been open since the fall semester and stated Public Health is working close with all school districts to address issues as they arise. Director Sphar reported on the high case rates in the Skilled Nursing Facilities and reported the four (4) deaths which have occurred were related to these facilities. Director Sphar reported on the additional staffing provided through the state to Modoc Medical Center and Surprise Valley Healthcare District to address concerns and assist during recovery from the initial surge.

Director Sphar reported the county has conducted a total of 8,525 test throughout Modoc County. Director Sphar provided an update on testing services provided by the state and detailed the shared testing site with Sierra, Modoc, Lassen and Plumas counties. Director Sphar provided an overview of the coordination of COVID-19 testing with Native American partners. Director Sphar reported on the expansion of direct testing with the schools for students and staff if they choose to use the services. Director Sphar reported on the continued educational outreach on prevention methods being conducted in Modoc County.

Director Sphar provided an update on the vaccination progress in Modoc County and reported there has be 1,437 doses given with thirteen nurses vaccinating throughout the county. Director Sphar provided an overview of the targeted populations vaccinated and an update on the upcoming allocation of vaccine doses.

Director Sphar reported she will be meeting with Siskiyou and Klamath County public health regarding the upcoming agricultural planting season and the continued focus of serving the migrant populations.

Director Sphar reminded the public to continue with non- pharmaceutical practices of wearing masks, washing hands, ect.

A discussion was held and several questions were asked of Dr. Sphar and Dr. Richert in relation to COVID-19 and the Healthy Communities Resolution.

Supervisor Cavasso thanked Dr. Sphar and Dr. Richert for their leadership throughout COVID-19 pandemic.

Supervisor Coe also thanked Dr. Sphar and Dr. Richert for their leadership throughout COVID-19 pandemic.

A further discussion was held and several questions were asked regarding neighboring states.

Noelle Jones thanked the board for having this discussion in open session. Jones expressing her concerns regarding the Governor's ability to institute a stay at home order. Jones reported she feels the power to make decisions should be in our county regarding COVID-19.

Jay Jones thanked the board for having the discussion in open session. Jay Jones reported the resolution could be changed to fit Modoc County and does not have to be the same as other counties. Jones read a letter from Megan Dahle. Jones made comments regarding the Governor's comments to not provide data to the public. Jones reported he would like to see a resolution supporting the other counties.

2:50 p.m. Motion to return to Closed Session.

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

13. Closed Session:

- 13.a. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Governor Gavin Newsom's issued Executive Order N-25-2, the Board will meet in closed session to discuss COVID-19 with the following individuals: County Health Officer, County Counsel, County Administrative Officer, and Director of Health Services. (County Counsel)**

RESULT:	DISCUSSION HELD
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- 13.b. CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (§ 54956.9)
Name of Case: Charter vs. Modoc County. (County Counsel)**

RESULT:	DIRECTION GIVEN
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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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13.d. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code 54956.95; Workers' Compensation Liability Claim #'s: TIBU-600118 & TIBV-600223 Claimant: Julie Winkle. (Administrative Services)

RESULT:	DIRECTION GIVEN
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4:03 p.m. The Board reconvened with Supervisor Coe, Cavasso and Byrne present. Supervisor Cullins and Rhoads and County Counsel Meyers were present by remote location.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn the January 26, 2021 meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 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 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Tiffany A. Martinez
Clerk of the Board

Ned Coe
Chair, Modoc County Board of Supervisors