

MODOC COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
Shane Starr, Supervisor District II
Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
Casey Cockrell, Supervisor District IV
Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V



Geri Byrne
Chairperson

Chester Robertson
County Administrative Officer

Board of Supervisors Room
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REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026
10:00 AM

10:00 AM - Call to Order

The Chair of the Board called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Ned Coe	Supervisor District I	Present
Shane Starr	Supervisor District II	Present
Kathie Rhoads	Supervisor District III	Present
Casey Cockrell	Supervisor District IV	Present
Geri Byrne	Supervisor District V	Present
Chester Robertson	County Administrative Officer	Present
Tiffany Martinez	Clerk of the Board/Assistant County Administrative Officer	Present
Margaret Long	County Counsel	Present

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Prayer

Public Comment

This is the time set aside for citizens to address the Board on matters on the consent agenda and matters not otherwise on the agenda. Comments should be limited to matters within the jurisdiction of the Board. If your comment concerns an item shown on the agenda please address the Board after that item is open for public comment. By law, the Board cannot take action on matters that are not on the agenda. Unless otherwise announced, the Chair reserves the right to limit the duration of each speaker to three minutes. Speaker may not cede their time.

Agenda items with times listed will be considered at that time all other items will be considered as listed on the agenda or as deemed necessary by the Chair.

None.

Approval or Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Supervisor Coe requested to pull item 1.e. from the consent agenda.

Supervisor Cockrell requested to pull item 1.c. from the consent agenda.

Clerk of the Board, Tiffany Martinez, reported a new section would be added to the agenda as 9. Board of Supervisors Items. Clerk of the Board Martinez reported item 1.c. would be placed as 9.a., and item 1. e. would be placed as item 9.b. on the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
SECONDER:	District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads, County Counsel Margaret Long
ABSTAIN:	None

Correspondence

Clerk of the Board, Tiffany Martinez, requested to add the following correspondence to the record: 1) Thank you letter from the Strong Family Health Center Youth Program and Youth Board for the donation from the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC).

Department Head Reports

None.

1. **Consent Agenda Items**
- 1.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and Training Employment and Community Help, Inc. (TEACH) for the Home Safe Program, not to exceed \$275,000.00, effective January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028.**

RESULT:	APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District II Supervisor, Shane Starr
SECONDER:	District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

Contract# 2025-14

- 1.b. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and Corrections Software Solutions (CSS) for client management software services, not to exceed \$26,208.00, effective February 1,**

2026 through January 31, 2029.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District II Supervisor, Shane Starr
SECONDER:	District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

Contract# 2025-15

- 1.c. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting the annual approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign an alcohol license for the Big Valley Endowment Foundation dinner held at the Adin Community Center on February 21, 2026.**

Item 1.c. was removed from the consent agenda by Supervisor Cockrell, and placed as item 9.a. on the agenda.

Supervisor Cockrell reported on his extensive experience seeing the negative impacts of alcohol and substance abuse through being a foster parent of fifteen (15) children. Supervisor Cockrell reported that he enjoys the Big Valley Endowment Foundation dinner and attends every year, but reported he cannot support the sale of alcohol at the event. Supervisor Cockrell stated he feels it is his duty to speak for the many foster children impacted by alcohol abuse and all individuals struggling with alcohol abuse. Supervisor Cockrell stated he feels that someone needs to advocate for alcohol abuse awareness.

RESULT:	APPROVED [NON-UNANIMOUS 4-1]
MOVER:	District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
SECONDER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
NAYS:	District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell
ABSTAIN:	None

- 1.d. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of the September 2, 2025, Board of Supervisors special meeting minutes.**

RESULT:	APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District II Supervisor, Shane Starr
SECONDER:	District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

- 1.e. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of the January 13, 2026, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes.**

Item 1.e. was removed from the consent agenda by Supervisor Coe, and placed as item 9.b. on the agenda.

Supervisor Coe reported item 1.e. of the January 13, 2026, minutes there needs to be a correction to the maker of the motion under the election of the Chair of the Board, and item 11.f. Supervisor Cockrell was appointed as the alternate to the Modoc County Transportation Commission (MCTC) and the Modoc Transportation Agency (MTA).

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
SECONDER:	District II Supervisor, Shane Starr
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

2. Probation Items

- 2.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and Streets2Schools for Batterer's Intervention Program Counseling, not to exceed \$25,000.00 per year, effective February 1, 2026 until terminated.**

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell
SECONDER:	District II Supervisor, Shane Starr
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads, County Counsel Margaret Long
ABSTAIN:	None

Contract# 2025-16

3. Social Services Items

- 3.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and Training Employment and Community Help, Inc. (TEACH) for the Bringing Families Home (BFH) Program, not to exceed \$275,000.00, effective January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028.**

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

A lengthy discussion was held, and several questions were asked of Social Services Director Sandage.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
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MOVER:	District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell
SECONDER:	District II Supervisor, Shane Starr
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

Contract# 2025-17

4. Agriculture Items

- 4.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution to amend Resolution No. 2025-31 updating the number of advisory board seats on the Stronghold Newell Pest Abatement Benefit Zone Advisory Board to the County Service Area (CSA) #2 Pest and Weed Abatement District from five (5) to seven (7).**

Agriculture Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures, Heather Kelly, provided a background on the proposed resolution.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
SECONDER:	District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

Resolution# 2026-04

5. Air Pollution Control District

- 5.a. **PUBLIC HEARING: Public Hearing to adopt Rule 3.1 Schedule of Fees as amended in the Modoc County Air Pollution Control District Rules and Regulations.**

The Chair of the Board opened the public hearing at 10:13 a.m. and requested a staff report.

Air Pollution Control Officer, Heather Kelly, provided a background on the adoption of Rule 3.1 schedule of fees as amended in the Modoc County Air Pollution Control District Rules and Regulations. Air Pollution Control Officer Kelly reported the Rule 3.1 schedule of fees has not been amended since 1989, when they were established. Air Pollution Control Officer Kelly detailed the proposed changes to the schedule of fees, which includes a thirty (30) percent increase.

Proponents: None.

Opponents: None.

There being no public present to speak on the matter, the Chair of the Board closed the public hearing at 10:23 a.m.

5.b. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and adoption of amendments to Rule 3.1 Schedule of Fees of the Modoc County Air Pollution District Rules and Regulations.**

Air Pollution Control Officer, Heather Kelly, provided a background on Rule 3.1 schedule of fees as amended in the Modoc County Air Pollution Control District Rules and Regulations.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
SECONDER:	District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

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, 2026 through February 1, 2027.**

Treasurer-Tax Collector, Macey VonRadar, provided a background on the proposed Resolution.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
SECONDER:	District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

Resolution# 2026-05

6.b. **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, Macey VonRadar, provided a background on the proposed agreement. Treasurer-Tax Collector VonRadar reported the tax sale will be held on May 15-18, 2026. Treasurer-Tax Collector VonRadar reported the tax sale would include two hundred and seventy (270) properties subject to sale.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
SECONDER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

Contract# 2026-18

7. Public Works Items

- 7.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting authorization to waive the competitive bid requirements per Modoc County code section 3.24.060 (B) (2) and approve to purchase one (1) YARBO robot lawnmower with attachments, not to exceed \$13,079.74.**

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
SECONDER:	District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

Contract# 2026-19

8. Administrative Services Items

- 8.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to add the classification of Paralegal III to the allocation table.**

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a background on the addition to the allocation table.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
SECONDER:	District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

- 8.b. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to advertise for one (1) Paralegal III position at Range 293: Step A-J: \$4,711.00 - \$7,308.00 monthly.**

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
SECONDER:	District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District

	III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

- 8.c. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting authorization to waive the competitive bid requirements per County Code Section 3.24.010 (B) (2) and approve the purchase of four (4) Aqua Troll Level Sensors and accessories for groundwater level monitoring, not to exceed \$13,680.23.**

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
SECONDER:	District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

Contract# 2026-20

- 8.d. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a budget modification for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to General Fund 001; Indigent Defense 2020, modifying expenditures in the amount of \$82,481.00.**

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
SECONDER:	District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

9. Board of Supervisors Items

10. Comments/Reports

10.a. NO ACTION: Public Comment

None.

10.b. REPORT: Administrative Services Report

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a report on the following: 1) Three meetings with three different unions; 2) Informational workshops with the state regarding the changes in In-Home Support Services funding and the maintenance of effort funding; 3) Meeting

with the Building, Roads, and Planning Departments on new regulations for high-severity fire zones dealing with water storage tanks for emergency services; 4) Meetings regarding the use of the opioid settlement funds; 5) 2026 Court Coordination Ad Hoc Committee meeting; 6) Claims Review Committee meetings with excess insurer; 7) California Association of County Executives meetings on the proposed state budget; 8) Meeting on the fire department construction project in Newell; 9) Meeting in McCloud for Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition (RVCC).

10.c. **REPORT: Department Head Reports**

None.

10.d. **REPORT: Board of Supervisors Reports**

Supervisor Coe reported on the following: 1) National Association of Counties (NACo) Rural Action Caucus monthly meeting; 2) Tri-Counties monthly meeting; 3) Ag Pass Ad Hoc Committee meeting; 4) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Board meeting; 5) California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Building Advisory Council meeting; 6) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Leadership Reception; 7) Congressman LaMalfa's Memorial Service.

Supervisor Rhoads reported on the following: 1) Oral Health Advisory Committee meeting; 2) Law Library meeting; 3) 2026 Court Coordination Ad Hoc Committee meeting; 4) Zoom meeting regarding the Modoc Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) Municipal Services Review (MSR) meeting; 5) Forest Service Coordination meeting.

Supervisor Cockrell reported on the following: 1) Law Library meeting; 2) 2026 Court Coordination Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Supervisor Starr reported on the following: 1) Personnel committee for Superior California Economic Development (SCED); 2) Meeting with Caltrans and the Pit River Tribe regarding a wildlife crossing on highway 299 and 395 for antelope; 3) Congressman LaMalfa's Memorial Service.

Supervisor Byrne reported on the following: 1) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Board meeting; 2) Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) Board meeting; 3) Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) Board meeting; 4) National Association of Counties (NACo) Public Lands Policy Steering Committee meeting; 5) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Roundtable with California Governor Candidate Antonio Villaraigosa; 6) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Officers meeting; 7) Tri-Counties meeting; 8) Ag Pass Ad Hoc Committee meeting; 9) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Board of Directors meeting; 10) Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) Board of Directors meeting; 11) Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) Board of Directors meeting; 11) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) tour of real estate in Sacramento; 12) Congressman LaMalfa's Memorial; 13) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Officers call.

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

10:49 a.m. Motion to go into closed session.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
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MOVER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
SECONDER:	District II Supervisor, Shane Starr
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

11. Closed Session

- 11.a. **CLOSED SESSION: Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957): Title: Director of Social Services.**

RESULT:	EVALUATION HELD
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- 11.b. **CLOSED SESSION: Labor Negotiations (Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957.6) — conference with labor negotiators, County Counsel, and Human Resources Director, to discuss Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the United Public Employees of California (UPEC), Local 792 - General Unit.**

RESULT:	DIRECTION GIVEN
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- 11.c. **CLOSED SESSION: Labor Negotiations (Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957.6) - Conference with labor negotiators, County Counsel, and Human Resources Director, to discuss Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA).**

Continued until the second meeting in February.

- 11.d. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Report at the conclusion of closed session any actions, if any, taken under Closed Session (Pursuant to Section 54957.1 of the CA Government Code).**

12:56 p.m. The meeting reconvened, and the Chair of the Board reported out of closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m. to meet in regular session on February 10, 2026.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District II Supervisor, Shane Starr
SECONDER:	None
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

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Chair of the Board

ATTEST:

BY: _____
TIFFANY MARTINEZ
Clerk of the Board