

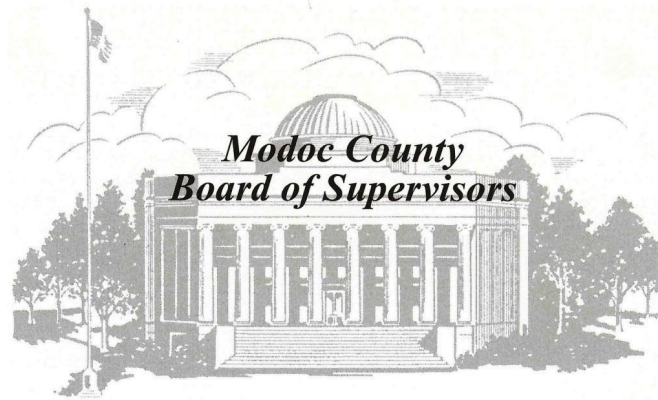
NED COE
1st District

SHANE STARR
2nd District

KATHIE RHOADS
3rd District

CASEY COCKRELL
4th District

GERI BYRNE
5th District



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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING REGULAR MEETING

March 11, 2025

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
Casey Cockrell	Supervisor District IV	Present	10:00 AM
Geri Byrne	Supervisor District V	Present	10:00 AM
Scott McLeran	Deputy County Counsel	Present	10:00 AM
Chester Robertson	County Administration Officer	Present	10:00 AM
Tiffany Martinez	Clerk of the Board/ACAO	Present	10:00 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Prayer

Public Comment

Royland Gaylore provided comments regarding the looming threat of cuts by the federal government to Medicaid and Medicare and reported on the creation of Indivisible.org which will help share information to the public on this issue.

Commander of the American Legion, Linda Newman, provided a flyer on the 106th birthday party fundraiser. Commander Newman provided comments on the heating system at the Vet's Hall and the need to repair the heater so the elderly who frequent the building can be comfortable during events.

Approval or Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Correspondence

The Clerk of the Board, Tiffany Martinez, entered an email from the Bureau of Land Management on the request to respond to a potential BLM land acquisition.

The Chair of the Board requested staff prepare a letter in opposition to the proposed sale for consideration at the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

Correspondence received - Email from the Bureau of Land Management on the request to respond to a potential BLM land acquisition.

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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Department Head Reports

District Attorney, Nina Salarno, provided an update on the Crime Victim's Right Week which will be held April 7-11, 2025. District Attorney Salarno provided several handouts to the Board related to Crime Victim's Rights Week.

1. Consent Agenda Items:

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Shane Starr, Supervisor District II
SECONDER:	Casey Cockrell, Supervisor District IV
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cockrell, Byrne

- 1.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign the Laundry Room Lease between the County of Modoc and CSC ServiceWorks Inc., effective February 27, 2025 through February 27, 2034. (Agriculture)**

Contract# 2025-52

- 1.b. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Director of Health Services to sign the ongoing interagency agreement between Modoc County Public Health and Modoc County Office of Education, effective December 21, 2024 until replaced or revised. (Public Health)**

Contract# 2025-53

- 1.c. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting authorization to remove one (1) 1995 Chevrolet pickup (Fixed Asset ID# 25100115) from the Agriculture fixed asset list and transfer the asset to the Public Works Department, effective March 11, 2025. (Agriculture)
- 1.d. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting authorization to remove one (1) 1995 GMC Pickup (Serial # 1GTCS1444S8537517) from the Agriculture fixed asset list and transfer the asset to the Public Works Department, effective March 11, 2025. (Agriculture)
- 1.e. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting authorization to remove one (1) Can-AM Quad (Fixed Asset ID# 3JBLGAR22GJ003092) from the Agriculture fixed asset list and transfer the asset to the Farm Advisor Department, effective March 11, 2025. (Agriculture)
- 1.f. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting authorization to remove one (1) Honda Rubicon Quad (Asset ID# 25100147) from the Agriculture fixed asset list and transfer the asset to the Public Works Department, effective March 11, 2025. (Agriculture)
- 1.g. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting authorization to remove one (1) Honda Rubicon Quad (Serial # 478TE26011401346) from the Agriculture fixed asset list and transfer the asset to the Public Works Department, effective March 11, 2025. (Agriculture)
- 1.h. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval of the appointment of Scott Ward as District IV Commissioner to the Modoc County Fish, Game, and Recreation Commission, effective March 11, 2025 through December 31, 2026. (Board of Supervisors)

2. Agriculture Items:

- 2.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval to remove one (1) 2004 Honda Quad (Fixed Asset ID# 25100139) and one (1) Rubicon Quad (Fixed Asset ID# 25100148) from the Agriculture fixed asset list and authorize the sale of these assets to the County of Trinity, not to exceed \$1.00, effective March 11, 2025. (Agriculture)

Agriculture Commissioner, Heather Kelly, provided a background on the proposed asset sale.

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

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

3. Building Department Items:

- 3.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance# 221-L to amend Modoc County Code Title 15 Building Regulations, Chapter 15.01 Construction Codes, Administration, Section 15.01.120 Design loads. (Building and Safety)**

Interim Chief Building Official, Scott Ward, provided a background on the proposed ordinance amendment.

Ordinance# 221-L

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

FINAL CERTIFIED ORDINANCE# 221-L

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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4. Behavioral Health Items:

- 4.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and Nevada California Oregon Railway for the Transitional Age Youth Center renovations, not to exceed \$45,000.00, effective January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025. (Behavioral Health)**

10:15 a.m. Supervisor Starr recused himself from item 4.a. and left the meeting room.

Director of Health Services, Stacy Sphar, provided a background on the Transitional Age Youth Center and the proposed contract.

A discussion was held and several questions were asked of Director of Health Services Sphar and County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson.

10:19 a.m. Following the vote on item 4.a., Supervisor Starr entered the meeting room.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Casey Cockrell, Supervisor District IV
SECONDER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
AYES:	Coe, Rhoads, Cockrell, Byrne
RECUSED:	Starr

5. Sheriff/Coroner Items:

5.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution to confirm the existence of a local emergency in Modoc County due to gray wolves. (Sheriff's Office)

Sheriff, Tex Dowdy, provided a background on the proposed Resolution.

Resolution# 2025-13

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

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2025-13

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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6. Emergency Services Items:

6.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution to amend Resolution# 2025-10 to continue the existence of a local emergency in Modoc County and the City of Alturas due to flooding conditions. (Office of Emergency Services)

Director of the Office of Emergency Services, Tex Dowdy, and Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Services, Renea Sweet, provided a background on the proposed Resolution.

Resolution# 2025-14

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

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2025-14

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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7. Road/Airport Items:

7.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution authorizing the submittal, acceptance, and execution of an application for 2025 Airport Infrastructure Grant funds for the Tulelake Airport. (Road/Airport)

Road Commissioner, Mitch Crosby, provided a background on the proposed Resolution.

Resolution# 2025-15

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

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2025-15

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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- 7.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign the revised Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Modoc, the Federal Highway Administration, and Modoc National Forest for the Federal Lands Access Program Project, effective February 4, 2025. (Road/Airport)**

Road Commissioner, Mitch Crosby, provided a background on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding.

Contract# 2025-53

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

- 7.c. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Discussion regarding the permitting of future utility installations inside County Road easements. (Road/Airport)**

Road Commissioner, Mitch Crosby, provided a background on permitting and fees for utility installations inside county road easements.

A discussion was held on the development of a flat rate versus a fee-for-service structure.

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided an update on the broadband activities within the County of Modoc related to the increase in encroachment permits.

A discussion was held on Prop 218, the definition of large and small projects, and several other comments on the proposal.

8. Public Works Items:

- 8.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a budget modification for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to General Fund 001; Buildings and Ground 1410, modifying revenues in the amount of \$20,735.00 and expenditures in the amount of \$151,680.00. (Administrative Services)**

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

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

9. Administrative Services Items:

- 9.a. **DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Discussion and update on the approved determination from the Department of Water Resources on the Big Valley Basin and Tulelake Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) received on February 27, 2025. (Administrative Services)**

Assistant County Administrative Officer, Tiffany Martinez, provided a background on the letters received from the California Department of Water Resources approving the revised Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP) for the Big Valley Groundwater Basin and the Tulelake Groundwater Sub Basin.

- 9.b. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution authorizing the submittal of the Big Valley Groundwater Basin Annual Report for Water Year 2024 to the Department of Water Resources, per requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. (Administrative Services)**

Assistant County Administrative Officer, Tiffany Martinez, provided a background on the proposed annual report.

West Yost, Clay Sorenson, provided a background on the following: 1) Objectives of the Annual Report; 2) Milestones of the Big Valley Groundwater Basin; 3) Annual Report Overview.

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

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2025-16

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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- 9.c. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign the Statement of Work# 2025-03 between the County of Modoc and the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR), not to exceed \$50,200.00, effective February 1, 2024 through March 31, 2026. (Administrative Services)**

Assistant County Administrative Officer, Tiffany Martinez, provided a background on the proposed Statement of Work.

Contract# 2025-55

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Casey Cockrell, Supervisor District IV
SECONDER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
AYES:	Coe, Rhoads, Cockrell, Byrne
ABSTAIN:	Starr

- 9.d. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign Amendment# 1 to the Master Services Agreement between the County of Modoc and Regents of the University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR), updating the not to exceed amount of the agreement to \$107,000.00, effective December 1, 2023 through March 31, 2026. (Administrative Services)**

Assistant County Administrative Officer, Tiffany Martinez, provided a background on the proposed amendment.

Contract# 2025-56

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Casey Cockrell, Supervisor District IV
SECONDER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
AYES:	Coe, Rhoads, Cockrell, Byrne
ABSTAIN:	Starr

- 9.e. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign an agreement for consulting services between the County of Modoc and Weist Law Firm, not to exceed \$8,175.00, effective March 11, 2025. (Administrative Services)**

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

Contract# 2025-57

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

10. Board of Supervisors Items:

10.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a letter of support for the Modoc Transportation Agencies application for Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) Section 5311(f) funding to continue the Intercity services to Reno via Susanville, Redding, and Klamath Falls. (Board of Supervisors)

County Administrative Services, Chester Robertson, provided a background on the proposed letter. County Administrative Officer Robertson requested the area of Newell be considered as a service location for Modoc Transportation Agency.

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

11. Comments/Reports:

a. Public Comments

None.

b. Administrative Services Report

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a background on the following: 1) Update of services at the Newell Migrant Center and a proposal to provide broadband to the center; 2) Researching additional funding with Health and Human Services to prepare for future changes in federal funding; 3) California Housing and Community Development (HCD) Site inspection at the Newell Family Migrant Center and opening of the Castlerock Farm Worker Center; 4) Update on insurance rates increase and new policy exclusions within insurance policies; 5) State of California had a 28% increase in revenue for the month of February and the potential impact on the County of Modoc budget; 6) Update on software implementations.

c. Department Head Reports

None.

d. Board of Supervisors Reports

Supervisor Rhoads reported on the following: 1) Business Opportunity Assessment meeting with CliftonLarsenAllen (CLA); 2) Town Hall meeting providing information on the gray wolf in Modoc County; 3) Disaster Council meeting; 4) Oral Health meeting; 5) Judge Harr swearing-in ceremony;

6) Forest Service Recreation meeting was canceled; 8) Prepared the Law Library agenda and posted in public areas.

Supervisor Byrne reported on the following: 1) Tri-Counties meeting; 2) Public Lands Steering Committee meeting; 3) Adin Crab Feed fundraiser; 4) National Homebuyers Fund, Inc. (NHF) Executive Board meeting; 5) Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) Executive Board meeting; 6) Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) Executive Board meeting; 7) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Executive Board meeting; 8) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) County of the Chair planning meeting; 9) Washington D.C. Trip with Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Officers; 10) National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference.

Supervisor Starr reported on the following: 1) Town Hall meeting providing information on the gray wolf in Modoc County; 2) Northern Rural Training and Employment Consortium (NoRTEC) Board meeting; 3) Sierra Nevada Conservancy Northeast counties meeting; 4) Judge Harr swearing-in ceremony; 5) Sierra Nevada Conservancy tour in Calaveras County and Big Trees State Park; 6) Sierra Nevada Conservancy Board meeting.

Supervisor Cockrell reported on the following: 1) Business Opportunity Assessment meeting with CliftonLarsenAllen (CLA); 2) Town Hall meeting providing information on the gray wolf in Modoc County; 3) Judge Harr swearing-in ceremony; 4) Planning & Service Area 2 Area Agency on Aging (PSA 2) Orientation.

Supervisor Coe reported on the following: 1) Town Hall meeting providing information on the gray wolf in Modoc County; 2) Modoc County Fish, Game, and Recreation meeting; 3) Big Valley Groundwater Advisory (BVAC) meeting; 4) National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference in Washington D.C.

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

11:26 a.m. Motion to go into Closed Session.

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

12. Closed Session:

- 12.a. CLOSED SESSION: Labor Negotiations (Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957.6) - Conference with Deputy County Counsel, Scott McLeran and County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, regarding Modoc County In-Home Support Services (IHSS) Public Authority and SEIU Local 2015 labor agreement. (Administrative Services)**

RESULT:	DIRECTION GIVEN
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12.b. CLOSED SESSION: Threat to Public Services or Facilities (Pursuant to Government Code 54957 (a)): - Consultation with: Sheriff, Tex Dowdy. (Board of Supervisors)

Chair of the Board Coe reported a Wildlife Resources Advisory Ad Hoc Committee would be formed with the following members: 1) Supervisor Coe; 2) Supervisor Starr; 3) Sheriff Dowdy; 4) Two (2) Modoc County Fish, Game, and Recreation Commissioners.

RESULT:	DIRECTION GIVEN
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1:31 p.m. The Board reconvened with Supervisor Coe, Rhoads, Starr, Cockrell, and Byrne present and reported out of closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn the March 11, 2025 meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 PM

Tiffany A. Martinez
Clerk of the Board

Ned Coe
Chair of the Board