

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 25, 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	10:32 AM
Scott McLeran	Deputy County Counsel	Remote	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

Julie Marie-Velisana provided comments on her activities as an In-Home Support Services (IHSS) worker in Modoc County and the need to have competitive wages for IHSS workers in Modoc County.

Vicki Grullie reported she is a In-Home Support Services (IHSS) worker in Modoc County and a bargaining member for the union. Grullie recommended that IHSS workers receive CPR training and additional vehicles to supplement their personal vehicles in times that they are not available. Grullie requested the IHSS workers have an increase in pay to meet inflation.

Gary Fremire provided comments in support of the IHSS workers who assist him with transportation and care.

Approval or Additions/Deletions to Agenda

The Chair of the Board removed item 11.a. from the agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

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

Correspondence

Chair of the Board, Ned Coe, entered an email regarding the United States Fish and Wildlife Service announcing the reopening of the comment period until May 19, 2025, for proposed rules pertaining to three insects as follows: 1) monarch butterfly; 2) bleached sandhill skipper; 3) Suckley's cuckoo bumble bee.

Clerk of the Board, Tiffany Martinez, entered a notice from the California Fish and Game Commission regarding related changes to the proposed regulations concerning big game hunting for the 2025-2026 seasons and chronic wasting disease testing.

Department Head Reports

Treasurer-Tax Collector, Cheryl Knoch, reported that she is announcing her retirement which will be on July 31, 2025.

1. Consent Agenda Items:

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

- 1.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Director of Health Services to Docusign the amended agreement with Partnership Health Plan, effective June 1, 2014 through December 31, 2029. (Public Health)**

Contract# 2025-58

- 1.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Director of Health Services to sign amendment A2 to contract# 21-10095 between the County of Modoc and the Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) for a twelve (12) month extension of the Mental Health Plan Performance contract, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026. (Behavioral Health)**

Contract# 2025-59

- 1.c. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting the reappointment of Alice Lybarger as a Commissioner to the Modoc County Children and Families First Five Commission (First 5 Modoc), effective December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2027. (Board of Supervisors)**
- 1.d. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting the appointment of Tammy Nichols-Preston as a Commissioner to the Modoc County Children and Families First Five Commission (First 5 Modoc) to fill an unexpired term, effective March 25, 2025 through January 27, 2026. (Board of Supervisors)**
- 1.e. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of the February 11, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. (Clerk of the Board)**
- 1.f. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of the February 25, 2025 Board of Supervisors workshop minutes. (Clerk of the Board)**
- 1.g. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of the March 11, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. (Clerk of the Board)**

2. Planning Department Items:

- 2.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of the Housing Element Annual Progress Report (APR) mandated by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for 2024. (Planning)**

Interim Planning Director, Sean Curtis, provided a background on the proposed 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report.

Consultant, Gary Price, provided an overview of the 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report.

A discussion was held and several questions were asked of Consultant Price and Interim Planning Director Curtis.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
SECONDER:	Shane Starr, Supervisor District II
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cockrell
ABSENT:	Byrne

3. Treasurer/Tax Collector 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 Meeder Public Funds, Inc. for investment advisory and management services, effective May 1, 2025. (Treasurer/Tax Collector)**

Treasurer-Tax Collector, Cheryl Knoch, provided a background on the proposed contract.

Contract# 2025-60

10:32 a.m. Supervisor Byrne entered the meeting room during the presentation of item 3.a.

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

4. Road/Airport Items:

- 4.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign the re-edited Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the County of Modoc, the Federal Highway Administration, and Modoc National Forest for the Federal Lands Access Program Project, effective March 14, 2025. (Road/Airport)**

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

Contract# 2025-61

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

5. Health Services Items:

- 5.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to purchase one (1) Wanco Mini Matrix Message Board sign from Silverstate, not to exceed \$21,374.22. (Public Health)**

Director of Health Services, Stacy Sphar, provided a background on the proposed purchase.

Contract# 2025-62

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

6. Behavioral Health Items:

6.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting permission to re-hire one (1) Behavioral Health Case Management Specialist I, Range 240: Step-B; \$3,797.00 monthly, based on skills and experience, effective March 1, 2025. (Behavioral Health)

Director of Health Services, Stacy Sphar, provided a background on the proposed re-hire above a Step-A.

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

7. Sheriff/Coroner Items:

7.a. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Discussion and presentation from Sheriff, Tex Dowdy, on the 2024 Military Equipment Use Report. (Sheriff's Office)

Sheriff, Tex Dowdy, provided a background on the proposed 2024 Military Equipment Use Report.

7.b. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Discussion and presentation from Sheriff, Tex Dowdy, on the 2023 Military Equipment Use Report. (Sheriff's Office)

Sheriff, Tex Dowdy, provided a background on the proposed 2023 Military Equipment Use Report.

8. Administrative Services Items:

8.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution authorizing the submittal of the Tule Lake Subbasin Groundwater Annual Report for Water Year 2024 to the Department of Water Resources (DWR), per requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). (Administrative Services)

Assistant County Administrative Officer, Tiffany Martinez, provided a background on the proposed Tulelake Sub Basin Annual Report for Water Year 2024.

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

9. Board of Supervisors Items:

9.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a support letter for AB 411 which would authorize small-scale on-farm composting of routine livestock mortalities and butcher waste under best management practices (BMPs). (Board of Supervisors)

Supervisor Coe provided a background on the proposed letter.

Farm Advisor, Laura Snell, provided a background on the proposed letter of support.

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

10. Comments/Reports:

a. Public Comments

b. Administrative Services Report

None.

c. Department Head Reports

None.

d. Board of Supervisors Reports

Supervisor Rhoads reported on the following: 1) Law Library meeting; 2) Behavioral Health Advisory meeting; 3) Forest Service Coordination meeting; 4) Rotary Dragon Lady Fundraiser.

Supervisor Byrne reported on the following: 1) Tri-Counties meeting; 2) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Officer meeting; 2) Golden State Natural Resources Board meeting; 3) Meeting with Modoc Forest Service leadership team and Golden State Natural Resources representatives; 4) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Board meeting; 5) Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) Board meeting; 6) Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) Board meeting.

Supervisor Starr reported on the following: 1) Meeting with cabin owners from Medicine Lake to discuss the Sattitla Highlands National Monument and possible United States Forest Service projects

to fire harden the region; 2) Superior California Economic Development (SCED) Loan Committee meeting; 3) Superior California Economic Development (SCED) Strategic Planning meeting; 4) Forest Service Coordination meeting.

Supervisor Cockrell reported on the following: 1) First 5 Commission meeting; 2) Rotary Luck of the Irish Bingo; 3) Planning and Service Area 2 Area Agency on Aging (PSA 2 AAA) Board meeting; 4) Law Library meeting.

Supervisor Coe reported on the following: 1) California Cattlemen's Legislative Breakfast; 2) Nor-Cal Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Joint Powers Authority (JPA) meetings; 3) Nor-Cal Emergency Medical Services non-profit meeting; 4) California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Regional meeting on disaster preparedness; 5) Tri-Counties meeting; 6) National Association of Counties (NACo) Public Lands meeting; 7) Golden State Natural Resources Board meeting; 8) Modoc Ag Expo in Cedarville; 9) Rotary Dragon Lady Fundraiser; 10) Fall River - Big Valley Cattlemen's meeting.

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

11:08 a.m. Motion to go into Closed Session.

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

11. Closed Session:

- 11.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. - *Item removed by the Board of Supervisors.* (Administrative Services)**

RESULT:	NO ACTION
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- 11.b. CLOSED SESSION: Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957): Title: First 5 Modoc Executive Director. (Board of Supervisors)**

RESULT:	EVALUATION COMPLETED
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- 11.c. CLOSED SESSION: Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957): Title: County Administrative Officer. (Board of Supervisors)**

RESULT:	EVALUATION HELD
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12. Report at conclusion of closed session any actions, if any, taken under item 11. (Pursuant to Section 54957.1 of the CA Government Code)

The Chair of the Board reconvened the meeting with all Supervisors present and reported out of closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn the March 25, 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 2:39 PM

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned to meet in regular session Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Tiffany A. Martinez
Clerk of the Board

Ned Coe
Chair of the Board