

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

April 22, 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
Margaret Long	County Counsel	Present	10:00 AM
Chester Robertson	County Administration Officer	Remote	10:00 AM
Tiffany Martinez	Clerk of the Board/ACAO	Present	10:00 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Prayer

Public Comment

None.

Approval or Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Correspondence

The Chair of the Board entered a thank you letter from the District Attorney regarding board member participation in the Champion of Courage Award Ceremony in Recognition of Crime Victim's Rights Week.

Department Head Reports

None.

1. Consent Agenda Items:

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

- 1.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign an annual contract between the County of Modoc and Megabyte Property Tax Systems for the maintenance and support of the Megabyte System, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. (Assessor)**

Contract# 2025-67

- 1.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a recurring contract between the County of Modoc and Davis Guest Home, Inc., not to exceed \$240,000.00 per fiscal year, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. (Behavioral Health)**

Contract# 2025-68

- 1.c. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign the annual Certification Statements for the Children's Medical Services Plan, effective for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. (Public Health)**

Contract# 2025-69

- 1.d. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Director of Health Services to sign an agreement between Modoc County Department of Public Health and the California Reportable Disease Information System, effective three (3) years after the latest signature date. (Public Health)**

Contract# 2025-70

- 1.e. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting the appointment of Margo Moore as the District IV Board member to the Library Advisory Board, effective April 22, 2025 through December 31, 2028. (Clerk of the Board)**

- 1.f. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the removal of one (1) CAD System (Fixed Asset ID# 0135-0521) from the Office of Emergency Services fixed asset inventory list, effective April 8, 2025. (Sheriff's Office)**

2. Probation Items:

- 2.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a budget modification for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to General Fund 001; Probation Unit 2220, modifying expenditures in the amount of \$30,000.00, General Fund 001; CCPIF Fund 203, modifying expenses in the amount of \$30,000.00. (Probation)**

Support Services Administrator, Don Raymond, provided a background on the proposed budget modification.

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

- 2.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Chief Probation Officer to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and Yolo County Juvenile Detention Facility, effective April 2, 2025 through June 30, 2026. (Probation)**

Support Services Administrator, Don Raymond, provided a background on the proposed contract.

Contract# 2025-71

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

3. Behavioral Health Items:

- 3.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to purchase nineteen (19) Kenwood NX-5200K2 Handheld Radios, AVL Software, and one (1) Mobile radio for dispatch from Plass Communications and waive the competitive procurement requirements due to utilizing a National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) No. 00318, not to exceed \$19,954.50. (Behavioral Health)**

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

Contract# 2025-72

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

- 3.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to award a bid and authorize the purchase of one (1) 2025 GMC Sierra 2500 from Taylor Motors, in the amount of \$58,700.25. (Behavioral Health)**

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

Contract# 2025-73

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

4. Air Pollution Control District:

- 4.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign an agreement between the Modoc County Air Pollution Control District and California Air Resources Board (CARB) for the G24-EIDG-16, not to exceed \$8,583.00, effective May 2, 2025 through May 1, 2026. (Air Pollution Control District)**

Air Pollution Control Officer, Heather Kelly, provided a background on the proposed agreement.

Contract# 2025-74

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

- 4.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign an agreement between the Modoc County Air Pollution Control District and Modoc Medical Center for the purchase and installation of one (1) Blink EV level 3 Charger, not to exceed \$164,195.73, effective April 16, 2025. (Air Pollution Control District)**

Air Pollution Control Officer, Heather Kelly, provided a background on the proposed agreement.

Contract# 2025-75

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

5. Public Works Items:

- 5.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign an agreement between the Modoc County Air Pollution Control District and Modoc County Public Works for the purchase and installation of one Blink EV level 3 charger, not to exceed \$164,195.73, effective April 15, 2025. (Public Works)**

Director of Public Works, Chester Robertson, provided a background on the proposed agreement.

Contract# 2025-76

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

6. Clerk of the Board Items:

- 6.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to reconsider item 1.f. from the April 8, 2025 agenda and rescind approval for the removal of one (1) Map Plotter (Fixed Asset ID# 2630-0123) from the Office of Emergency Services fixed asset inventory list, effective April 8, 2025. (Clerk of the Board)**

Clerk of the Board, Tiffany Martinez, provided a background on the item reconsideration.

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

7. Information & Technology Items:

- 7.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign the Statement of Work# 2024-05 between the County of Modoc and Patrick Gerard DBA Shasta Infrastructure Services, in the amount of \$7,350.00. (Clerk of the Board)**

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

Contract# 2025-77

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

- 7.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to purchase seven (7) Cisco Network switches and extended service agreements from CDW-G and waive the competitive procurement requirements per County Code 3.24.060 (B) (3) due to utilizing a California Department of General Services California Multiple Award Schedules (CMAS) No. 3-13-70-0793E, in the amount of \$39,070.73. (Information Technology)**

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

Contract# 2025-78

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

8. Board of Supervisors Items:

- 8.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Natural Resources Analyst to develop and send a comment letter to the California Fish and Game Commission Wildlife Resources Committee regarding the ban on take of non-game animals. (Board of Supervisors)**

Supervisor Coe provided a background on the proposed letter.

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

- 8.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a support letter for the Pit River Resource Conservation District (RCD) and Thompson Land Management, LLC for an application to Cal Fire's Wood Product and Bioenergy grant program. (Board of Supervisors)**

Supervisor Coe provided a background on the proposed letter.

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

8.c. PRESENTATION: Presentation from Bureau of Land Management Realty Specialist, Dan Ryan, regarding a potential land acquisition by the Bureau of Land Management in the Likely area. (Board of Supervisors)

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Realty Specialist, Dan Ryan, provided a presentation on the following: 1) Background on the land acquisition program; 2) County coordination on BLM land acquisitions; 3) Background on the proposed land acquisition in Modoc County of 4,800 acres; 4) Proposed upgrades to the property if acquisition is funded by BLM.

Supervisor Coe asked if the seller was willing and inquired about the impacts to grazing for the current land owner.

BLM Realty Specialist Ryan reported the land owner is a willing seller and there would be a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) on the acquired parcels that would tie to the affected actions, such as grazing. BLM Realty Specialist Ryan reported on past practice of land acquisitions, which include grazing permits, and reported nothing would change for the land owner regarding their permit or grazing actions. BLM Realty Specialist Ryan discussed possible triggers for NEPA.

Supervisor Byrne asked how many acres are proposed for acquisition.

BLM Realty Specialist Ryan reported close to 4,800 acres. BLM Realty Specialist Ryan reported 300 acres for the infernal caverns portion and 4,400 for the additional acres.

Supervisor Byrne asked what the impact on the county would be in lost tax dollars if the land is purchased by the BLM.

BLM Realty Specialist Ryan reported he does not have the exact number calculated for this acquisition, but he can calculate how it would change the Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) payment for the county and report back to the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Byrne stated that PILT has to be reauthorized every two years. Supervisor Byrne reported that the County of Modoc code states the county shall suffer no net tax loss revenue if land is acquired by state or federal agencies. Supervisor Byrne stated she would support a land trade to account for the loss of taxes, but could not support the acquisition alone due to the county's tight budget.

Supervisor Coe requested to have the acquisition NEPA also cover the landlocked parcels in Modoc County, which could be disposed of by the BLM.

Supervisor Starr provided a recommendation to have a net-zero loss and gain in acreage proposal for

Congressman LaMalfa.

A lengthy discussion was held, and several questions were asked of Mr. Ryan.

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, asked about the response time from the Board of Supervisors on the acquisition.

BLM Realty Specialist Ryan reported the following would be acceptable correspondence from the Board of Supervisors by the end of June: 1) A letter from the Board of Supervisors stating that they are aware of the proposed acquisition; 2) Meeting minutes from the March 22, 2025, Board of Supervisors meeting.

The Board thanked BLM Realty Specialist Ryan for his informative presentation and discussion on the proposed land acquisition.

9. Comments/Reports:

a. Public Comments

None.

b. Administrative Services Report

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a report on the following: 1) Update on the Cal Fire High Fire Severity Zone map and reported on the local fire districts' jurisdictional responsibility to provide a response.

c. Department Head Reports

None.

d. Board of Supervisors Reports

Supervisor Starr reported on the following: 1) Modoc Fire Safe Council meeting; 2) Wildlife Resources Ad Hoc Committee meeting; 3) Superior California Economic Development (SCED) Loan Committee meeting; 4) Forest Service Coordination meeting; 5) Conference call with the Environmental Officer for United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); 6) Superior California Economic Development (SCED) Executive Director meeting; 7) Planning and Service Area 2 Area Agency on Aging (PSA 2) meeting.

Supervisor Cockrell reported on the following: 1) Champion of Courage Award Ceremony in Recognition of Crime Victim's Rights Week; 2) Opening day of little league and Modoc Sheriff Pancake Breakfast; 3) K-9 Dinner; 4) Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) meeting; 5) Library Advisory Board meeting; 6) Planning and Service Area 2 Area Agency on Aging (PSA 2) Executive meeting.

Supervisor Byrne reported on the following: 1) Tri-Counties meeting; 2) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Officer meeting; 3) Zoom meeting with Congressman

LaMalfa, congressional staff, and interested parties regarding the S  t  tla Highlands National Monument; 4) Constituent calls.

Supervisor Rhoads reported on the following: 1) Modoc Scholarship meeting; 2) Champion of Courage Award Ceremony in Recognition of Crime Victim's Rights Week; 3) K-9 Dinner; 4) City of Alturas Council meeting; 5) Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) meeting; 6) Behavioral Health Advisory Committee meeting; 7) Ken McGarva service in Likely; 8) Forest Service Coordination meeting; 9) Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) meeting; 10) Constituent calls.

Supervisor Coe reported on the following: 1) Modoc County District Attorney and Sheriff Town hall meeting in Cedarville; 2) Modoc County Groundwater Resources and Drought Task Force Committee meeting; 3) Northeast California Water Authority (NECWA) Annual meeting; 4) National Association of Counties (NACo) Public Lands Committee meeting; 5) Champion of Courage Award Ceremony in Recognition of Crime Victim's Rights Week; 6) Meeting with Resources Secretary Crowfoot, Resources, and California Fish and Wildlife Director Bonham regarding movement to phase two of the California Wolf Management Plan and public safety issues throughout Northern California; 7) Wildlife Resources Ad Hoc Committee meeting; 8) Modoc County Ag Pass training; 9) Interview with a reporter from the California Report aired on National Public Radio (NPR) on wolf issue in Modoc and Lassen County.

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

11:43 a.m. Motion to go into Closed Session.

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

10. Closed Session:

10.a. CLOSED SESSION: Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957): Title: County Administrative Officer. (Board of Supervisors)

The Chair of the Board reported on a unified message regarding the Modoc National Forest letter to grazing permittees regarding wolf locations on potential grazing permits. The Chair of the Board will be releasing the unified message.

RESULT:	EVALUATION HELD
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11. 12:42 p.m. Report at the conclusion of closed session any actions, if any, taken under item 11. (Pursuant to Section 54957.1 of the CA Government Code).

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn the April 22, 2025 meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 PM

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned to meet in regular session Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Tiffany A. Martinez
Clerk of the Board

Ned Coe
Chair of the Board