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SHANE STARR
2nd District

KATHIE RHOADS
3rd District

ELIZABETH CAVASSO
4th District

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING REGULAR MEETING

August 13, 2024

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
Elizabeth Cavasso	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	Present	10:00 AM
Tiffany Martinez	Clerk of the Board/ACAO	Present	10:00 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Prayer

Public Comment

Jay Jones, representing New California State, reported that they are in full support of the letter presented in the correspondence regarding COVID-19. Mr. Jones provided an update on New California State's activities.

Approval or Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
SECONDER:	Elizabeth Cavasso, Supervisor District IV
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

Correspondence

Supervisor Coe provided comments regarding the governor's letter on County Implementation of SB 43. In response to the governor's letter, Supervisor Coe entered a letter from the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) regarding the implementation of SB 43.

Supervisor Starr reported he had a conversation with the Director of Health Services, Stacy Sphar, and he has full confidence that she will implement SB 43 by the January 1, 2026 deadline.

Supervisor Cavasso provided comments on the offensive letter from Governor Newsom to California counties.

- a. **Correspondence received - Letter from Ronald F. Owens Jr. regarding COVID-19 vaccines.**

RESULT: ANNOUNCED

- b. **Correspondence received - Letter from the Governor on County Implementation on SB 43.**

RESULT: ANNOUNCED

- c. **Correspondence received - Email from California State Association of Counties regarding the Letter to the Governor on County Implementation of SB 43.**

RESULT: ANNOUNCED

Department Head Reports

Road Commissioner, Mitch Crosby, provided an update on the road construction projects being completed throughout the county.

1. Consent Agenda Items:

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
SECONDER: Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
AYES: Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, 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 Training Employment and Community Help, Inc. (TEACH, Inc.) for the In-Home Support Services (IHSS) Employer of Record & Registry, not to exceed \$153,102.13, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. (Social Services)**

Contract# 2024-139

- 1.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign an ongoing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Modoc County Department of Social Services and the Modoc County District Attorney for the investigation and prosecution of welfare fraud, not to exceed \$68,187.00, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. (Social Services)**

Contract# 2024-140

- 1.c. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign an ongoing contract between the County of Modoc and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for services associated with Resource Family Approval (RFA) Legal consultation and legal representation in administrative action appeals, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027. (Social Services)**

Contract# 2024-141

- 1.d. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign an ongoing contract between the County of Modoc and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for services associated with Resource Family Approval (RFA) complaints, not to exceed \$35,180.00, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. (Social Services)**

Contract# 2024-142

- 1.e. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Director of Health Services to sign an annual Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) agreement #23-0059 with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), effective January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. (Public Health)**

Contract# 2024-143

- 1.f. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign the annual Amendment No. 10 Agreement No. Y14 - 2376 between the County of Modoc and the Regents of University of California, not to exceed \$15,000.00, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. (Farm Advisor)**

Contract# 2024-144

- 1.g. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting permission to remove one (1) Dell Storage Array EqualLogic PS6210X Drive (Asset# 16600071) from the Modoc County Information Technology Department's controlled inventory list and allow for disposal. (Information Technology)**

- 1.h. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting permission to remove one (1) Ruckus Wireless Bridge (DSS-HS) (Asset# 16600048) from the Modoc County Information Technology Department's controlled inventory list and allow for disposal. (Information Technology)
- 1.i. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting permission to remove one (1) MS Surface Pro 3 Tablet (Asset# 16600051) from the Modoc County Information Technology Department's controlled inventory list and allow for disposal. (Information Technology)
- 1.j. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting permission to remove one (1) MS Surface Pro 2 Software (Asset# 16600047) from the Modoc County Information Technology Department's controlled inventory list and allow for disposal. (Information Technology)
- 1.k. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting permission to remove one (1) MS Surface Pro 2 Software (Asset# 16600046) from the Modoc County Information Technology Department's controlled inventory list and allow for disposal. (Information Technology)
- 1.l. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting the reappointment of Edna Winkle to represent Modoc County on the Board of Directors of the Far Northern Coordinating Council on Developmental Disabilities for a two (2) year term, effective September 13, 2024 through September 12, 2026. (Board of Supervisors)
- 1.m. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval of the April 30, 2024 Board of Supervisors workshop meeting minutes. (Clerk of the Board)
- 1.n. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval of the July 23, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. (Clerk of the Board)

2. Library Items:

- 2.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval of a Resolution for the collection of charges on the County tax roll for Community Facilities District #1 (Library Assessment), for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. (Library)

Library Director, Kris Anderson, provided a background on the proposed Resolution.

Resolution# 2024-41

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

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2024-41

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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3. Road/Airport Items:

- 3.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval of a Resolution authorizing the Road Commissioner to sign documents pertaining to the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant program. (Road/Airport)

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

Resolution# 2024-42

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

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2024-42

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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4. Agriculture Items:

- 4.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval to reclassify the salary and update the class specification for the Deputy Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures/Air Pollution Control Officer, Range 209: Step A-J; \$3,098.00 - \$4,804.00 monthly to Range 340: Step A-J; \$5,954.00 - \$9,237.00 monthly without the licensing but must be obtained within one (1) year of employment and Range 348: Step A-J: \$6,197.00 - \$9,614.00 monthly if the applicant is in possession of the licensing required, effective September 1, 2024. (Agriculture)

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Elizabeth Cavasso, Supervisor District IV
SECONDER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

5. Sheriff/Coroner Items:

- 5.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to create the class specification and set the salary for the Animal Control/Code Enforcement Officer, Range 227: Step A-J; \$3,389.00 - \$5,258.00 monthly and designate the position to qualify for safety Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), effective September 1, 2024. (Sheriff's Office)**

Sheriff, Tex Dowdy, provided a background on the proposed creation of the position.

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

6. Health Services Items:

- 6.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a budget modification for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to LEA Grant-122; modifying revenue in the amount of \$16,484.85 and expenditures in the amount of \$35,381.35. (Public Health)**

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

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

- 6.b. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Modoc and Modoc County Healthcare Coalition for coordination before, during, and after an emergency, effective upon signature and continuing in full force until modified or terminated. (Public Health)**

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

Contract# 2024-145

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Elizabeth Cavasso, Supervisor District IV
SECONDER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

7. Building Department Items:

7.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of the Policy and Procedures Manual for the Modoc County Building Department, effective upon the date listed on the policy. (Building and Safety)

Interim Chief Building Official, Scott Ward, provided a background on the policy and procedures manual for the Modoc County Building Department.

Supervisor Cavasso reported she received a call regarding high tunnel greenhouse and removing the covers.

Supervisor Byrne asked about the need for a building permit for shipping containers.

Interim Chief Building Official Ward reported shipping containers do require a permit and provided a background on the requirements.

A discussion was held on the multiple uses of shipping containers and required permits.

Interim Chief Building Official Ward reported on a meeting held with a group of constituents regarding high tunnel greenhouses. Interim Chief Building Official Ward reported on the need to obtain a building permit for greenhouses that are larger than 400 sq. ft. Interim Chief Building Official Ward reported the fees for the Building Department have not been raised since 2008. Interim Chief Building Official Ward reported the fees would need to be addressed and would need to be consistent and fair for all parties.

University of California Cooperative Extensions Nutrition, Community Health, and Food Systems Advisor, Laurie Wayne, provided comments regarding their meeting with Interim Chief Building Official Ward to discuss high tunnel greenhouses. Ms. Wayne reported on the need to keep the high tunnels greenhouses available for the improvement of food security for Modoc communities. Ms. Wayne provided comments on their concern over the potential high cost of a permit for a greenhouse which may deter food producers in the county.

A discussion was held and several questions were asked of Interim Chief Building Official Ward.

Supervisor Roads reported on the need to adjust the fee schedule to costs that are reasonably borne to provide the service.

Supervisor Cavasso provided comments on the need to be fair and consistent to all business owners throughout the county for permit fees.

A further discussion was held and additional questions were asked of Interim Chief Building Official Ward.

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

8. Information & Technology Items:

- 8.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and Patrick Gerard DBA Shasta Infrastructure Services for a standard Technology Support Agreement, not to exceed \$9,000.00, effective August 13, 2024. (Information Technology)**

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

Contract# 2024-146

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
SECONDER:	Elizabeth Cavasso, Supervisor District IV
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

- 8.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a Statement of Work between the County of Modoc and Patrick Gerard DBA Shasta Infrastructure Services to conduct a network audit and diagram, in the amount of \$5,700.00. (Information Technology)**

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

Contract# 2024-147

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

9. Board of Supervisors Items:

- 9.a. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Discussion on the 2023-2024 Grand Jury Report and direction to staff regarding the request for a response from the Board of Supervisors. (Clerk of the Board)**

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a background on the 2023-2024 Grand Jury report and findings.

Sheriff, Tex Dowdy, stated the Grand Jury has been wonderful to work with and he appreciated them completing the tour and assessment of the Modoc County jail. Sheriff Dowdy stated he felt the assessment was fair but stated the report has a few items which are inaccurate and would need to be corrected. Sheriff Dowdy stated he feels the report does identify that the jail is an older facility and needs to be replaced which is what the County is working towards but has the same funding

challenges that many other counties have faced.

Supervisor Byrne asked about the updated cost of building a new jail in the current inflationary times.

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, reported the county does not have an updated cost to build the jail and provided a background on the challenges in other counties to build new jail facilities with the grant funding. County Administrative Officer Robertson provided a background on the need to conduct a jail needs assessment in order to be able to amend the grant funding while still meeting the statutory requirements of the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC). County Administrative Officer Robertson reported on the need to have a reduced scope due to the lower census data providing information on the reduction of beds in the jail facility. County Administrative Officer Robertson reported on the potential liability for new jail facilities.

Sheriff Dowdy reported on the study conducted that shows supporting information from a three (3) year average to reduce bed space in the new jail.

Supervisor Byrne reported on other counties where the cost to build the jail was tremendous but the cost of running the jail has been in some cases impossible to sustain.

County Administrative Officer Robertson detailed the findings as follows:

F1. On February 21, 2017, the Modoc County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution authorizing the County to participate in the SB 844, Adult Local Criminal Justice Facilities Construction Financing Program to build a new facility in Alturas. \$24,516,000 of taxpayer funds has been set aside to build the new facility. To date, construction has been delayed. In an interview with the Modoc County Sheriff, he hopes to have the facility completed by 2028.

RI. Money was allocated to build a new jail facility in 2017, seven years ago. MCGJ recommends that all efforts be made to move the building of the new facility forward by October 2024, so that the Sheriff's efforts to have the new facility completed by 2028 will become a reality. It is recommended that the 2024-2025 MCGJ follow up with R1 to monitor the progress of the building of the new jail in Alturas, and to provide a progress report for the Board of Supervisors and County Administrative Officer for the timeline of commencement and completion of construction of the new facility.

Direction to staff: The County of Modoc would continue to advocate at the state level to revise the legislation to allow for unused funds from other agencies to be reallocated to counties with active grants. This method is very limited due to the realignment of the bond capacity to be spent on other state priorities that were not directly correlated with the legislation. The financing for the facility while secured, is not fully funded. Financing cannot be added to the facility because the County of Modoc is not the owner of the facility once it is built, the State of California would be the owner. The County of Modoc has budgeted and is working to obtain an updated jail needs assessment. The scope of the project is not under the control of the County but is dependent on census data and statistics of jail inmates. If the cost estimates come in at a reasonable amount, the County would look for alternative funding methods to augment the grant for the construction of the new jail facility.

F2. The camera system currently being used by deputies to monitor inmates was installed in 1978. It is dated, has no audio, and does not cover all areas of the facility. Updated cameras are needed throughout the building. The current camera monitoring system is centrally located in the squad room.

R2. It is recommended that installation of more cameras with audio capabilities, including a 360-degree camera system that covers all areas of the building be installed by January 2025, for the safety of both the staff and the inmates. The Board of Supervisors are asked to include this in the 2024-2025 budget and every year forward until the new facility is built. MCJ and MCSO leadership should ensure current security systems are fully operational and upgraded to the extent possible within current budgetary constraints.

Direction to staff: The Sheriff's office is working to bring a proposal for a camera system before the Board of Supervisors and the Office of Administration is looking to find funding sources to support the proposal in the final adopted budget for 2024-2025.

F3. As with any old building, the old jail has issues. Plumbing and electrical throughout the building is 50 years old and in need of being updated. Leaks and clogs create a health and safety hazard for both staff and inmates. Overhead lighting is not working in some areas with wires have been pulled out by inmates. Wiring for the lighting in the common areas needs to be more secure in the walls, to eliminate inmates pulling on and breaking the wires.

R3. It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve additional funding to provide a budget for maintaining and updating the plumbing and electrical of the current jail building so as to minimize leaks, and clogging of the old water pipes and to eliminate the issue of inmates manipulating exposed wiring, creating a safety hazard for inmates and staff. This funding can be added to the 2024-2025 budget and every year forward until the new facility is built.

Direction to staff: Funding for improvements to the jail have been incorporated prior to 2024-2025 and has already been incorporated into the recommended roll-over 2024-2025 budget. With the exception of electrical, the items to improve the jail have been ordered through the Sheriff's Office and the County would be using resiliency funding and the Criminal Justice Temporary Construction to complete the improvements.

F4. The jail needs additional female deputy staff. As of December 2023, the jail was understaffed for both male and female deputies and especially female deputies.

R4. While the current staff does an outstanding job at maintaining the jail and meeting the needs of the inmates, it is inadequate to expect the two current female deputies to be available during their time off. It is recommended that programs be offered to the community and the county to encourage females to become deputies by January 2025. For example, it would be beneficial to the local high school. They have a program for students to become involved in law enforcement. A bonus or monthly stipend for female deputies would entice more women to join the force.

Direction to staff: Finding female correctional officers has continued to be a challenge but the Sheriff's Office has continued to recruit female officers on social media and other media. The

Sheriff's Office and the Office of Emergency Services have been asked to take over the high school public safety program which would offer another opportunity to conduct recruiting at the high school level.

F5. According to jail staff, at least a third of the population of the MCJ are deemed mentally incompetent by the jail staff interviewed, with no resources on site, and support from Modoc Medical Center and local programs coming only in urgent cases.

R5. It is understood that more resources for mental patients is a state-wide problem. However, several of Modoc's issues would be mitigated with the building of the new jail, providing more individualized rooms for medical treatment, mental health evaluation, and social programs. According to the California Legislature's Nonpartisan Fiscal and Policy Advisor, psychologists determined that inmates with special mental health needs spend three times the number of days in jail per booking and three times the number of times booked as inmates without special mental health needs. Mental health inmates cost three times more to house compared to inmates with no mental health issues. Deputies are not fully equipped or trained to work with mental health issues. A full-time mental health staff person would better service inmates with mental health needs.

Direction to staff: The priority of the project is more than building a new jail facility. Of equal importance, the County must ensure there is adequate staffing inside the jail with correctional and mental health staff. This will continue to be an issue due to the reduction in county funding due to a population reduction. The County has an interdepartmental Memorandum of Understandings (MOU) with the Modoc County Health Department in the absence of other providers in Modoc County for mental health services. The State of California contracts with the Modoc County Health Department to provide services in the Modoc County jail through Wellpath Care. This was not the standard practice in the past for other counties but is becoming a standard due to providers canceling contracts to provide mental health services in jail facilities. Individuals with behavioral health issues are spending more time than necessary in county jail facilities but the additional time is necessarily due to the mental health staffing. The additional time in county jails for inmates can be correlated to current laws, the court system, and the current delay in the court system to process an inmate timely. The time frame for an individual to move through the justice system is extremely problematic for the County of Modoc. Modoc County Behavioral Health has been a tremendous partner in assisting the Modoc County jail with mental health needs and should be commended for the important work they conduct in the jail.

F6. Multiple windows in the facility are cracked in the doors, windows, and walls from inmates throwing or banging items against them.

R6. Immediate repairs/replacement are needed for all the cracked windows in the doors, especially the mental health and sobering cell doors, windows, and walls from inmates throwing or banging items against them. Inmates can be cut or injured from the cracks and broken glass.

Direction to staff: The County of Modoc responds immediately to repairs as they occur. Repairs to the jail facility are ongoing as inmates often damage the facility on a daily basis.

A further discussion was held on the potential of a new jail facility and the state restrictions that

come with the funding.

- 9.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution or for the Chair of the Board to send a letter to the State of California Insurance Commissioner regarding California's marketplace for homeowners insurance and commercial property insurance. (Board of Supervisors)**

Supervisor, Shane Starr, reported the letter is no longer needed due to the correspondence received by the State Insurance Commissioner.

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Byrne, seconded by Supervisor Cavasso to withdraw the item from the agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESULT:	WITHDRAWN
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10. Administrative Services Items:

- 10.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to reclassify and update the class specification for the Migrant Center Manager, Range 175: Step A-J \$2,614.00 - \$4,057.00 monthly to Range 264: Step A-J; \$4,076.00 - \$6,324.00 monthly, effective September 1, 2024. (Administrative Services)**

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Elizabeth Cavasso, Supervisor District IV
SECONDER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

- 10.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Request approval of the amended changes to the Substance Abuse Policy under the Heading Preventing Discrimination based on off-duty cannabis per AB 2188, January 1, 2024. (Administrative Services)**

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a background on the proposed Substance Abuse Policy.

A lengthy discussion was held on the potential to add to the policy regarding the use of off-duty cannabis. A further discussion was held on the laws under VI. B within the policy.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 2]
MOVER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
SECONDER:	Elizabeth Cavasso, Supervisor District IV
AYES:	Coe, Cavasso, Byrne
NAYS:	Starr, Rhoads

11:37 a.m. Motion for a five minute recess.

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

11:44 a.m. The Board reconvened with Supervisor Coe, Rhoads, Starr, Cavasso, and Byrne present.

11. Clerk of the Board Items:

- 11.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting the Modoc County Assessment Appeals Board make a determination to accept the assessment appeal withdrawal for application# 2023-04. (Clerk of the Board)**

Clerk of the Board, Tiffany Martinez, provided a background on the proposed assessment appeals withdrawal.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
SECONDER:	Elizabeth Cavasso, Supervisor District IV
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

- 11.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting the Modoc County Assessment Appeals Board make a determination to accept the assessment appeal withdrawal for application# 2023-05. (Clerk of the Board)**

Clerk of the Board, Tiffany Martinez, provided a background on the proposed assessment appeals withdrawal.

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

11.c. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a sixty (60) month agreement between the County of Modoc and Canon Solutions America for Unified Lease Agreement #MA6151 (Copier Lease) at \$178.32 per month, effective upon delivery. (Clerk of the Board)

Clerk of the Board, Tiffany Martinez, provided a background on the proposed contract.

Contract# 2024-148

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

12. 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 Public Risk Innovation, Solutions, and Management (PRISM) insurance rates; 2) Update on the broadband projects; 3) Update on requests from Frontier; 4) Update on County Surveyor vacant position; 5) Update on Public Defender contract.

c. Department Head Reports

District Attorney, Nina Salarno, provided a report on the increase of activities within the District Attorney's office. District Attorney updated the board on the public outreach for the office.

d. Board of Supervisors Reports

Supervisor Coe reported on the following: 1) Surprise Valley Chamber of Commerce meeting; 2) Information and Technology Ad Hoc Committee meeting; 3) Tri-Counties Meeting; 4) Eagleville BBQ; 5) California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Natural Resources Committee meeting; 6) Tri-Counties meeting with Bureau of Reclamation; 7) California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Administrative of Justice Committee meeting; 8) California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Building Advisory Committee meeting; 9) Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors meeting; 10) California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Executive Committee meeting; 11) National Association of Counties (NACo) Public Lands Committee Leadership meeting; 12) Surprise Valley Summer Saturday.

Supervisor Cavasso reported on the following: 1) Code Enforcement Ad Hoc Committee meeting; 2) Information and Technology Ad Hoc Committee meeting; 3) Local Oral Health (LOHP) and Maternal Child Adolescent (MCAH) meetings; 4) Interview panel for Agriculture Department Air Pollution Control position; 5) Forest History Society - "Mann Gulch, Norman Maclean, and Young, Men" on the 75th Anniversary of the Mann Gulch Fire (MT) with Stephen Pyne, author and fire

historian; 6) Wildland Fire Leadership Council Western Region Coordinator - "Futuring the Wildland Fire Systems for 2020-2075"; 7) Modoc County Transportation Commission (MCTC) meeting; 8) Modoc County Transportation Agency (MTA) meeting; 9) 2024 Annual Field Day at the Intermountain Research and Extension Center with Farm Advisor, Laura Snell; 10) Wildland Fire Leadership Council Western Region Firestorms Workgroup; 11) Wildland Fire Leadership Council Western Region - Futuring the Wildland Fire Systems 2050-2075.

Supervisor Byrne reported on the following; 1) Rural California Counties of California (RCRC) meeting; 2) Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) meeting; 3) Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) meeting; 4) Meeting with Sierra Pacific to discuss county road conditions; 5) SB 90 Mandates - History and Process webinar; 6) Tri-Counties meeting with the Klamath Water Users Association (KWUA); 7) Tri-Counties meeting with Bureau of Reclamation; 8) Rural California Counties of California (RCRC) Officers meeting; 9) Golden State Natural Resources (GSNR) Media Training; 10) Ore-Cal Monthly Board and Partner meeting; 11) Correspondence from Jim Cook; 12) Chair of the Fish and Game Commission reported the commission needs a Secretary.

Supervisor Rhoads reported on the following: 1) Forest Service Coordination meeting; 2) Meet and greet with University of California Cooperative Extension leadership and County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson; 3) Forest Service Recreation meeting; 4) Probation Department Interview; 5) Modoc County Transportation Commission (MCTC) meeting; 6) Modoc County Transportation Agency (MTA) meeting; 7) Treasury Oversight Committee meeting; 8) Forest Service 80th birthday party for Smokey the Bear; 9) Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) meeting.

Supervisor Starr reported on the following: 1) Code Enforcement Ad Hoc Committee meeting; 2) Phone interview with Natalie Evans of Points Consulting to discuss updates to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for 2025; 3) Meeting with Sierra Pacific to discuss county road conditions; 4) California Competes Tax Credit webinar; 5) Forest Service Coordination meeting; 6) Continuum of Care (COC) meeting; 7) Meeting with the Modoc County Museum volunteers; 8) Dinner with the University of California Cooperative Extension leadership and County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson; 9) Superior California Economic Development Annual Review of the Executive Director; 10) Code Enforcement meeting with Modoc Recreational Estates (MRE) board members, Helen Johnson, and Assistant County Administrative Officer, Tiffany Martinez.

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

12:05 p.m. Motion to go into Closed Session.

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

13. Closed Session:

13.a. CLOSED SESSION: Significant Exposure to Litigation (Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9 (b)): - Number of cases one (1). (County Counsel)

RESULT: NO ACTION

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

RESULT: EVALUATION HELD

The Board reconvened and reported out of Closed Session with Supervisor Coe, Rhoads, Starr, Cavasso, and Byrne present.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn the August 13, 2024 meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
SECONDER: Elizabeth Cavasso, Supervisor District IV
AYES: Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 PM

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned to meet in regular session Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Tiffany A. Martinez
Clerk of the Board

Shane Starr
Chair, Modoc County Board of Supervisors