

NED COE
1st District

SHANE STARR
2nd District

KATHIE RHOADS
3rd District

ELIZABETH CAVASSO
4th District

GERI BYRNE
5th District



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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING REGULAR MEETING

August 27, 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	

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Prayer

Public Comment

Noelle Jones requested the Board of Supervisors use the authority that they have over elections. Ms. Jones provided comments on the election process in Modoc County and the comments they received during the Modoc District Fair about concerns with election security.

Jay Jones thanked the Board of Supervisors for the letter of support and shared the comments received at the Modoc District Fair booth regarding elections.

Approval or Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Correspondence

None.

Department Head Reports

None.

1. Public Hearing - 10:00 AM:

1.a. PUBLIC HEARING: Public Hearing - Amending Chapter 3.05 Assessment Appeals to add and remove sections of the Modoc County code. (Clerk of the Board)

The Chair of the Board opened the public hearing at 10:08 a.m. and requested a staff report.

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

Proponents: None.

Opponents: None.

There being no public present to speak on the matter, the Chair of the Board closed the public hearing at 10:09 a.m.

2. Clerk of the Board Items:

2.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to waive the first reading of Ordinance# 343-A to amend Chapter 3.05 Assessment Appeals of the Modoc County Code and set the second reading for September 10, 2024. (Clerk of the Board)

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

3. Public Hearing - 10:00 AM:

3.a. PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance amendment to Chapter 2.04 2.04 Board of Supervisors to add section 2.04.030 Training of Supervisor Elect to the Modoc County Code. (Clerk of the Board)

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

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

Proponents: None.

Opponents: None.

There being no public present to speak on the matter, the Chair of the Board closed the public hearing at 10:11 a.m.

4. Clerk of the Board Items:

- 4.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to waive the first reading of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 2.04 Board of Supervisors to add section 2.04.030 Training of Supervisor Elect to the Modoc County Code and set the second reading for September 10, 2024. (Clerk of the Board)**

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

5. Consent Agenda Items:

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

- 5.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 Stage I Child Care services, not to exceed \$48,750.00, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. (Social Services)**

Contract# 24-149

- 5.b. 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 parent education services, not to exceed \$86,500.00, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. (Social Services)**

Contract# 24-150

- 5.c. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract extension between the County of Modoc and California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) for the concurrent review contract not to exceed \$14,763.84, effective January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025. (Behavioral Health)**

Contract# 24-151

- 5.d. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a recurring contract between the County of Modoc and Aurora Behavioral Health, not to exceed \$80,000.00, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. (Behavioral Health)

Contract# 24-152

- 5.e. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Director of Health Services to sign an ongoing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Modoc Communications System Dispatch Center between Modoc County Public Health and Modoc County Sheriff's Office, not to exceed \$5,000.00, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. (Public Health)

Contract# 24-153

- 5.f. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign an annual contract between the County of Modoc and the State of California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for the 24-0421-000-SA Industrial Hemp Cultivation Program not \$10,079.00, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. (Agriculture)

Contract# 24-154

- 5.g. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign an agreement between the County of Modoc and Sonoma County for temporary placement of youth pursuant to Title 15 CCR and within provisions of the Welfare and Institutions Code, effective September 1, 2024 and ongoing, subject to annual amendments regarding per day bed rates. (Probation)

Contract# 24-155

- 5.h. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting the appointment of Laurie Wayne as a Council Member to the PSA 2 Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a four (4) year term, effective August 27, 2024 through August 26, 2028. (Board of Supervisors)

6. Emergency Services Items:

- 6.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval of a Resolution to adopt the 2024 revised Modoc County Emergency Operations Plan. (Office of Emergency Services)

Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Services, Renae Sweet, provided a background on the proposed revised Modoc County Emergency Operations Plan.

Supervisor Byrne requested to have the following changes to the Modoc County Emergency Operations Plan:

1. Section 3.1.3, Bullet point 3 - Add "Irrigation farming and environment threatened by government shut off of irrigation water."
2. Section 3.2.1 - The likelihood of shutting off water should rate higher on the chart.
3. Section 3.2.1.3 - Add government-caused drought.
4. Section 4.2.3 - Add that the food purchased must be in context with the County of Modoc food policy.

Supervisor Coe requested to have the following changes to the Modoc County Emergency Operations Plan:

1. Section 3.1.3 - Add wind and wildfire to Surprise Valley and wildfire to Alturas
2. Section 3.2.1.c - Add power outage due to system safety.
3. Include the Modoc County Ag Pass into evacuations or other appropriate areas.

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Byrne, seconded by Supervisor Coe to approve as amended of Resolution to adopt the 2024 revised Modoc County Emergency Operations Plan with the following changes to the plan:

1. Section 3.1.3, Bullet point 3 - Add "Irrigation farming and environment threatened by government shut off of irrigation water."
2. Section 3.2.1 - The likelihood of shutting off water should rate higher on the chart.
Section 3.2.1.3 - Add government-caused drought.
3. Section 4.2.3 - Add that the food purchased must be in context with the County of Modoc food policy.
4. Section 3.1.3 - Add wind and wildfire to Surprise Valley and wildfire to Alturas
5. Section 3.2.1.c - Add power outage due to system safety.
6. Include the Modoc County Ag Pass into evacuations or other appropriate areas.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution# 2024-43

RESULT:	APPROVE AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
SECONDER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

7. Planning Department Items:

- 7.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a budget modification for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to General Fund 001 Planning Department 2650 Planning; modifying expenditures in the amount of \$5,218.00. (Planning)**

Planning Director, Sean Curtis, 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, Cavasso, Byrne

7.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution adopting the water service plan for the community of Canby. (Planning)

Planning Director, Sean Curtis, provided a background on the proposed resolution and water service plan for the community of Canby.

Consultant, Gary Price, provided a background on the water service plan for the community of Canby.

Planning Director Curtis introduced Bonnie Sherer from the community of Canby.

Bonnie Sherer provided a background on the community meeting which occurred and the outreach to the public on the proposed water service plan for the community of Canby.

Pace Engineering, Grant Maxwell, reported he is available for questions from the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Cavasso provided comments on the awareness of the county regarding the water quality issues in Canby. Supervisor Cavasso stated she was supportive of the project.

County Administrative Officer, Chester, Robertson, provided comments on the economic feasibility of the water service plan and detailed the other issues within the community of Canby to be able to make the water service a reality for the community of Canby.

Supervisor Cavasso stated there is a school located in the community of Canby.

Mr. Price stated the report places the community in a good position to obtain future grant funding.

Resolution# 2024-44

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

8. Health Services Items:

- 8.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between Modoc County Public Health and Partnership HealthPlan of California for the delivery and care of services to members effective upon signature until terminated by either party. (Public Health)**

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

Contract# 24-156

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

9. Social Services Items:

- 9.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign an amendment to the annual contract between the County of Modoc and Training Employment and Community Help, Inc. (TEACH, Inc.) for Stage I Child Care services, increasing the not-to-exceed amount from \$39,000.00 to \$42,115.00, effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. (Social Services)**

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

Contract# 24-157

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

10. Public Works Items:

- 10.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution Pursuant to Government Code 25830 and Modoc County Code Section 8.02.200 establishing property ownership for land classified for solid waste generation for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. (Public Works)**

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

Resolution# 2024-45

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

11. Administrative Services Items:

- 11.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a task order agreement between the County of Modoc and West Yost for the activities under the Modoc County Drought Resilience Planning Grant No. 4600015985, not to exceed \$112,980.00, effective August 27, 2024. (Administrative Services)**

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

Contract# 24-158

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 approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a task order No. 1030-80-24-05 between the County of Modoc and West Yost, for the activities under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation grant agreement No. 4600015869, not to exceed \$1,243,990.00, effective August 27, 2024. (Administrative Services)**

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

Contract# 24-159

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

12. Board of Supervisors Items:

- 12.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a letter requesting an amendment to AB 2240: Farm Labor Centers: Migratory Agricultural Workers. (Board of Supervisors)**

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a background on the proposed letter. CAO Robertson stated the bill has been amended and would recommend a thank you letter be sent.

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Coe, seconded by Supervisor Byrne to approve as amended a thank you letter for the amendment to AB 2240: Farm Labor Centers: Migratory Agricultural Workers.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
SECONDER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

12.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a budget modification for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to Eagleville Light District 674; modifying revenue and expenditures in the amount of \$195.29. (Board of Supervisors)

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

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

12.c. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a budget modification for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to Cedarville Light District 673; modifying revenue and expenditures in the amount of \$1,188.98. (Board of Supervisors)

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

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

12.d. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a budget modification for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to Canby Light District 672; modifying revenue and expenditures in the amount of \$224.00. (Board of Supervisors)

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

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

12.e. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a budget modification for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to Ft. Bidwell Light District 671; modifying revenue and expenditures in the amount of \$626.12. (Board of Supervisors)

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

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

12.f. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a budget modification for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to Adin Light District 670; modifying revenue and expenditures in the amount of \$1,215.76. (Board of Supervisors)

Clerk of the Board, Tiffany Martinez, 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

13. Comments/Reports:

a. Public Comments

None.

b. Administrative Services Report

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, reported on the following: 1) Pacific Power Public Safety Shut Off update and regulations; 2) Meeting with Ormat Technologies Inc. regarding permitting for geothermal; 3) Discussions with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineering regarding bridge repairs; 4) Tilson Engineering site visit for broadband activities and update on the grant awards.

c. Department Head Reports

Auditor/County Clerk, Stephanie Wellemeyer, provided an update on the audits and reported the 2023 audit would be completed at the end of the month. Auditor/County Clerk Wellemeyer reported the 2024 audit would be in progress after the completion of the 2023 audit.

Auditor/County Clerk Wellemeyer provided comments on the security of the election process and reported she feels there is no member of the county who should mistrust the election process. Auditor/County Clerk Wellemeyer provided an overview of the election process, auditing, and security for the County of Modoc.

d. Board of Supervisors Reports

Supervisor Coe reported on the following: 1) Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) meeting; 2) U.S. Forest Service Old Growth Amendment meeting; 3) Northern California Emergency Medical Services (EMS) special meeting; 4) National Association of Counties (NACo) West Region Monthly meeting; 5) AB 1825 Harassment Prevention Training; 6) Meeting with staff of Assembly Member Arambula regarding AB 2240; 7) Meeting with Ormat Technologies Inc. staff regarding geothermal; 8) Morning Rotary meeting with Ormat Technologies Inc.; 9) Tri-Counties meeting; 10) Modoc District Fair.

Supervisor Cavasso reported on the following: 1) Back to School night at the Alturas Elementary School; 2) First Annual Twilight Classic Soccer game at Modoc High School; 3) Northern Rural Training and Employment Consortium (NoRTEC) meeting; 4) Wildland Fire Leadership Council Western Region Coordinator meeting; 5) Modoc District Fair.

Supervisor Byrne reported on the following: 1) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Officer Zoom meeting; 2) Meeting with Stephanie Jimenez, Assembly Member Arambula regarding AB 2240; 3) Meeting with Regional Business Manager for Pacific Power; 4) Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) Consultation Management meeting; 5) Tri-Counties meeting; 6) Modoc District Fair.

Supervisor Rhoads reported on the following: 1) Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) meeting; 2) Interview panel for Deputy Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures/Air Pollution Control Officer; 3) Behavioral Health Public hearing; 4) AB 1825 Sexual Harassment Training; 5) Attended the Alturas City Council meeting; 6) U.S. Forest Service Coordination meeting; 7) Oral Health meeting; 8) Forest Service Coordination meeting; 9) Upcoming budget sessions.

Supervisor Starr reported on the following: 1) Attended the online Housing and Urban Development Forum; 2) Meeting with the Interim Chief Building Official to discuss proposed changes to the Agriculture Ordinance referring to greenhouses; 3) Superior California Economic Development (SCED) Quarterly board meeting; 4) PSA2 Executive Board meeting; 5) Modoc National Forest Resource Advisory Council (RAC) meeting; 6) Attended the presentation from Ormat Technologies Inc. regarding their interest in geothermal in Surprise Valley at the Sunrise Rotary meeting; 7) Modoc District Fair.

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

11:23 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, Cavasso, Byrne

14. Closed Session:

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

RESULT:	EVALUATION HELD
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14.b. CLOSED SESSION: Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957): Title: Director of Health Services. (Administrative Services)

Evaluation continued to the next meeting.

RESULT:	EVALUATION CONTINUED
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14.c. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957.6 - Conference with Labor Negotiators Scott McLeran and Chester Robertson regarding Modoc County In-Home Support Services (IHSS) Public Authority and SEIU Local 2015 labor agreement. (Administrative Services)

The Chair of the Board appointed Deputy County Counsel, Scott McLeran and County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, as the negotiators for the County of Modoc.

RESULT:	DIRECTION GIVEN
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2:50 p.m. The Board reconvened with Supervisor Coe, Rhoads, Starr, Cavasso, and Byrne present.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn the August 27, 2024 meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM

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

Tiffany A. Martinez
Clerk of the Board

Shane Starr
Chair, Modoc County Board of Supervisors