

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

September 12, 2023

10:00 AM Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Ned Coe	Supervisor District I	Absent	
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
Chester Robertson	County Administration Officer	Present	10:00 AM
Scott McLeran	Deputy County Counsel	Present	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:	Elizabeth Cavasso, Supervisor District IV
SECONDER:	Shane Starr, Supervisor District II
AYES:	Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne
ABSENT:	Coe

Correspondence

None.

Department Head Reports

None.

1. Clerk of the Board Items:

- 1.a. PRESENTATION: Update from Alliance for Workforce Development, Inc. (AFWD) regarding the Modoc County operations and program highlights for 2022-2023. (Clerk of the Board)**

Alliance for Workforce Development, Inc. (AFWD) Resource Coordinator, Telene Johnston, provided a report on the following: 1) Overview of AFWD Program Year 2022-2023; 2) Employment Numbers; 3) Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Services; 4) Activities in the community.

2. Consent Agenda Items:

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

- 2.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign the Cooperative Forest Road Agreement between the County of Modoc and USDA, Forest Service, effective September 12, 2023 through September 1, 2028. (Road/Airport)**

Contract# 2023-178

- 2.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting authorization to remove on (1) 1997 Chevrolet Pickup (Fixed Asset# 50100046) from the Farm Advisor's asset inventory list and transfer to Buildings & Grounds, effective September 12, 2023. (Farm Advisor)**
- 2.c. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of the August 22, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. (Clerk of the Board)**

3. Health Services Items:

- 3.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting permission to revise the class specification of the Health Program Manager with no changes to the salary, effective September 12, 2023. (Public Health)**

Director of Health Services, Stacy Sphar, provided a background on the need to update the class specification.

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

4. Behavioral Health Items:

- 4.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a budget modification for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to Mental Health 130; modifying expenditures in the amount of \$199,447.50. (Behavioral Health)**

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

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

- 4.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and Director of Health Services to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and First 5 for the Teaching Together Program not to exceed \$75,001.00, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. (Behavioral Health)**

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

Contract# 2023-179

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

5. Road/Airport Items:

- 5.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign Amendment #1 to the contract between the County of Modoc and Dokken Engineering for On-Call Road Engineering Services not to exceed \$2,500,000.00, effective September 12, 2023. (Road/Airport)**

Deputy Road Commissioner, Lilly Toaetolu, provided a background on the proposed contract amendment.

Contract# 2023-180

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

5.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution extending aid to the City of Alturas for street repair and maintenance. (Road/Airport)

Deputy Road Commissioner, Lilly Toaetolu, provided a background on the proposed resolution.

Resolution# 2023-44

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

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2023-44

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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6. Comments/Reports:

a. Public Comments

None.

b. Administrative Services Report

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson reported on the following: 1) Deed transfer of old hospital building; 2) Two meetings with Fort Bidwell Tribal Council related to broadband grants and projects; 3) Community clean up day in Canby on October 21, 2023 and organizing clean up days in New Pine Creek and Adin communities; 4) Tentative grant award on housing through Health Services; 5) Branch Director of Environmental Health interview was conducted and a candidate was selected; 6) Agriculture Department annual financial statement is in progress; 7) Participated in the PACE health insurance meetings and will see a 7% increase in premiums; 8) Ethics training for special districts was canceled; 9) LAFCo update on the county wide pest abatement district; 10) Watermaster Conflict Resolution Committee meeting; 11) Orientation for new hires in Public Works and Agriculture; 12) Interviews conducted for the replacement of the District Attorney; 13) Reported on the appointment of an interim District Attorney for a three (3) week period.

c. Department Head Reports

Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures, Heather Kelly, reported the department conducted an interview for the position of Agriculture Biologist/Weights and Measures Inspector and should have the position filled by the end of the week.

d. Board of Supervisors Reports

Supervisor Byrne reported on the following: 1) 2023-2024 Ad Hoc Budget Committee meetings; 2) Meeting with the United States Forest Service Modoc Supervisor, Chris Christofferson; 3) Meeting with the Modoc County Probation Chief Officer; 4) Golden State Natural Resources meeting; 5) Payment In-Lieu of Taxes (PILT) pre-meeting; 6) Klamath ESA Consultation - Management group meeting.

Supervisor Starr reported on the following: 1) Planning and Service Area 2 (PSA 2) meeting; 2) Modoc District Fair; 3) Modoc County Coordination meeting; 4) Resource Advisory Committee meeting; 5) National Narrow Gauge Railroad Convention in Denver 6) Meeting with Congressman LaMalfa's staff to discuss potential legislation to deal with grasshoppers; 7) Modoc Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) meeting regarding the upcoming solar eclipse.

Supervisor Cavasso reported on the following: 1) Meeting with the Modoc County Probation Chief Officer; 2) Wildland Fire Leadership Council Western Region meeting; 3) Northern Rural Training and Employment Consortium (NorTEC); 4) Constituent concern regarding open range livestock in close proximity to the city limits; 5) Modoc District Fair; 6) Sierra Nevada Conservancy North Region Check-In meeting; 7) Participated in the District Attorney Round one interviews.

Supervisor Rhoads reported on the following: 1) 2023-2024 Ad Hoc Budget Committee meetings; 2) Meeting with the United States Forest Service Modoc Supervisor, Chris Christofferson; 3) Modoc County Transportation Committee (MCTC) Finance Committee meeting; 4) Health Services Department interviews; 5) Treasury Oversight Committee meeting.

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

12:24 p.m. Motion to go into Closed Session.

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

7. Closed Session:

7.a. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957 (b) (1); Conduct Interviews for Employee Appointment; Title: District Attorney. (Administrative Services)

Deputy County Counsel, Scott McLeran, reported the Board of Supervisors were prepared to recommend the appointment of a final interview candidate in open session to the Office of District Attorney pursuant to agenda item 8.a.

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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12:24 p.m. The Board reconvened with Supervisor Rhoads, Starr, Cavasso, and Byrne present.

8. Board of Supervisors Items:

- 8.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to appoint one of the interview candidates to the position of District Attorney and make a determination on the monthly salary, effective upon the appointee meeting the residency requirements to hold the office of Modoc County District Attorney and no later than November 8, 2023 to fill the remaining term through January 8, 2029. (Board of Supervisors)**

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Starr, seconded by Supervisor Cavasso to approve as amended to appointment, upon acceptance, Nina Besselman to the position of District Attorney with the monthly salary of \$14,450.50; effective upon the appointee meeting the residency requirements to hold the office of Modoc County District Attorney and the satisfaction of final pre-employment requirements, no later than November 8, 2023 to fill the remaining term through January 8, 2029.

Motion carried 4-0.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Shane Starr, Supervisor District II
SECONDER:	Elizabeth Cavasso, Supervisor District IV
AYES:	Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne
ABSENT:	Coe

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn the September 12, 2023 meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:26 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 26, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Tiffany A. Martinez
Clerk of the Board

Kathie Rhoads
Chair, Modoc County Board of Supervisors