

NED COE
1st District

SHANE STARR
2nd District

KATHIE RHOADS
3rd District

ELIZABETH CAVASSO
4th District

GERI BYRNE
5th District



TIFFANY A. MARTINEZ
CLERK OF THE BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS

204 S. COURT STREET
ALTURAS, CALIFORNIA 96101

PHONE: (530) 233-6201

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING REGULAR MEETING

November 26, 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	Absent	10:00 AM
Scott McLeran	Deputy 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

District Attorney, Nina Salarno, provided an update on the driving under the influence (DUI) campaign for Modoc County and shared the poster for the campaign.

District Attorney Salarno provided an annual report of the Modoc County District Attorney's Office.

Approval or Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Supervisor Starr requested to remove item 1.f. and 1.g. from the agenda.

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, requested to have item 5.a. removed from the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

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

Correspondence

- a. **Correspondence Received - USDA Forest Service Amendment Update for Northwest Forest Plan-Area Land Management Plans & Opportunities for Public Engagement Update.**

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
----------------	------------------

- b. **Correspondence Received - Amendment Update for Northwest Forest Plan-Area Land Management Plans & Opportunities for Public Engagement.**

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
----------------	------------------

- c. **Correspondence Received - Workshop Invitation | Examining Net Cost of Reinsurance and Ratemaking on December 5, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
----------------	------------------

- d. **Correspondence Received - Draft Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration for Shaw Pit Expansion Use Permit and Reclamation Plan Amendment Project.**

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
----------------	------------------

Department Head Reports

None.

1. Consent Agenda Items:

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

- 1.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Director of Health Services to sign a renewal contract between the County of Modoc and BHC Heritage Oaks Hospital Inc., for the provision of acute psychiatric inpatient medical services, not to exceed \$50,000.00, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. (Behavioral Health)

Contract# 2024-202

- 1.b. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Director of Health Services to sign a recurring contract between the Modoc County Behavioral Health and BHC Sierra Vista Hospital Inc., not to exceed \$50,000.00 each fiscal year or aggregate amount of \$150,000 for three (3) year term, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027. (Behavioral Health)

Contract# 2024-203

- 1.c. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting appointments in lieu of election of Bonnie Mejia and Mike Hansen as Directors to the Adin Community Service District as shown on the Certificate of Facts for a four (4) year term, effective December 6, 2024 through December 1, 2028. (Elections)

- 1.d. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting appointments in lieu of election of Loyd Cantrell and Kevin Banwarth as Commissioners to the Adin Fire Protection District as shown on the Certificate of Facts for a four (4) year term, effective December 6, 2024 through December 1, 2028. (Elections)

- 1.e. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting appointments in lieu of election of Alan Cain and Deanna Smitha as Commissioners to the Alturas Rural Fire Protection District as shown on the Certificate of Facts for a four (4) year term, effective December 6, 2024 through December 1, 2028. (Elections)

- 1.f. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting the appointment of Jeff Tatro as a Commissioner to the Alturas Rural Fire District, effective immediately, to fill the vacant unexpired term that ends December 4, 2026. - *Item removed from the agenda.* (County Clerk)

- 1.g. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting the appointment of Deanna Smitha as a Commissioner to the Alturas Rural Fire District, effective immediately, to fill the unexpired term of James Kinney that ends December 6, 2024. - *Item removed from the agenda.* (County Clerk)
- 1.h. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting an appointment in lieu of election of William "Buck" Rodgers as a Director to the California Pines Community Service District as shown on the Certificate of Facts for a four (4) year term, effective December 6, 2024 through December 1, 2028. (Elections)
- 1.i. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting appointments in lieu of election of Terry Kelly and Orrin "Skip" Kelly as Directors to the California Pines Community Service District as shown on the Certificate of Facts for a two (2) year term, effective December 6, 2024 through December 4, 2026. (Elections)
- 1.j. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting appointments in lieu of election of Rochelle Bushey, Charlie Sherer, and Shawn Sherer as Directors to the Canby Community Service District as shown on the Certificate of Facts for a four (4) year term, effective December 6, 2024 through December 1, 2028. (Elections)
- 1.k. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting an appointment in lieu of election of Charlie Sherer as a Commissioner to the Canby Fire Protection District as shown on the Certificate of Facts for a four (4) year term, effective December 6, 2024 through December 1, 2028. (Elections)
- 1.l. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting appointments in lieu of election of Gene Erquiaga and Jerry Minto as Commissioners to the Cedarville Fire Protection District as shown on the Certificate of Facts for a four (4) year term, effective December 6, 2024 through December 1, 2028. (Elections)
- 1.m. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting appointments in lieu of election of John Bunyard, Renae Sweet, and Marlynn Teuscher Schaefer as Directors to the Cedarville County Water District as shown on the Certificate of Facts for a four (4) year term, effective December 6, 2024 through December 1, 2028. (Elections)
- 1.n. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting an appointment in lieu of election of Jenny Jayo as a Commissioner to the Davis Creek Fire Protection District as shown on the Certificate of Facts for a four (4) year term, effective December 6, 2024 through December 1, 2028. (Elections)

- 1.o. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting an appointment in lieu of election of Jesse Harris as a Commissioner to the Eagleville Fire Protection District as shown on the Certificate of Facts for a four (4) year term, effective December 6, 2024 through December 1, 2028. (Elections)**
- 1.p. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting appointments in lieu of election of Greg Small and Stuart Benner as Commissioners to the Fort Bidwell Fire Protection District as shown on the Certificate of Facts for a four (4) year term, effective December 6, 2024 through December 1, 2028. (Elections)**
- 1.q. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting an appointment in lieu of election of Brian Ingraham as a Director to the Goose Lake Resource Conservation District as shown on the Certificate of Facts for a four (4) year term, effective November 29, 2024 through November 24, 2028. (Elections)**
- 1.r. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting appointments in lieu of election of James "Bucky" Harris and Lee Gorzell as Commissioners to the Lake City Fire Protection District as shown on the Certificate of Facts for a four (4) year term, effective December 6, 2024 through December 1, 2028. (Elections)**
- 1.s. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting an appointment in lieu of election of John Erquiaga as a Commissioner to the Lake City Fire Protection District as shown on the Certificate of Facts for a two (2) year term, effective December 6, 2024 through December 4, 2026. (Elections)**
- 1.t. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting appointments in lieu of election of Carol Madison and Keith Weber as Directors to the Last Frontier Healthcare District as shown on the Certificate of Facts for a four (4) year term, effective December 6, 2024 through December 1, 2028. (Elections)**
- 1.u. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting an appointment in lieu of election of Paul Dolby as a Director to the Last Frontier Healthcare District as shown on the Certificate of Facts for a two (2) year term, effective December 6, 2024 through December 4, 2026. (Elections)**
- 1.v. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting appointments in lieu of election of Linda Moore and Patty Rogers as Commissioners to the Lookout Fire Protection District as shown on the Certificate of Facts for a four (4) year term, effective December 6, 2024 through December 1, 2028. (Elections)**

- 1.w. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting appointments in lieu of election of Shaelene Tims and Stacy Hafen as Directors to the Modoc Resource Conservation District as shown on the Certificate of Facts for a four (4) year term, effective November 29, 2024 through November 24, 2028. (Elections)
- 1.x. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting appointments in lieu of election of Gilbert Idrogo Sr. and Jose Jaime-Garcia as Directors to the Newell County Water District as shown on the Certificate of Facts for a four (4) year term, effective December 6, 2024 through December 1, 2028. (Elections)
- 1.y. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting an appointment in lieu of election of Myles Flournoy as a Director to the South Fork Irrigation District as shown on the Certificate of Facts for a four (4) year term, effective December 6, 2024 through December 1, 2028. (Elections)
- 1.z. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting an appointment in lieu of election of Leslie Boyle as a Director to the South Fork Irrigation District as shown on the Certificate of Facts for a two (2) year term, effective December 6, 2024 through December 4, 2026. (Elections)
- 1.aa. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting appointments in lieu of election of John Erquiaga and Richard "Rick" Hironymous as Directors to the Surprise Valley Healthcare District as shown on the Certificate of Facts for a four (4) year term, effective December 6, 2024 through December 1, 2028. (Elections)
- 1.ab. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting an appointment in lieu of election of Lucille Ketcherside as a Commissioner to the Willow Ranch Fire Protection District as shown on the Certificate of Facts for a four (4) year term, effective December 6, 2024 through December 1, 2028. (Elections)
- 1.ac. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting an appointment in lieu of election of Jose Madrigal as a Commissioner to the Likely Fire Protection District as shown on the Certificate of Facts for a four (4) year term, effective December 6, 2024 through December 1, 2028. (Elections)
- 1.ad. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval of the November 12, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. (Clerk of the Board)

2. Environmental Health Items:

- 2.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance# 288-B amending Title 8 Health and Safety, Chapter 8.24 Underground Storage of Hazardous Substances. (Environmental Health)**

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

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

FINAL ORDINANCE# 288-B

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
----------------	------------------

3. Health Services Items:

- 3.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting permission to promote one (1) Health Services Administrative Clerk II, Range 215: Step-C, \$3,520.00 to a Health Education Specialist, Range 233: Step-C, \$3,849.00, effective January 1, 2025. (Public Health)**

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

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

4. District Attorney Items:

- 4.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and the Law Office of Richard Cotta for Assistant District Attorney Prosecutor Services, in the amount of \$9,278.00 monthly, effective December 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. (Administrative Services)**

District Attorney, Nina Salarno, provided a background on the proposed contract.

Contract# 2024-204

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

5. Road/Airport Items:

- 5.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval of a bid exemption pursuant to County Code 3.24.060 (D) and authorization to purchase from Peterson CAT Two (2) New Caterpillar Model: WT-MG Work Tools, Blade, and Lift (Plow), not to exceed \$121,292.44, effective November 26, 2024. - *Item removed from the agenda.* (Road/Airport)

Contract# 2024-205

RESULT:	NO ACTION
----------------	------------------

6. Air Pollution Control District:

- 6.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 Likely Land and Livestock Co. Inc. for Farmer Grant Agreement# 0475, not to exceed \$97,216.80, effective November 15, 2024 through November 15, 2029. (Air Pollution Control District)

Air Pollution Control Officer, Heather Kelly, provided a background on the proposed contract. Air Pollution Control Officer Kelly provided an update on the FARMER funding.

Contract# 2024-206

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

- 6.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 Jerry Kresge for Farmer Grant Agreement# 0480, not to exceed \$132,630.77, effective November 14, 2024 through November 14, 2029. (Air Pollution Control District)

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

Contract# 2024-207

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

- 6.c. **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 Kara Binning for Farmer Grant Agreement# 0496, not to exceed \$89,520.00, effective November 14, 2024 through November 14, 2029. (Air Pollution Control District)**

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

Contract# 2024-208

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

- 6.d. **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 Paul Dolby for Farmer Grant Agreement# 0513, not to exceed \$85,596.00, effective November 18, 2024 through November 18, 2029. (Air Pollution Control District)**

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

Contract# 2024-209

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

- 6.e. **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 Ray Anklin for Farmer Grant Agreement# 0481, not to exceed \$135,000.00, effective November 19, 2024 through November 19, 2029. (Air Pollution Control District)**

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

Contract# 2024-210

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

- 6.f. **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 Bob Bushey for the Farmer Grant Agreement# 0472, not to exceed \$135,000.00, effective November 15, 2024 through November 15, 2029. (Air Pollution Control District)**

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

Contract# 2024-211

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

7. Administrative Services Items:

- 7.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a Statement of Work between the County of Modoc and Civic Plus for agenda management software, website solution, social media archiving, and NextRequest for public records management, not to exceed \$51,914.55, effective November 26, 2024. (Administrative Services)**

Assistant County Administrative Officer, Tiffany Martinez, provided a background on the product review and proposed contract. Assistant County Administrative Officer Martinez reported the change in the software system is due to the end of support for Minutetraq on September 30, 2025, and the end of life for the program on September 30, 2027.

A discussion was held and several questions were asked of Assistant County Administrative Officer Martinez.

Contract# 2024-212

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

- 7.b. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a Task Order# 1030-80-24-05, Amendment-1 between the County of Modoc and West Yost for services to conduct stream gage monitoring and water storage feasibility assessment for the Big Valley Groundwater Basin, not to exceed \$183,869.75, effective November 26, 2024. (Administrative Services)**

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

Contract# 2024-213

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

8. Board of Supervisors Items:

- 8.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a letter of support for Collins sawmill grant application to the United States Forest Service (USFS) 2025 Wood Infrastructure grant. (Board of Supervisors)**

Supervisor Starr provided a background on the proposed support letter.

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

9. Comments/Reports:

a. Public Comments

None.

b. Administrative Services Report

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a background on the following: 1) Update on the Public Defender contract; 2) Wellpath Bankruptcy update; 3) Insurance update; 4) Update on El Rancho apartments and a letter of interest; 5) SB 19 Stream Gage grant application update; 6) Update on the meeting between Modoc Recreational Estates (MRE) Board, Frontier Communications, Supervisor Starr, and Modoc County staff related to the placement of one hundred and seven (107) poles in the MRE subdivision; 7) Frontier Communications update on broadband build; 8) Modoc County Superior Court fine report update; 9) Charter Spectrum update on broadband; 10) State of California budget update; 11)Weidner contract update on Secure Rural

Schools; 11) Climate Resiliency Districts update; 12) Road Department update and appreciation for the large number of projects completed during 2024.

c. Department Head Reports

None.

d. Board of Supervisors Reports

Supervisor Cavasso had no report.

Supervisor Coe reported on the following: 1) Secure Rural Schools update on extension; 2) National Association of Counties (NACo) Public Lands Committee meeting; 3) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) call regarding farm worker housing with Supervisor Byrne and CAO Robertson; 4) California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Annual Conference; 5) California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Executive Committee meeting; 6) California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee meeting; 7) California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Board meeting; 8) United States Forest Service Old Growth amendment meeting; 9) Tri-Counties meeting; 10) Modoc Middle Mile Broadband meeting; 11) Nor-Cal EMS Board meeting.

Supervisor Rhoads reported on the following: 1) Modoc National Forest Resource Advisory (RAC) Board meeting; 2) Meeting with the Forest Service Supervisor, Ian Reid, regarding the Resource Advisory Board allocation adjustment; 3) Forest Service Zoom meeting regarding the draft environmental impact statement; 4) Behavioral Health Advisory Committee meeting.

Supervisor Starr reported on the following: 1) California Jobs First webinar; 2) Modoc National Forest Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting; 3) Modoc-Washoe Experimental Stewardship Program (ESP) meeting; 4) Meeting with the volunteers and Information and Technology staff at the Modoc Museum; 5) Modoc Recreational Estates (MRE) Board and Frontier Communication meeting; 6) Superior California Economic Development (SCED) Nominating Committee meeting; 7) Meeting with constituents to discuss concerns; 8) Broadband meeting with the California Department of Technology Middle Mile Broadband Initiative (MMBI) program.

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

11:15 a.m. Motion to go into Closed Session.

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

RESULT:	EVALUATION HELD
----------------	------------------------

1:43 p.m. The Board reconvened with Supervisor Coe, Rhoads, Starr, and Cavasso present.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn the November 26, 2024 meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 PM

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

Tiffany A. Martinez
Clerk of the Board

Shane Starr
Chair of the Board