

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

December 12, 2023

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
Chester Robertson	County Administration Officer	Remote	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

The Board of Supervisors, Modoc County Departments, and staff would like to observe a moment of silence in memory of Alturas Chief of Police, Sid Cullins.

Moment of Prayer

Public Comment

James Ace Forester, Sr., provided comments on the need for a code enforcement officer position for California Pines. Mr. Forester stated California Pines is turning into a homeless encampment and requested to have an item on the agenda at the next meeting.

Approval or Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Correspondence

Supervisor Cavasso entered an email from Collins Pines Forest & Landscape Policy Coordinator, Helen Leiser, requesting a letter of support for a grant to complete fuels reduction on 2,500 acres in the Adin area.

- a. **Letter from the Modoc County Agricultural Commissioner to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.**

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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- b. **E-mail from Collins Pines Forest & Landscape Policy Coordinator, Helen Leiser, requesting a letter of support for a grant to complete fuels reduction on 2,500 acres in the Adin area.**

Department Head Reports

Road Commissioner, Mitch Crosby, provided an update on the partnership between the Modoc County Road Department and the City of Alturas to pave sections of 8th, 4th, and 3rd Street in the City of Alturas. Commissioner Crosby provided an update on the Clean California grant and the need to rebid the project.

1. Consent Agenda Items:

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

- 1.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Director of Health Services to sign Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) agreement #22-0058 with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), effective January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025. (Public Health)**

Contract# 2023-225

- 1.b. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to dispose of one (1) 2007 Chevy Tahoe Asset ID# 22200103 (VIN# 1GNFK13097J366895) through public auction and remove from the Probation Department asset list. (Probation)**
- 1.c. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of the reappointment of Bryce O'Sullivan as District II Commissioner to the Modoc County Fish, Game & Recreation Commission, for a two (2) year term of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025. (Board of Supervisors)**

2. County Clerk Items:

- 2.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Registrar of Voters to sign an amendment to Contract #23-188 between the County of Modoc and Election Systems and Software (ES&S) for the purchase of an updated computer and components for our Voting System, in the amount of \$9,156.00. (Elections)**

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a background on the proposed contract. CAO Robertson reported on the need for a corrected dollar amount to include sales tax.

Motion by Supervisor Cavasso, seconded by Supervisor Coe to approve as amended and authorize the Chair of the Board and the Registrar of Voters to sign an amendment to Contract #23-188 between the County of Modoc and Election Systems and Software (ES&S) for the purchase of an updated computer and components for our Voting System, in the amount of \$9,819.81.

Motion carried unanimously.

Contract# 2023-226

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

3. Sheriff/Coroner Items:

- 3.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting the Board of Supervisors support of the California Assembly Bill 2735, amending section 830.1(c) of the California Penal Code. (Sheriff's Office)**

Sheriff, Tex Dowdy, provided an update on the proposed support of AB 2735.

Supervisor Coe asked if the proposed support would affect the salaries and benefits of the current staff.

Sheriff Dowdy reported that the bill would not affect the salaries and benefits of current staff for Modoc County.

A discussion was held and several questions were asked of Sheriff Dowdy.

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

4. Health Services Items:

- 4.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to waive the second reading and approve Ordinance# 350-A to amend Chapter 8.80 Partnership HealthPlan of California Commission. (Health Services)**

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

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

FINAL CERTIFIED ORDINANCE# 350-A

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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5. Road/Airport Items:

- 5.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting permission to hire one (1) Road Maintenance Worker II, Range 218: Step-B; \$3,401.00 monthly, effective December 1, 2023. (Road/Airport)**

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

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

6. Agriculture Items:

- 6.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between the County of Modoc Agriculture Department and Nutrien Solutions for the Herbicide Chemical Bid, not to exceed \$67,434.52, effective December 4, 2023. (Agriculture)**

Agricultural Commissioner, Heather Kelly, provided a background on the proposed bid.

Contract# 2023-227

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

Recess as the Board of Supervisors and convene as the Modoc County Air Pollution Control District.

Motion to recess as the Board of Supervisors and convene as the Modoc County Air Pollution Control District.

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

7. Air Pollution Control District:

- 7.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between the County of Modoc Air Pollution Control District and California Air Resources Board (CARB) for the G21-PBRM-14-2 Grant, not to exceed \$30,000.00, effective June 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026. (Air Pollution Control District)**

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

Contract# 2023-228

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

Adjourn as the Modoc County Air Pollution Control District and reconvene as the Board of Supervisors.

Motion to adjourn as the Modoc County Air Pollution Control District and reconvene as the Board of Supervisors.

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

8. Administrative Services Items:

8.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution of the County of Modoc adopting the Outline of Benefits and Supplemental Pay for Elected Officials, effective as of January 1, 2024, with the approved employee deduction to be taken out of the Elected Officials' payroll on December 2023. (Administrative Services)

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a background on the proposed Resolution. CAO Robertson detailed the change on page three (3) of the Outline of Benefits and Supplemental Pay for Elected Officials which provided the medical benefits and employer contributions toward the County insurance plans. CAO Robertson reported the proposed change in employer contributions for the elected officials was due to the fact that elected officials were unable to receive a Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) with the exception of two (2) positions which have been changed to six (6) year terms. CAO Robertson reported the proposal would assist in providing relief to elected officials due to inflation. CAO Robertson provided a background on the attachment for underwriting guidelines which explains how the dollar amount of the plans is set.

Supervisor Byrne reported she understands elected officials were unable to receive a COLA but reported all of the elected officials just received a raise in January. Supervisor Byrne stated her concern is when the Board set the employer amounts in the past, the Board adjusted the Employee Plus One Dependent to twice the amount of the Employee Only and the proposal is more than doubling the amount. Supervisor Byrne stated she does not feel the Employee Only should go up but that the other two options should go down. Supervisor Byrne stated if the Board stayed with the same methodology used in the past, the employer contribution rates would be as follows:

Employee Only \$650.00

Employee Plus One Dependent \$1,300.00

Employee Plus Two or More Dependents \$1,690.00

Supervisor Byrne stated her concern is the proposed amounts are very self-serving and is concerned when the Board has to return to negotiation with the other units, what kind of pressure this would create.

CAO Robertson reported on how the proposal had been developed and stated the amount provided in the proposal would be less than if the elected officials had received a 12% COLA.

Supervisor Byrne reported the elected officials just received a raise in January of 2023 and feels this would be self-serving when the proposal would benefit the Board more than the rest of the employees in the county. Supervisor Byrne stated again, that she believed the past practice of determining the amounts would be the best path forward.

CAO Robertson asked Supervisor Byrne if she had a recommendation on the dollar amounts.

Supervisor Byrne reported she would recommend the employer contribution towards the County insurance plans as follows:

Employee Only \$650.00

Employee Plus One Dependent \$1,300.00

Employee Plus Two or More Dependents \$1,690.00

Supervisor Cavasso stated she is trying to understand what is broken. Supervisor Cavasso stated the issue seems to be the Board of Supervisors are in the same category as the other elected officials. Supervisor Cavasso stated the Board always tries to avoid any perception the Board is self-serving. Supervisor Cavasso stated this is clear in the past salary rates of the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Cavasso stated having the Board in the same category as the other elected officials makes any proposal a very difficult decision for the Board. Supervisor Cavasso asked if there was an option for the Board of Supervisors to have one rate and the other elected officials to have another. Supervisor Cavasso stated if the Board is trying to separate from the other elected officials so there is no perception or reality that the Board is serving themselves, then this option would accomplish the task.

Human Resources and Risk Manager Director, Pam Randall, stated she agreed with the numbers proposed by Supervisor Byrne and the methodology which would be a consistent standard for the county.

CAO Robertson stated the proposal is not to favor any one elected official but to address inflation. CAO Robertson stated it is in the public interest to have qualified elected officials run for these important offices. CAO Robertson stated the health insurance rates for elected officials has not been adjusted since 2010. CAO Robertson reported the represented employees' insurance rates have been addressed multiple times since 2010. CAO Robertson stated he would support the proposal from the Board but wanted to place on the record the reasoning for the proposed increase of benefits for elected officials.

A further discussion was held on the dollar amounts of the employer contribution rates.

Motion by Supervisor Byrne, seconded by Supervisor Coe to approve as amended a Resolution of the County of Modoc adopting the Outline of Benefits and Supplemental Pay for Elected Officials, effective as of January 1, 2024, with the approved employee deduction to be taken out of the Elected Officials' payroll on December 2023 with the following changes to the employer contribution rates:

Employee Only \$650.00
Employee Plus One Dependent \$1,300.00
Employee Plus Two or More Dependents \$1,690.00

Motion carried unanimously.

Contract# 2023-229

Resolution# 2023-56

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

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2023-56

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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- 8.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of the Resolution amending the Outline of Benefits, and Supplemental Pay of the Appointed At-Will and Exempt Confidential/Management Employees, effective January 1, 2024, with the approved employee deduction to be taken out of the Appointed At-Will and Exempt Confidential/Management employees' payroll on December 2023. (Administrative Services)**

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

Contract# 2023-230

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

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2023-57

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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- 8.c. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution for an Individual Grant Application for SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program. (Administrative Services)**

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

Resolution# 2023-58

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

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2023-58

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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- 8.d. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval for a bid exemption pursuant to county code section 3.34.060 (B) (2) to purchase the Regal Chateau Four (4) Water Fountain from Pottery World, in the amount of \$10,293.86. (Administrative Services)**

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

Contract# 2023-231

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

Handout provided - Photo of fountain for courthouse.

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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- 8.e. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between the Law Office of Tom Gifford and the County of Modoc for Public Defender Services, in the amount of \$22,441.46 monthly, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. (Administrative Services)**

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

Contract# 2023-232

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

- 8.f. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of Amendment# 2 between the County of Modoc and Prentice Long PC to provide a twelve percent (12%) increase for both the flat rate monthly retainer and all other services, effective January 1, 2024. (Administrative Services)**

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

Contract# 2023-233

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

- 8.g. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a lease agreement between the County of Modoc and Jake and Ronda Gysin, in the amount of \$3,000.00 per month, effective January 1, 2024. (Administrative Services)**

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

Contract# 2023-234

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

- 8.h. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a Task Order# 1030-80-23-03 between the County of Modoc and West Yost to address the comments on the Big Valley Basin Ground Water Sustainability Plan (GSP) and support the preparation of the Big Valley Annual Report for Water Year 2023, not to exceed \$229,000.00, effective December 1, 2023 through May 30, 2023. (Administrative Services)**

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

Supervisor Coe reported on the need to amend the ending effective date to 2024.

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Coe, seconded by Supervisor Cavasso to approve as amended and authorize the Chair of the Board to sign a Task Order# 1030-80-23-03 between the County of Modoc and West Yost to address the comments on the Big Valley Basin Ground Water Sustainability Plan (GSP) and support the preparation of the Big Valley Annual Report for Water Year 2023, not to exceed \$229,000.00, effective December 1, 2023 through May 30, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

Contract# 2023-235

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

8.i. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution to authorize the County of Modoc to apply, accept, and execute all documents for the SB 552 County Drought Resilience Planning Assistance Program. (Administrative Services)

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

Resolution# 2023-59

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

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2023-59

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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8.j. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a Task Order# 1030-40-23-04 between the County of Modoc and West Yost for the County of Modoc Drought Resilience Planning Grant Support Services, not to exceed \$17,000.00, effective December 5, 2023. (Administrative Services)

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

Contract# 2023-236

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

9. Clerk of the Board Items:

9.a. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Discussion and review of the December 2023 Board of Supervisors Board and Commissions appointment list. (Clerk of the Board)

Clerk of the Board, Tiffany Martinez, provided a background on the draft December 2023 Board of Supervisors Board and Commissions appointment list. Clerk of the Board Martinez reported the proposed list would assist the public and the Board with understanding the separation of the Clerk of the Board and the County Clerk. Clerk of the Board Martinez reported this would also provide an annual tracking of the pending vacancies and assist the Board of Supervisors in appointing or reappointing members to the various boards and commissions.

A discussion was held and several questions and suggestions were made to the Clerk of the Board Martinez.

9.b. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Discussion and review of the County of Modoc Appointment Procedures for the Board of Supervisors Advisory Boards, Commissions, and Committees. (Clerk of the Board)

Clerk of the Board, Tiffany Martinez, provided a background on the draft County of Modoc Appointment Procedures for the Board of Supervisors Advisory Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

A discussion was held and several questions were asked of the Clerk of the Board Martinez and Deputy County Counsel McLeran.

Clerk of the Board Martinez reported the updated procedure will be presented to the Board at the first meeting in January for adoption.

10. Board of Supervisors Items:

10.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of the Local Planning Council (LPC) Bylaws, effective July 1, 2023. (Board of Supervisors)

Director of Early Childhood Development, Ingrid Oliver, provided a background on the proposed by-laws.

A discussion was held on the proposed by-laws and several questions were asked of the Director of Early Childhood Development Oliver.

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Coe, seconded by Supervisor Byrne to approve as amended of the Local Planning Council (LPC) Bylaws, effective July 1, 2023 with the following changes:

Article V. Membership (e.) Alternate members will be appointed in the same manner and each alternate must maintain a specified category of representation. Alternate members will only have voting authority when present at a regular or special meeting in place of a regular member.

Article VII. Voting Procedure (a) A simple majority of the appointed body shall constitute a quorum.

Article XI. Parliamentary Authority

All meetings of the MCDAC shall be subject to, and governed by, the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

The requested changes will be subject to the final review by County Counsel.

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

10.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a letter in response to the correspondence received by the Surprise Valley Joint Unified School District dated November 1, 2023. (Board of Supervisors)

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

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

10.c. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a letter of opposition regarding Assembly Bill (AB) 702 Juvenile Justice Financing. (Board of Supervisors)

Supervisor Byrne provided a background on the proposed letter of opposition.

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

Handout provided - Letter of opposition regarding Assembly Bill (AB) 702 Juvenile Justice Financing.

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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Motion to recess for lunch until 1:15 p.m.

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

11. Comments/Reports:

a. Public Comments

None.

b. Administrative Services Report

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided an update on the Federal Funding Account (FAA) grant application for broadband.

c. Department Head Reports

Agricultural Commissioner, Heather Kelly, provided an update on the disaster declaration being presented to the Office of Emergency Services on the grasshopper issue. Agriculture Commissioner Kelly provided an update on the apiary ordinance survey and the comments received from the public.

d. Board of Supervisors Reports

Supervisor Coe reported on the following: 1) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Senate Bill 1383 legislation discussion; 2) Meet and greet for the new District Attorney, Nina Salarno; 3) Modoc, Fish, Game, and Recreation Commission; 4) California Cattlemen's Convention and wolf working group; 5) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) 2024 ballot preview; 6) Klamath Endangered Species Act (ESA) Consultation Management Team meeting; 7) National Association of Counties (NACo) Public Lands Committee meeting; 8) California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Presidential appointment to serve as the CSAC board meeting on the Western Interstate Region (WIR) Board of Directors.

Supervisor Cavasso reported on the following: 1) Modoc County Transportation Commission (MCTC) meeting; 2) Modoc County Transportation Agency (MTA) meeting.

Supervisor Starr reported on the following: 1) California Cattlemen's Convention; 2) Superior California Economic Development (SCED) Board loan meeting.

Supervisor Byrne reported on the following: 1) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Senate Bill 1383 legislation discussion; 2) Adin Ambulance Ad Hoc Committee meeting; 3) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), Golden State Natural Resources (GSNR), Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA), and Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) Board of Director's meetings; 4) Klamath Endangered Species Act (ESA) Consultation Team meeting; 5) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) employee loan assistance program.

Supervisor Rhoads reported on the following: 1) Meet and greet for the new District Attorney, Nina Salarno; 2) 2024 Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) 2024 ballot review; 3) Modoc County Transportation Commission (MCTC) meeting; 4) Modoc County Transportation Agency (MTA) meeting; 5) Christmas parade and Christmas lighting ceremony; 6) Seeking Commissioners for the Fish, Game, and Recreation Commission for District III.

The Chair of the Board reported she would like to appoint Supervisor Byrne and Supervisor Coe to the Apiary Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee.

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

1:32 p.m. Motion to go into Closed Session.

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

12. Closed Session:

12.a. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957; Performance Evaluation; Title: Director of Health Services. (Administrative Services)

RESULT:	EVALUATION HELD
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12.b. CLOSED SESSION: Government Code 54957.6 - Conference with Labor Negotiator Scott McLeran and Pam Randall to discuss UPEC meet and confer side letter. (Administrative Services)

No reportable action.

RESULT:	NO ACTION
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12.c. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957; Performance Evaluation; Title: County Administrative Officer. (Board of Supervisors)

RESULT:	EVALUATION COMPLETED
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13. Administrative Services Items:

13.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting the review and approval of the UPEC Side Letter of Agreement between the County of Modoc and UPEC regarding the County's contribution toward employee 2024 Health Premiums, effective December 1, 2023. (Administrative Services)

Deputy County Counsel, Scott McLeran, provided a background on the proposed side letter. Deputy County Counsel McLeran reported the item is a result of a meeting with UPEC General Unit on December 1, 2023, to discuss issues related to the increases in insurance premiums for calendar year 2024. Deputy County Counsel McLeran reported during this meeting a proposal was discussed with the general unit. Deputy County Counsel McLeran reported that it was made clear to the members the proposal was subject to review and final approval by the Board of Supervisors. Deputy County Counsel McLeran reported the insurance premiums were set to increase by 7% for 2024 and therefore the proposal was the current employer contributions towards the health insurance premiums, which would have sunset and reverted to the prior insurance premiums, would be extended for an additional year to help address the increase in health insurance premiums for 2024.

Contract# 2023-237

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn the December 12, 2023 meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 PM

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned to meet in regular session Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Tiffany A. Martinez
Clerk of the Board

Kathie Rhoads
Chair, Modoc County Board of Supervisors