

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 SPECIAL MEETING

February 6, 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
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

None.

Approval or Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Clerk of the Board, Tiffany Martinez, requested to pull item 1.d. from the consent agenda and to place the item as 3.b.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

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

Correspondence

Clerk of the Board, Tiffany Martinez, entered the following correspondence into the record: 1) Comment letter from Ms. Deb Bumpus regarding the draft decision notice and Lassen OHV MVUM Update Project Final Environmental Assessment; 2) E-Mail from Susan Sawyer Public Affairs Officer regarding the 12-month Findings on Grey Wolves in Western U.S.

- a. **Correspondence received - California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Call for Information on Listed Threatened and Endangered Species.**

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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- b. **Correspondence received - Modoc County District Attorney Canned Food Drive.**

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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- c. **Correspondence received - E-mail from Susan Sawyer, Public Affairs Officer, regarding the -month finding on Grey Wolves in Western U.S.**

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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- d. **Correspondence received - Letter from Ms. Deb Bumpus regarding the draft decision notice and Lassen OHV MVUM Project Final Environmental Assessment Opposition.**

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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Department Head Reports

None.

1. Consent Agenda Items:

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

- 1.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and Director of Social Services to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and Heard's East 4th Street Storage for the lease of storage space not to exceed \$189.00 per month, effective December 12, 2023. (Social Services)**

Contract# 2024-12

- 1.b. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign an amendment #1 to the Peer Support contract between the County of Modoc and the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA). (Behavioral Health)

Contract# 2024-13

- 1.c. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting the appointment of Leslie Boyle as a Director to the South Fork Irrigation District, effective February 1, 2024. (County Clerk)
- 1.d. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting the appointment of Chris Foster as a committee member to the Modoc County Behavioral Health Advisory Board, effective January 1, 2023 through September 27, 2025. - *Pulled from consent agenda.* (Behavioral Health)
- 1.e. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting the reappointment of John Ohm as the Modoc County public committee member of the Big Valley Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee (BVAC), effective date of November 12, 2023 through November 11, 2027. (Board of Supervisors)
- 1.f. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting the reappointment of Jimmy Nunn as the Modoc County public committee member of the Big Valley Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee (BVAC), effective date of September 24, 2023 through September 23, 2027. (Board of Supervisors)
- 1.g. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval of the January 9, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. (Clerk of the Board)
- 1.h. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval of the January 23, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. (Clerk of the Board)

2. County Clerk Items:

- 2.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION:** Requesting approval of a Resolution to update the compensation amounts for Precinct Boards. (Elections)

County Clerk, Stephanie Wellemeyer, provided a background on the proposed resolution and reported the compensation amounts have not been updated for twelve (12) years.

Resolution# 2024-7

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

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2024-7

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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3. Behavioral Health Items:

- 3.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting permission to promote one (1) Case Manager Specialist II, Range 254: Step-C; \$4,274.00 monthly, based on education, experience and knowledge, effective February 1, 2024. (Behavioral Health)**

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

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

- 3.b. Requesting the appointment of Chris Foster as a committee member to the Modoc County Behavioral Health Advisory Board, effective January 1, 2023 through September 27, 2025.**

Clerk of the Board, Tiffany Martinez, reported the item was pulled from the consent agenda to correct the term to January 1, 2023 through October 26, 2025 for seat 5 on the Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Coe, seconded by Supervisor Cavasso to approve as amended the appointment of Chris Foster as a committee member to the Modoc County Behavioral Health Advisory Board, effective January 1, 2023 through October 26, 2025.

Motion carried 4-0.

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

4. Planning Department Items:

- 4.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to waive the second reading and adopt an Ordinance to rezone Assessor Parcel Number 007-010-008-000, owned by Otto Huffman; from Unclassified (U) zone to Agriculture General (AG) zone within the boundaries of the attached Parcel Map (PM2023-04). (Planning)**

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

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

5. Treasurer/Tax Collector Items:

- 5.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to sell a revised 2024 tax-defaulted property list subject to the Tax Collector's power to sale in a public auction format on the website: www.bid4assets.com. (Treasurer/Tax Collector)**

Treasurer/Tax Collector, Cheryl Knoch, provided a background on the proposed updated tax sale list.

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

- 5.b. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting a review and approval to accept the 2022-2023 Treasury Oversight Compliance Audit performed by SingletonAuman, PC. (Treasurer/Tax Collector)**

Treasurer/Tax Collector, Cheryl Knoch, provided a background on the audit.

Contract# 2024-14

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

5.c. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign the updated Modoc County Investment Policy, effective February 6, 2024. (Treasurer/Tax Collector)

Treasurer/Tax Collector, Cheryl Knoch, provided a background on the proposed investment policy.

Contract# 2024-15

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

6. Social Services Items:

6.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to update the class specification education requirements for Social Worker IV (A) and Social Worker IV (B), effective February 6, 2024. (Social Services)

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

A discussion was held on the benefits of the update to the education requirements for the class specification.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Elizabeth Cavasso, Supervisor District IV
SECONDER:	Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso
ABSENT:	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:	Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
SECONDER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
AYES:	Coe, Starr, Rhoads, Cavasso
ABSENT:	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 Modoc County Air Pollution Control District and Carl Moyer State Reserve Application (Moyer Year 26) for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024, not to exceed \$200,000.00, effective February 16, 2024. (Air Pollution Control District)**

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

Contract# 2024-16

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

8. Agriculture Items:

- 8.a. **PRESENTATION: Presentation from the Agriculture Commissioner on the 2022 Modoc County Annual Crop Report. (Agriculture)**

Agricultural Commissioner, Heather Kelly, provided a background on the 2022 Modoc County Annual Crop Report. Agricultural Commissioner Kelly reported the data is improving each year and staff are obtaining more information to improve the report. Agricultural Commissioner Kelly reported the 2022 Annual Crop Report was dedicated in memory of Nick Macy. Agricultural Commissioner Kelly reported on the crop values within the report. Agricultural Commissioner Kelly reported that the updated report will be placed on the county website for the public to obtain.

A discussion was held and several questions were asked of Agricultural Commissioner Kelly regarding the water issues in the county and when the 2023 Crop Report would be available.

- 8.b. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and Clark Pest Control for domestic pest control in the Castle Rock Farmworker Center Program housing units not to exceed \$759.00 regular service fee for four (4) months of the year, with an initial service fee of \$1,059.00, effective January 11, 2024 until terminated. (Agriculture)**

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

Contract# 2024-17

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

9. Administrative Services Items:

- 9.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution to establish the Lookout Pest Abatement Benefit Zone Advisory Board to the County Services Area (CSA) #2 Pest and Weed Abatement District. (Administrative Services)**

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

Resolution# 2024-8

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

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2024-8

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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10. Board of Supervisors Items:

- 10.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting the appointment of Jimmy Nunn to the Lookout Pest Abatement Benefit Zone Advisory Board, effective February 6, 2024 through February 5, 2028. (Board of Supervisors)**

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

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

10.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting the appointment of Rob Erickson to the Lookout Pest Abatement Benefit Zone Advisory Board, effective February 6, 2024 through February 5, 2027. (Board of Supervisors)

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

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

10.c. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting appointment of Cole Joiner to the Lookout Pest Abatement Benefit Zone Advisory Board, effective February 6, 2024 through February 5, 2027. (Board of Supervisors)

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

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

10.d. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting appointment of Rory Conlan to the Lookout Pest Abatement Benefit Zone Advisory Board, effective February 6, 2024 through February 5, 2027. (Board of Supervisors)

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

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

10.e. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution in support of the sheep industry in the County of Modoc. (Board of Supervisors)

Supervisor Coe provided a background on the proposed resolution.

Resolution# 2024-9

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

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2024-9

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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10.f. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of the 2024 Letter of Agreement for the Modoc County Domestic Violence Collaborative Response Team (DVCRT), effective February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025. (Board of Supervisors)

County Administrative Officer, Chester

Contract# 2024-18

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

10.g. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of the 2024 Letter of Agreement for the Modoc County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), effective February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025. (Board of Supervisors)

Contract# 2024-19

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

10.h. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a letter of support for Training, Employment and Community Help, Inc. (T.E.A.C.H., Inc.) to apply for the Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) Program. (Board of Supervisors)

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

10.i. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a letter to Senator Jacky Rosen regarding the Truckee Meadows Public Lands Management Act. (Board of Supervisors)

Supervisor Coe 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
ABSENT:	Byrne

11. Comments/Reports:

a. Public Comments

None.

b. Administrative Services Report

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, reported on the following: 1) Update on issues with special district being able to obtain property insurance; 2) Meeting with Southern Cascades Community Services District (CSD) regarding proposed changes in service for the county; 3) Klamath Water Users Association meeting; 4) Local Agency Technical Assistance (LATA) Broadband update; 5) Sustainable Transportation Grant update; 6) Update on bids for trades received on the Clean California grant; 7) Meeting with the Office of Education regarding the Community Schools Initiative; 8) No response on the letter to Surprise Valley Joint Unified School District regarding the 711 Committee and the disposal of the elementary school; 9) Meeting with several individuals on the retrofitting of the old hospital building and update; 10) Update on insurance claims for the county and reported a decrease in rates should occur for next year.

c. Department Head Reports

Agricultural Commissioner, Heather Kelly, provided a report on the grasshopper disaster declaration, the development of an apiary ordinance, and an update on the proposed charging stations in Modoc County.

d. Board of Supervisors Reports

Supervisor Rhoads reported on the following: 1) Forest Service Coordination; 2) Treasury Oversight Committee meeting; 3) Local Oral Health Program Advisory Committee meeting; 4) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) webinar; 5) Modoc County Transportation Commission meeting; 6) Modoc Transportation Agency (MTA).

Supervisor Cavasso reported on the following: 1) Local Oral Health Program Advisory Committee meeting; 2) Maternal Child Adolescent Health Collaborative meeting; 3) Sierra Nevada Conservancy - Northeast Subregion meeting; 4) Rhonda Haslip Invitational Planning meeting; 5) Alturas City Council Candidate Night; 6) Davis Creek 4-H Groundhog Supper.

Supervisor Coe reported on the following: 1) Modoc County Broadband meeting; 2) Western Interstate Region Board meeting; 3) Tri-Counties Committee meeting; 4) Klamath Water Users Association meeting; 5) California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Executive Leadership Forum; 6) Caltrans Cedarville project update; 7) National Association of Counties (NACO) Legislative Conference.

Supervisor Starr reported on the following: 1) Meeting with Lorissa Soriano to discuss the goals for the Modoc Economic Development Corporation (MEDC); 2) Call with Barbara Hays from Rural County Representative of California (RCRC) regarding the County's Federal Funding Account (FFA) Broadband application; 3) Meeting with the Modoc National Forest Supervisor to discuss local forest progress; 4) Call with Sierra Nevada Conservancy regarding Modoc County representation on the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Board; 5) Meeting with Sarah Merrik from T.E.A.C.H regarding their application to the USDA Rural Business Development Grant; 6) Attended the senior lunch program provided by T.E.A.C.H; 7) Continuum of Care (COC) meeting; 8) Alturas City Council Candidate Night; 9) Meeting with city staff regarding the vacant abandon residential properties in the City of Alturas; 10) Meeting with Sheriff Dowdy to receive an update on the illegal marijuana issues in the county.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn the February 6, 2024 meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM

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

Tiffany A. Martinez
Clerk of the Board

Shane Starr
Chair, Modoc County Board of Supervisors