

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Board of Supervisors Minutes, August 9, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in special session this 9th day of August 2022; there being present Supervisors Brandon Criss, Michael N. Kobseff, Nancy Ogren and Ed Valenzuela, County Administrator Angela Davis, County Counsel Edward J. Kiernan, and County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Laura Bynum by Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Criss. Pursuant to AB23, the Clerk announced that the Board members receive no additional compensation for sitting as members of the Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. Supervisor Kobseff led in the salute to the flag of the United States of America. Supervisor Ray A. Haupt was absent.

Invocation - Siskiyou County Sheriff Chaplain Keith Bradley provided an invocation.

Presentations from the Public

Office of Emergency Services Director Bryan Schenone appeared before the Board, providing an update on the McKinney and Yeti fires burning within the County, including various statistics related to properties and/or residences burned, lives lost and ongoing emergency evacuation warnings and orders.

Brief discussion followed between members of the Board and Mr. Schenone regarding anticipated demobilization plans for release of various resources that were fighting the fires.

Participation in presentations from the public by various members of the public was provided via teleconference phone.

Caller Nick Joslin shared concerns regarding groundwater extraction taking place in the Shasta Valley and spoke in support of the County codifying a moratorium on groundwater extraction permits for new agricultural wells.

Consent Agenda – Approved.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Kobseff, Valenzuela, Ogren and Criss voting YES and Supervisor Haupt ABSENT, that the following consent agenda is approved, and the Chair and/or clerk authorized to execute/record any necessary documents:

County Administration

Approve attached Resolution, number 22-129, authorizing closure and transfer of excess funds from the Courthouse Construction Fund to the county general fund for the purposes of meeting the public safety or emergency medical services needs of the County. Authorize the Auditor to close the Courthouse Construction Fund and establish budget for the excess funds as provided by Administration.

General Services

Approve the contract with Ark Design Construction and Roofing, Inc. for the reroof and abatement of 810 S Main Street, Yreka CA.

General Services

Approve the contract with Ark Design Construction and Roofing, Inc. for the reroof at 1312 Fairlane Road Yreka.

Health And Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Contract for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and North American Mental Health Services, a Corporation, for the term of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024.

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Consent Agenda – Approved.

Health And Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the First Addendum to the California Harm Reduction Initiative (CHRI) to Expand Harm Reduction and Support and Services Grant between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency – Public Health Division and the National Harm Reduction Coalition and authorize the Auditor to establish budget appropriations.

Health And Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency - Public Health Division and Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency – Social Services Division CalWORKS MOU Home Visiting Initiative sub-award and sub-recipient agreement for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024.

Public Works

Approve accept the donation of the Hotelling Gulch Bridge valued at \$919,474. In addition, authorize Public Works to add the Hoteling Gulch Bridge (2C-287) to the current bridge inventory and for the County Auditor to include the bridge to the County's capital assets.

County Administration – Personnel - Discussion, direction and possible action re the following, Resolution adopting the comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding with the Organized Employees of Siskiyou County – Miscellaneous Unit and implementing the provisions thereof, for the term effective September 4, 2022 and ending September 27, 2025; and Resolution amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule, associated with the OESC - Miscellaneous Unit Memorandum of Understanding, effective September 4, 2022, September 3, 2023 and September 1, 2024. Resolutions P 22-130 and P 22-131 adopted.

Deputy County Administrator Melissa Cummins provided an overview of the request, including a summary of various changes (i.e. health, dental and vision coverage, retiree benefits, etc.) in the new Memorandum of Understanding.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Kobseff, Valenzuela, Ogren and Criss voting YES and Supervisor Haupt ABSENT, to adopt Resolution P 22-130 regarding the Memorandum of Understanding by and between the County of Siskiyou and Organized Employees of Siskiyou County – Miscellaneous Unit effective September 4, 2022; and adopt Resolution P 22-131 amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule as outlined in the attached resolution.

County Administration - Discussion, direction and possible action re Siskiyou County Roadway Implementation Agreement with the Klamath River Renewal Corporation with regard to disbursement of funds for said implementation, for the term identified in the Agreement. Approved.

Deputy County Administrator Elizabeth Nielsen provided an overview of the request, advising that the agreement addresses reimbursement to the County from the Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRC) for actual costs incurred during road work associated with the project to remove four Klamath River dams. Ms. Nielsen requested approval of the agreement in its current form, with the County Administrator to sign the final agreement following any minor necessary edits.

Following discussion between members of the Board and Ms. Nielsen regarding the availability of emergency contacts for the public to use during work on the project and the need for possible mitigation measures related to downriver 'flushing' flows, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Kobseff, Valenzuela, Ogren and Criss voting YES and Supervisor Haupt ABSENT, to approve the Siskiyou County Roadway Implementation Agreement and authorize the CAO to execute a final version of the Agreement in substantially the same form, subject to any final minor edits.

Minute Approval - July 12, 2022. Continued to a later date.

Chair Criss advised that this item was continued to a later date at the Clerk's request.

Board and Staff Reports

Supervisor Ogren reported on her time spent working at the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) during recent, local wildfires.

Closed Session - Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(a), two cases, conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), two cases, conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4), one case, commenced at 9:25a.m., concluded at 10:32a.m., with action taken.

Report On Closed Session

County Counsel Edward J. Kiernan announced that closed session concluded at 10:32a.m., with the following reportable action taken.

With regard to item 9C, Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), name of case: Ger Chong Ze Chang, et al., v. County of Siskiyou, et al., United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Sacramento Division, Case No. 2:22-at-00807, Mr. Kiernan advised that the Board approved by a vote of 4/0 to defend that suit and to seek outside counsel. Motion was made by Supervisor Kobseff and seconded by Supervisor Ogren. Supervisor Haupt was absent.

With regard to item 9B, Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), name of case: American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California v. J. Kirk Andrus, in his official capacity as the District Attorney of Siskiyou County, and the County of Siskiyou, Siskiyou County Superior Court, Case No. SCCVPT 22-475, Mr. Kiernan advised that the Board approved settling that matter under terms that will become public once the settlement is introduced to. That was approved by a vote of 4/0, with Supervisor Criss making the motion and Supervisor Ogren seconding it.

Adjournment - There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Laura Bynum, County Clerk

Brandon A. Criss, Chair

By: _____
Deputy