

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Board of Supervisors Minutes, June 6, 2023

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 6th day of June 2023; there being present Supervisors Brandon Criss, Michael N. Kobseff, Nancy Ogren, Ray A. Haupt and Ed Valenzuela, County Administrator Angela Davis, County Counsel Natalie E. Reed 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 Valenzuela. 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 and County Service Area No. 4. Supervisor Haupt led in the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

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

Presentations from the Public

Audience member Steve Radford appeared before the Board and shared concerns regarding the negative impacts associated with Klamath River dam removal and lack of management of local forests and spoke in support of Shasta County's removal of the Dominion voting system for local elections.

Mt. Shasta resident Jeff Leland presented and summarized a one-page letter regarding The New State of California and the need for removal of Dominion voting system from Siskiyou County elections.

Consent Agenda – Approved.

At Supervisor Haupt's request, item 5A – Agriculture's request to be a cooperating agency with the Bureau of Land Management was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

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

Community Development Department

Approve this 2nd Addendum to Lynn Cottier contract to extend services through June 30th 2025 and increase the hourly compensation from \$100 to \$125 per hour.

County Administration

Approve the First Addendum to the GovernmentJobs.com, Inc. dba ("NeoGov") contract, extending the term for two years and increasing funding \$108,403.83 to a NTE amount of \$145,469.20.

County Administration

Amend the appointment of Ms. Natalie Reed to the position of County Counsel from the term of May 17, 2023 through May 16, 2027 to May 19, 2023 through May 18, 2027 and approve the amended employment agreement (term only), by and between Ms. Reed and the County of Siskiyou.

County Administration - Personnel

Adopt Resolution 23-100 regarding Employer-Employee Relations effective June 6, 2023.

County Administration - Personnel

Adopt Resolution 23-101 electing to be subject to the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act for the Deputy Sheriffs' Association effective January 1, 2024.

County Administration - Personnel

Adopt Resolution P 23-102 amending the Siskiyou County Position Allocation List, regarding Staff Services Analyst III (1.0) FTE and Project Coordinator (1.0) FTE, effective June 25, 2023.

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Consent Agenda – (continued)

District Attorney - Victim Witness

Authorize the District Attorney's Office to apply for, accept and manage the Victim Witness Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$305,744 for FY 23/24. The Board of Supervisors adopt and sign the attached Resolution 23-103. Authorize Auditor-Controller to establish appropriations for Victim Witness Assistance Program.

General County Fire

Approve contract and authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign and the County Auditor to pay for services provided under Agreement 2CA06322 for \$647,978.00 for CAL FIRE contracted services for staffing of the Hornbrook Station and Yreka Interagency Command Center for the 23/24 fiscal year from July 1st, 2023 through June 30th, 2024.

General Services - Airports

Approve the grant application and adopt Resolution 23-104 authorizing the County Administrator to execute any documents necessary to obtain financial assistance with the FAA Airport Improvement Program grant on behalf of the County of Siskiyou for the Weed Airport Project. Authorize staff to receive the funding for the Weed Airport Project and apply for and accept the State Match Grant. Authorize the Auditor's staff to establish budget.

General Services - Airports

Approve the grant application and adopt Resolution 23-105 authorizing the County Administrator to execute any documents necessary to obtain financial assistance with the FAA Airport Infrastructure Grant on behalf of the County of Siskiyou for the Weed Airport Project. Authorize staff to receive the funding for the Weed Airport Project and apply for and accept the State Match Grant. Authorize the Auditor's staff to establish budget.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the 1ST Addendum between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Michael Brown, MSW, LCSW.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the First Addendum to the Contract for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Imagine Medical Group of California, PC, to add Solution Focused Training.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve and the Chair sign the Contract between the Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency and Youth Empowerment Siskiyou in the amount of \$ 71,793.65 for the full term of April 18, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Adopt approve and the Chair sign the Resolution 23-106 honoring Social Worker Suzanne Hogue on the occasion of her retirement.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve and the Chair sign the Contract for Services between the Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency and Exemplar Human Services, LLC.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve and the Chair sign the Contract between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency and Kevin Kimple for the full term July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Public Works Agreement and Contract with BNG Finish Products, Inc. for the renovation of the existing Immunization Clinic housed in the Siskiyou County Public Health building located at 810 S. Main Street, Yreka, California with an amount not to exceed \$72,645.00.

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Consent Agenda – (continued)

Office of Emergency Services

Ratify request for exemption to the requirements for ambulance drivers as outlined in Title 13, California Vehicle Code, Section 12527(d)(1) for Fay Clontz of Butte Valley Ambulance.

Probation

Approve contract between Shasta County Probation and Siskiyou County Probation for placement of juvenile court wards at the Shasta County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility for a total not to exceed \$75,000, for the term of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026.

Probation - Community Corrections Partnership

Approve Second Addendum to the contract between Community Corrections Partnership and Strawberry Valley Counseling Services to extend the term of the contract from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, and approve the increased compensation for a total not to exceed \$150,000.00.

Probation - Community Corrections Partnership

Approve Third Addendum to the contract between Community Corrections Partnership and Rose Therapy to extend the term of the contract from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, Total not to exceed \$ 170,000.00.

Public Works - Road

Board chair sign the Resolution 23-107 adopting a list of projects for fiscal year 23/24 funded by SB 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

Public Works - Road

Approve and sign contract with Pavement Engineering, Inc. and Siskiyou County Public Works to Inspection and Quality Assurance Services for Big Springs Road Project and Jackson Ranch Road.

Sheriff

Approve contract between Lexipol, LLC and Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office/Jail for Law Enforcement/Custody policy manual updates and daily training bulletin subscriptions. Contract period covers March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2026.

Sheriff

Approve contract between NMS Labs, Corp and Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office for toxicology analysis for the period of January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Treasurer - Tax Collector

Authorize the Discharge of Accountability of the attached list of 68 Unsecured Delinquent accounts in the amount of \$26,101.32 per California Revenue & Taxation Code Section 2611.1.

Weed Recreation and Parks District

Approve the Resolution 23-108 for a temporary loan in the amount of \$100,000 to the Weed Recreation and Parks District, which shall be repaid to the County on or before April 10, 2024.

Transfer of Funds - County Library - \$1,200. Resolution 23-109 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Juvenile Probation - \$11,000. Resolution 23-110 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - General County Fire - \$287,163. Resolution 23-111 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Behavioral Health - Local MHSA - \$450,000. Resolution 23-112 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Public Health Department - \$72,645. Resolution 23-113 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Probation - \$119,550. Resolution 23-115 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Probation - \$78,978. Resolution 23-114 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Emergency Services - \$35,955. Resolution 23-116 adopted.

Agriculture - Approve the Agriculture Department to be a cooperating agency with the Bureau of Land Management and authorize the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer to participate in their planning process.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Haupt's request.

Participation in this agenda item by various staff was provided by teleconference phone.

In response to Supervisor Haupt, caller Agricultural Commissioner Jim Smith provided a brief overview of the anticipated process to be a lead agency concerning a local national monument.

Following discussion regarding the staffing level at the Agriculture Department and Mr. Smith's designation as the County's representative in the process, it was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Criss, Ogren and Valenzuela voting YES to approve Siskiyou County Department of Agriculture to be a cooperating agency with the Bureau of Land Management and authorize the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer to participate in their planning process.

Public Defender - Presentation of an update on current operations and activities within the Department. Presentation and discussion only.

Public Defender Lael Kayfetz appeared before the Board, presenting an update regarding the Department via powerpoint. Ms. Kayfetz provided an overview of the various types of Public Defender cases, including felonies, misdemeanors, adult and juvenile cases, civil and family law cases, and shared concerns regarding the impact of legislation that is increasing Public Defender responsibilities and standard of care (statutory duties) for those facing the loss of liberty. Ms. Kayfetz summarized the Department's five year plan to provide client focused services, including a redesign of the Public Defender organization, programs/practices to promote staff well-being and retention and modernization of operations and systems. Ms. Kayfetz summarized the Plan's first two years' major accomplishments, including collaboration with Health and Human Services – Behavioral Health Division and the upcoming challenges for years 3-5 related to staffing/workloads, funding, future implementation of CARE Court in 2024, etc.

Ms. Kayfetz continued the powerpoint, including an overview of the efforts being made to assist and support clients by linking them to various resources so they can become self-sufficient, and introduced Social Worker Sadie Wilson to continue the powerpoint presentation.

Ms. Wilson appeared before the Board and continued the powerpoint, summarizing the mental health diversion program designed to assist clients with needed assistance related to medical, housing, food security, transportation and medications. Ms. Wilson additionally summarized the various agencies/entities that work collaboratively with the Public Defender's Office and the barriers/challenges that can prevent a positive outcome from the mental health diversion program.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Ms. Wilson and Ms. Kayfetz regarding the availability of a Resource Pantry and the types of resources that can be provided to clients (i.e. fuel vouchers, bus passes, food, small amount gift cards, etc.) and the benefits to the clients associated with collaboration between the various County departments.

General Services – Sanitation - Discussion, direction and possible action re the Letter of Designation to allow the Director of General Services the authorization to apply for the Local Government Waste Tire Amnesty grant program on behalf of the County. Approved.

Following an overview of the request from Project Coordinator Amanda Kimball, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Criss, Ogren and Valenzuela voting YES, to approve the Letter of Designation to allow the Director fo General Services the authorization to apply for the Local Government Waste Tire Amnesty grant program on behalf of the County.

County Administration - Discussion and possible direction regarding the upcoming summer holiday season and fire danger as it relates to the sale and use of fireworks. Presentation and discussion only.

County Administrator Angela Davis appeared before the Board, providing a brief overview of the item.

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County Administration – (continued)

Ms. Davis reminded members of the Board and the public that the County adopted an ordinance prohibiting fireworks within the unincorporated area of the County, which was County law and still applicable.

Brief discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Davis regarding the potential for wildfires following the use of fireworks and the need to encourage the public to attend professional displays rather than set off personal fireworks.

County Administration - Discussion, direction and possible action re request to draft a comment letter regarding Klamath Watershed Pre-Proposals submitted for the FY23 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law USFWS Notice of Funding Opportunity. Staff directed to draft a comment letter regarding the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law USFWS Notice of Funding Opportunity.

Deputy County Administrator Elizabeth Nielsen appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the request, including the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) USFWS Notice of Funding Opportunity. Ms. Nielsen requested direction concerning a possible comment letter prior to the June 15, 2023 deadline requested by US Fish and Wildlife Service Klamath Coordinator Matt Baun during a special Tri Counties meeting in May, 2023.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Ms. Nielsen and County Counsel Natalie Reed regarding the need to support projects that would benefit and bring unity to the Basin rather than conflict, the need for reevaluation of the BIL funding criteria, Tribal funding projects/preproposals, the potential benefits associated with developing an advisory committee to review, take into account and comment on the various funding preproposals, the timing associated with approving a draft letter concerning the FY 23 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law USFWS Notice of Funding Opportunity and the need to include verbiage in the letter related to no increase in State and Federal property ownership.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Criss, Ogren and Valenzuela voting YES to direct staff to draft a letter to the USFWS, including support for the Tri Counties' request to develop an advisory committee, support for funding for the sucker hatchery/rearing facility, requesting additional details/criteria to evaluate the funding proposals toward watershed benefit and to end conflict and language in opposition to federal and/or state land acquisitions, to be signed by the Chair and sent on or before June 15, 2023 and brought back for ratification and/or changes on June 20, 2023.

County Administration - Personnel - Discussion, direction and possible action re the following: Resolution adopting the comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding with the Sheriffs Management Unit and implementing the provisions thereof, for the term June 25, 2023 through June 24, 2026; and Resolution amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule, associated with the Sheriffs Management Unit Memorandum of Understanding, effective July 9, 2023. Resolutions 23-117 and P 23-118 adopted.

Deputy County Administrator/Personnel and Risk Manager Melissa Cummins appeared before the Board, distributing and summarizing a revised Memorandum of Understanding. Ms. Cummins additionally provided an overview of the request to adopt an associated Resolution amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Criss and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Criss, Ogren and Valenzuela voting YES to adopt Resolution 23-117 regarding the Memorandum of Understanding by and between the County of Siskiyou and Sheriffs Management Unit effective June 25, 2023; and adopt Resolution P 23-118 amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule, associated with the Sheriffs Management Unit Memorandum of Understanding, effective July 9, 2023.

Minute Approval - May 16, 22 and 23, 2023. Approved.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Criss, Ogren and Valenzuela voting YES, to approve the May 16, 2023 minutes as presented.

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Minute Approval – (continued)

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES and Supervisors Criss and Valenzuela ABSTAINING, to rescind the previous motion and to approve the May 16, 2023 minutes as presented.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Kobseff, Criss, Ogren and Valenzuela voting YES and Supervisor Haupt ABSTAINING, to approve the May 22, 2023 minutes as presented.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Kobseff, Criss, Ogren and Valenzuela voting YES and Supervisor Haupt ABSTAINING, to approve the May 23, 2023 minutes as presented.

Closed Session - 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 10:55a.m., concluded at 11:59a.m., with action taken.

Report On Closed Session

County Counsel Natalie Reed announced that closed session concluded at 11:59a.m., with the following reportable actin taken:

With regard to item 10A, Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), name of case: Dilevon Lo, et al., v. County of Siskiyou, et al., United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Sacramento Division, Case No. 2:21-cv-00999-KJM-DMC, it was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela and seconded by Supervisor Criss and carried with a vote of YES by Supervisors Valenzuela, Criss, Kobseff, Haupt and Ogren to approve a draft settlement agreement and authorize the County CAO to execute an agreement in substantially the same form. Because the Board did not have a settlement agreement that was already signed by the opposing parties, pursuant to Government Code Section 549573(b), as soon as the settlement is final and upon inquiry by any person the County will identify the contents of the agreement.

With regard to item 10C, it was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried with a vote of YES by Supervisors Ogren, Criss, Kobseff, and Haupt with Supervisor Valenzuela voting NO to authorize Counsel to enter into amicus in support of Klamath Water Users Association in the case of Yurok Tribe versus Klamath Water Users, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal, Case No. 23-15499 and to retain outside counsel to represent the County in this matter. This is contingent upon fair cost sharing for the brief being established with Modoc and Klamath Counties.

Board and Staff Reports

County Administrator Angela Davis requested that the Board and those present keep Erika Cavener and her children in their thoughts and prayers following a recent motor vehicle accident.

Supervisor Valenzuela reported on his attendance at a recent Sierra Nevada Conservancy meeting.

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

Attest:
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

Ed Valenzuela, Chair

By: _____
Deputy