

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Board of Supervisors Minutes, March 12, 2024

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 12th day of March 2024; there being present Supervisors Brandon Criss, Ed Valenzuela, Michael N. Kobseff, Nancy Ogren and Ray A. Haupt, 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 Kobseff. 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 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

Hornbrook resident Toni Holley appeared before the board, voicing concerns regarding the potential high costs associated with well water testing for those living along/near the Klamath River following the opening of Iron Gate and Copco dams, whether the water testing costs could be reimbursable and possible negative impacts of low and high water levels in the Klamath after dams are removed.

Brief conversation followed between Chair Kobseff and Ms. Holley regarding a request that the County receive copies of the water testing invoice(s).

Audience member Ken Noble appeared before the Board, voicing concerns regarding the potential negative impacts associated with dam removal activities (i.e. unsafe water, loss of recreation opportunities, air/water contamination) and requested that the Board of Supervisor declare a state of emergency and request the same of the State.

Audience member Holly Hansard appeared before the Board and voiced concerns regarding the current state of the Klamath River and the negative effects of dam removal activities.

Local resident William E. Simpson II presented and summarized a two-page letter, voicing concerns regarding the negative impacts associated with dam removal activities and requesting an investigation by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of the sediment left in exposed lakebeds and requested financial aid to citizens impacted by dam removal activities.

Klamath River Country Estates (KRCE) resident Lindsay Rhea appeared before the Board, voicing concerns regarding the possibility of her family being impacted by heavy metals in the water and requested that the Board declare a state of emergency for the Klamath River.

Copco resident Chrissie Reynolds appeared before the Board and presented a one-page flyer for Klamath River Prayer Day on March 21, 2024. Ms. Reynolds voiced concerns regarding the negative impacts associated with dam removal activities and requested that the Board declare a state of emergency.

Brief discussion followed between Chair Kobseff and Deputy County Administrator Elizabeth Nielsen regarding the Memo posted on the County's website regarding Environmental Health's water quality sampling results for heavy metals and the need to follow up with the County's consultant prior to the March 26, 2024 special Board meeting (Klamath Dam removal) regarding water testing and water wells that have gone or are going dry.

Chair Kobseff advised that the Board and County staff would continue to dialogue with State and Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRRC) representatives toward mitigation of the impacts associated with dam removal activities.

Consent Agenda – Approved.

At Chair Kobseff's request, item 5G - County Administration's addendum to agreement with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

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Consent Agenda – (continued)

At Supervisor Haupt's request, item 5A – Agriculture's Modification of grant or agreement with the Klamath National Forest and item 5E - County Administration's letter to the California Public Utilities Commission urging rejection of AT&T's application for relief of Carrier of Last Resort obligations, were pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

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

County Administration

Approve the letter in support of the 11th annual Art of Survival Century Team bicycle ride event and authorizes the Chair to sign.

County Administration

Approve (adopt) Resolution 24-41 congratulating and commending the Weed Lodge #1269 for their dedicated service to the community on the 100th anniversary of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America.

County Administration

Ratify the letters offering support for the Volcanic Legacy Community Partnership's grant funding application.

County Administration

Ratify the letter in support of Lava Road repair efforts.

County Clerk - Registrar of Voters

Appoint Dan Dorsey; District 2, and Jacklyn Terwilliger; District 4, to the Republican Central Committee as required by Elections Code §7423.

District Attorney

Approve (adopt) Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program and Automobile Insurance Fraud Program Resolutions 24-42 and 24-43, respectively, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027.

General Services - Airports

Award the Public Works Contract to Meyers Earthwork Inc. and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Contract; authorize the County Auditor's office to establish a budget for the Public Works Contract.

General Services - Airports

Approve Airport Ground Lease with John Bainbridge for Hanger #6 at the Weed Airport, at the annual base rent of \$782.40, increasing as detailed in the lease agreement, for the term October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2028.

General Services - Airports

Authorize the Chair to execute the Hangar Rental Agreement between the County of Siskiyou and Mark Baird for the term of December 15, 2023 through December 14, 2028.

General Services - STAGE

Retroactively approve the grant; adopt Resolution 24-44 authorizing the County Administrator to execute any documents necessary to obtain financial assistance provided by LCTOP for the 2021-2022 cycle; authorize staff to accept the awarded funds from the Local Transportation Commission, and authorize the Auditor's office to establish the budget.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Ratify the agreement for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Compassion Pathway Behavioral Health, LLC for the term of November 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026.

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Consent Agenda – (continued)

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 Crisis Support Services of Alameda County, for the term of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026.

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 Kings View Professional Services Inc. for the term of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

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 Siskiyou Community Resources Collaborative, a Non-Profit Corporation.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement for services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) for the term commencing July 1, 2023 through March 20, 2029.

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 Northern Valley Catholic Social Services for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

Library

Approve and sign second addendum to the contract between the Library and First 5 Siskiyou.

Transfer of Funds - Community Development Department - \$34,145. Resolution 24-45 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Fish and Game Commission - \$6,000. Resolution 24-46 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Public Health - \$243,707. Resolution 24-47 adopted.

County Administration - Approve letter to the California Public Utilities Commission urging rejection of AT&T's application for relief of Carrier of Last Resort obligations. Approved.

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

Deputy County Administrator Elizabeth Nielsen appeared before the Board.

Supervisor Haupt suggested that this and/or future letters address the potential negative impacts of AT&T's request to be released from their Carrier of Last Resort obligations on the County's agriculture industry.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Nielsen regarding upcoming opportunities (i.e. public CPUC hearings) for the County and the public to engage with regard to AT&T's request, the need to ascertain if Siskiyou Telephone would be moving forward with a similar request and the potential negative impacts should existing telephone infrastructure fail and not be replaced/repaired.

Supervisor Valenzuela spoke in support of requesting that AT&T appear before the Board at a future meeting to discuss the request.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to approve the letter to CPUC to reject AT&T's application for relief of COLR obligations and authorize the Chair to sign.

County Administration - Approve addendum to professional services retention agreement with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, increasing the agreement by \$125,000 to a total not to exceed \$575,000. Approved.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Chair Kobseff's request.

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County Administration – (continued)

Deputy County Administrator Sherry Lawson appeared before the Board and presented page one of the addendum, advising of the need to correct the written dollar amount of the compensation stated in the addendum to read: \$575,000.

It was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Criss and carried with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to approve the fourth addendum to the Liebert Cassidy Whitmore agreement increasing compensation \$125,000.00 for a total NTE \$575,000.00 through the term of the agreement, June 30, 2024 as amended.

General Services – Sanitation - Discussion, direction and possible action re request to cancel/terminate emergency declaration related to repairs at the Oberlin Transfer Station pursuant to Public Contract Code (PCC) section 22050. Approved.

Deputy Director of General Services Amanda Kimball appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the request, advising that a variety of photos of the project were in the agenda packet.

Following discussion between members of the Board and Ms. Kimball regarding the project completion process, anticipated future facility work (i.e. paving of the station's dirt road) and the need to address possible hazards to public using the Transfer Station (i.e. signage and/or paint to highlight certain areas), it was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to affirm the emergency declaration for repairs to the Oberlin Transfer Station to be finished and terminate the Emergency.

County Administration - Discussion, direction and possible action re request to create a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) to establish the Siskiyou Transportation Agency that would include the County, the Siskiyou Local Transportation Commission, and the nine incorporated cities within the County. Staff directed to proceed with the necessary steps to create a Joint Powers Agreement. Staff directed to proceed.

County Administrator Angela Davis provided an overview of the request, advising that, should the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) be established, Siskiyou Transit and General Express (STAGE) would be managed by the Siskiyou Transportation Agency (established by the JPA), with the Local Transportation Commission (LTC) as the Executive Directors. Ms. Davis requested the Board's input and/or support prior to moving forward with the proposal.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Davis regarding the anticipated process for the cities to become members of the proposed JPA with no anticipation that the cities would need to provide additional transportation funding above their current funding levels.

It was the consensus of the Board to direct staff to proceed with the necessary steps to create a Joint Powers Agreement to establish the Siskiyou Transportation Agency that would include the County, the Local Transportation Commission, and the nine incorporated cities within the County.

County Administration - Discussion, direction and possible action re Resolution declaring emergency and pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22050(b) delegating authority to the County Administrative Officer or her designee to enter into emergency Public Works contract for the repair, restoration and replacement of the fire damaged Siskiyou County Community Development Division's building and contents thereof located at 806 South Main Street, Yreka, CA and request to ratify contract with Belfor USA Group, Inc. Resolution 24-48 adopted.

Deputy County Administrator Hayley Hudson appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the request to contract with Belfor USA Group, Inc. for repairs, restoration, etc. at the County's fire-damaged Community Development building located in Yreka. Ms. Hudson distributed and summarized a four-page revised Exhibit B to the Belfor contract.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Ms. Hudson and Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham regarding the anticipated signing and processing of the contract and insurance coverage for the damage repairs.

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County Administration – (continued)

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to adopt Resolution 24-48 declaring an emergency situation, ratify the contract between the County and Belfor USA Group, Inc., delegate authority to the County Administrator or their designee to enter into subsequent contracts as imminently required to rectify the emergency situation, and authorize the Auditor to establish budget.

Ms. Winningham advised that the Clerk's Office received correspondence regarding the fire-damaged building from Anne Marsh.

County Clerk - Discussion, direction and possible action to set a date and time for an appeal of the decision of the Siskiyou County Planning Commission re: Golden Eagle Charter School, Use Permit UP-23-08/Addendum to Certified Mitigated Negative Declaration. Public hearing for the appeal set on May 7, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Mt. Shasta resident John Carr appeared before the Board, speaking in support of the Golden Eagle Charter School and their project and advising that various issues identified in the Appeal could be worked out.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request to set a date and time for an appeal of the decision of the Siskiyou County Planning Commission re: Golden Eagle Charter School, Use Permit UP-23-08/Addendum to Certified Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Planning Director Hailey Lang and Ms. Winningham regarding potential meeting/hearing dates, scheduled Board meeting dates (special and/or regular) in March, April and May and the anticipated length of time for the appellant's presentation.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, to set May 7, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. for a hearing for an appeal of the decision of the Siskiyou County Planning Commission re: Golden Eagle Charter School, Use Permit UP-23-08/Addendum to Certified Mitigated Negative Declaration.

If either side feels that it cannot adequately prepare for the hearing within the time set for the hearing or should any dispute arise in preparing for the hearing, either party shall immediately petition the Board of Supervisors for any relief which the party(ies) deem appropriate and which the Board may, in its discretion grant.

If an official transcript of the hearing is desired, the requesting party shall make arrangements for a court reporter and said requesting party shall be responsible for payment of said service. Copies of the official transcript shall be paid for by the party(ies) requesting such copy. Unless a request for an official transcript is made in accordance with the foregoing provisions, it shall be deemed that the right to an official transcript has been waived.

General Services – Airports - Discussion and possible direction re the future of Happy Camp Airport. Presentation and discussion only.

General Services Director Joy Hall appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the request, including a history of the various Special Use Permits between the County and the US Forest Service for use of the airport beginning in 1951, with the current, fourth Use Permit set to expire December 31, 2028. Ms. Hall summarized repair and maintenance history on the airport grounds with the use of State and Federal grant funding. Ms. Hall advised that, in 2017 it was consensus of the Board to close and no longer utilize the airport as the airport had not been receiving State or Federal grant funds for some time. Ms. Hall additionally advised that the County was informed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that the airport could not be closed without additional submission from the County.

Continuing the history of the airport, Ms. Hall additionally summarized various correspondence between the County and the FAA, as well as the US Forest Service, regarding the request to close and no longer utilize the airport, advising that the FAA determined that the airport could and was removed from the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems. Ms. Hall further advised that the Forest Service was not opposed to the closing of the airport as long as their Heli base operations at the airport would not be impacted.

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General Services – Airports – (continued)

Ms. Hall advised that the FAA stated that the Special Use Permit is between the County and the Forest Service and summarized efforts made by the Department to discuss/address possible waiver of funds due back to the State. Ms. Hall provided an overview of the next steps needed before expiration of the Special Use Permit on December 31, 2028 (i.e. development of an Abandonment Plan, hiring a consultant for that development) and requested input from the Board regarding the future process.

Supervisor Haupt voiced concerns regarding the lack of a response from the Forest Service with regard to the County's request for a waiver of funding payback.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Ms. Hall and Deputy County Administrator Hayley Hudson regarding only the State that has requested payback of funds, the need to reach out to the FAA to verify that payback is not being requested of the County, the need to research coverage for potential liability at the closed-to-the-public facility, specific maintenance details that will be included in an Abandonment Plan, the Helipad that is not located on the County's 20 acres under the Special Use Permit and the agreements between the County and the Forest Service for use of other County airports if needed for emergency landings.

General Services – Airports - Presentation of an update re all Siskiyou County Airport activities since February 20, 2024. Presentation and discussion only.

General Services Director Joy Hall appeared before the Board, advising of no new updates for the Butte Valley or Scott Valley Airports. Ms. Hall provided an update regarding efforts being made to solicit support with regard to the County continuing to operate the Siskiyou County Airport with at least a 7,100 foot long runway and the increased landings being identified by the newly installed Virtower Tracking System. Ms. Hall provided an update on the Weed Airport, advising that should the Board wish to consider a Fixed Base Operator (FBO) to run the Airport, there would be no Federal funding available for maintenance. Ms. Hall summarized the ongoing efforts related to an Automated Weather Observing Station (AWOS) at the Airport, including revising language in the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) and possible funding sources. Ms. Hall shared concerns that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) was no longer funding maintenance of AWOS systems.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Hall regarding the Virtower Tracking System at the Siskiyou County Airport, the benefits associated with providing an AWOS system at the Weed Airport, possible funding opportunities, unavailable grant funding to support AWOS maintenance, the need to research possible Office of Emergency Services (OES) funding for AWOS maintenance and the anticipated efforts to be made regarding the bathroom facility at the Siskiyou County Airport.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of three members to the scheduled vacancies on the Local Child Care Planning Council, for terms ending February 28, 2026. Carla Charraga and Ronya Merel appointed; remaining vacancy continued to a later date.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that incumbents Carla Charraga, Community Representative and Ronya Merel, Consumer were interested in reappointment. Ms. Winningham requested continuation of the remaining vacancy.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to appoint Carla Charraga, Community Representative and Ronya Merel, Consumer, to the scheduled vacancies on the Local Childcare Planning Council, for terms ending February 28, 2026 and continue the remaining vacancy to a later date.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of three members to the scheduled vacancies on the Behavioral Health Services Board for terms ending December 31, 2026. Justin Hadaller appointed.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that the Clerk's Office received a letter from the Behavioral Health Services Board supporting appointment of Justin Hadaller to fill one of the positions. Ms. Winningham requested continuation of the remaining vacancies.

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Appointments - County Clerk – (continued)

It was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Criss and carried with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to appoint Justin Hadaller to the scheduled vacancy on the Siskiyou County Behavioral Health Services Board for a term ending December 31, 2026 and continue the remaining vacancies to a later date.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of one member to the scheduled vacancy on the Far Northern Coordinating Council, for a term ending February 3, 2026. Patricia McCarthy appointed.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Wunningham provided an overview of the request, advising that the Clerk's Office received a letter of interest in serving from local resident Patricia McCarthy.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Criss and carried with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to appoint Patricia McCarthy to the scheduled vacancy on the Far Northern Coordinating Council, for a term ending February 3, 2026.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of one member to an unscheduled vacancy on the Siskiyou Resource Conservation District, for a term ending November 26, 2026. Peter Garaventa appointed.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Wunningham provided an overview of the request, advising that the Clerk's Office received a letter of interest in serving from local resident Peter Garaventa and that the Board requested input from the Siskiyou Resource Conservation District (RCD) regarding his application/letter. Ms. Wunningham summarized comments received from members of the Siskiyou RCD.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to appoint Peter Garaventa to the unscheduled vacancy on the Siskiyou Resource Conservation District, for a term ending November 26, 2026.

Minute Approval - February 6, 2024. Approved.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to approve the February 6, 2024 minutes as presented.

Board and Staff Reports

Supervisor Valenzuela reported on his attendance at a Sierra Nevada Conservancy meeting in Sacramento and a recent Family Farm Alliance meeting.

Supervisor Criss advised of his attendance at a Butte Valley Cattleman's Social, Butte Valley Coffee with a Cop event, a Sierra Sacramento Valley Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency JPA meeting, a Volcanic Legacy Board meeting, a California State Association of Counties (CSAC) meeting in Sacramento and a meeting with the Agricultural Commissioner regarding grasshoppers in the County.

Supervisor Haupt advised of participating in phone calls with Congressman Doug LaMalfa regarding the Siskiyou County Airport and his attendance at a Sheriff Posse fundraiser, a meeting in Happy Camp regarding the Happy Campers (childcare) Program, a meeting with Slater Fire victims regarding rebuilding efforts and a meeting with Greenhorn Grange Board members regarding possible grant opportunities and evacuation center availability.

Supervisor Ogren advised of his attendance at a Local Transportation Commission (LTC) meeting, a Collier Interpretive and Information Center (CIIC) meeting, a meeting regarding broadband with Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA), OreCal, AT&T and Siskiyou Telephone representatives, the Sheriff Posse dinner, a Continuum of Care Advisory Board meeting, a tour with the County's Public Information Officer (PIO) Ali Kutzer and Deputy County Administrator Elizabeth Nielsen for a tour of the Klamath Drainage District (KDD) and the Grenada Athletics Dinner. Supervisor Ogren congratulated Supervisor Valenzuela for his election win.

Supervisor Kobseff advised of his attendance for a Family Farm Alliance meeting with Supervisor Valenzuela and County Administrator Elizabeth Nielsen, a Local Transportation Commission (LTC) meeting, a Golden State Natural Resources (GSNR) meeting in Redding, agenda review via ZOOM and the Sheriff Posse dinner.

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Board and Staff Reports – (continued)

Supervisor Kobseff further advised of his attendance at a meeting with various Siskiyou County Fish and Game Commission and California Fish and Wildlife representatives regarding deer, a City of Weed staff meeting and reported on his attendance at a Klamath Irrigation District symposium on the Environmental Species Act (ESA). Supervisor Kobseff advised of being a guest speaker at a recent Siskiyou Patriots meeting in South County and of plans to attend a Rural Counties of California (RCRC) meeting in Sacramento and an Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority (ESJPA) meeting from the Board Chambers via ZOOM.

Agriculture - Approve Modification of grant or agreement with the Klamath National Forest for treatment of invasive species to reduce the risk of spread to Forest Service land, increasing the compensation by \$15,000 to a total not to exceed \$60,000 for the term July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026. Approved.

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

Participation in this item by County staff was provided via ZOOM/teleconference phone.

Caller Agricultural Commissioner Jim Smith provided a brief overview of the request, the agreement modification and the process to treat invasive species along County roads near Forest Service roads.

Following discussion between Supervisor Haupt and Mr. Smith regarding the need to research possible use of a Stewardship Agreement for similar activities and the grant for weed control in specific locations, it was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to approve agreement #21-PA-11050500-021 Mod #3 between the Klamath National Forest and the Siskiyou County Department of Agriculture for continued treatment of invasive species and reduce risk of spread onto Forest Service land. Term July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2026 increasing total amount of the agreement from \$45,000 to \$60,000. Authorize Agricultural Commissioner to execute agreement. Authorize Auditor to establish budget.

Closed Session - Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), four cases, conference with labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54957.6, conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2), one case, Personnel pursuant to Government Code §54957, consider public employee performance evaluation for the position of County Administrator, commenced at 11:00 a.m., concluded at 12:27 p.m., with action taken.

Report On Closed Session

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed announced that closed session concluded at 12:27 p.m., with reportable action taken.

With regard to item 10A, Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), name of case: Kevin Loynachan, et al., v. Darlene Smiley, in her official capacity as a law enforcement officer for Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office, et al., United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Sacramento Division, Case No. 2:22-cv-00841-WBS-JDP, Ms. Reed advised that Supervisor Ogren recused herself and left the Board Room at 11:00 a.m., returning at 11:02 a.m.

With regard to item 10D, Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), name of case: Jeramie Foster v. Siskiyou County, et al., Siskiyou County Superior Court, Case No. 24CV2298, a wrongful termination suit, Ms. Reed advised that it was moved by Supervisor Haupt and seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried with a unanimous vote of YES to authorize defense of suit and representation by Liebert Cassidy Whitmore.

With regard to item 10F, Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2), one case; 10E, Conference with labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54957.6; and item 10G, Personnel pursuant to Government Code §54957, consider public employee performance evaluation for the position of County Administrator, Ms. Reed advised that County Counsel stepped out of closed session, leaving the Board Room at 11:06 a.m. and returning at 11:55 a.m.

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

Attest:
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

Michael N. Kobseff, Chair

By: _____
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