

# **State of California, County of Siskiyou**

## **Board of Supervisors Minutes, July 1, 2025**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in special session this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2025; there being present Supervisors Jess Harris, 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 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, Siskiyou Power Authority and In Home Supportive Services Public Authority. Supervisor Kobseff led in the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

**Invocation** - Siskiyou County Sheriff Chaplain Keith Bradley provided the invocation.

### **Presentations from the Public**

There were no presentations from the public.

### **Consent Agenda – Approved.**

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

#### **Agriculture**

Approve the lease agreement between UBEO West, LLC and Siskiyou County Department of Agriculture Tulelake office for the copy machine. Authorize Auditor to establish budget.

#### **Assessor-Recorder**

Approve the Granicus Inc. Contract as submitted, with the Chair authorized to sign.

#### **County Administration**

Ratify the letter to the Honorable Chris Rogers, opposing Assembly Bill 531: Geothermal powerplants and geothermal field development projects: certification and environmental review.

#### **County Administration**

Ratify being added to the letter authored by the American Forest Resource Council proposing modifications to the Senate Reconciliation bill.

#### **District Attorney**

Approve service agreement between Axon Enterprise, Inc., and Siskiyou County District Attorney's Office for digital evidence storage and discovery for the term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030, with compensation at Rate .01.

#### **District Attorney**

Approve Third Addendum to extend term of contract between Siskiyou County District Attorney and Sis-Q-Script for transcription services through June 30, 2028, increase compensation, and replace Exhibit A Scope of Services.

#### **General Services - Airports**

Authorize the Director of General Services and County Auditor to execute all documents to secure funding for the CAAP grant, an annual credit program which allocates operational reimbursement fund per airport. Authorize Auditor to establish budget and appropriations. Authorize staff to accept the funds upon approval by Caltrans.

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## **Consent Agenda – (continued)**

### **General Services - Sanitation**

Approve the fourth Addendum to the contract with M. Peters, Inc., for waste loading at Black Butte Transfer Station. The contract will extend the term through September 30, 2025, and increase the total contact amount by \$135,000.00 for a total contact amount not to exceed \$1,255,000.00.

### **General Services - Sanitation**

Approve the fourth Addendum to the contract with M. Peters, Inc., for waste loading at Oberlin Road Transfer Station. The contract will extend the term through September 30, 2025, and increase the total contact amount by \$135,000.00 for a total contact amount not to exceed \$1,170,000.00.

### **Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division**

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the amendment for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and CalMHSA for the term commencing February 2, 2025 through February 1, 2028.

### **Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division**

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Second Amendment between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc. This amendment incorporates the rates effective FY25/26.

### **Health and Human Services - Public Health Division**

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement between County of Santa Cruz and Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Division for the Administrative Activities for the LGA under the CMAA and TCM Agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for the term July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028.

### **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 addendum and authorize the Auditor to establish budget appropriation and set expenditures per the addendum for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, for the amount of \$146,340.00 for a total not to exceed amount of \$292,680.00.

### **Health and Human Services - Social Services Division**

Approve and the Chair sign the first addendum to the Lease schedule between the Siskiyou County HHSA, Social Services Division and Canon Solutions America, Inc. for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029 with a not to exceed amount of \$193,980.06.

### **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. for the amount of \$121,000.00 for the entire term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

### **Probation**

Approve first amendment to rate agreement between Mendocino County Probation and Siskiyou County Probation for placement of juvenile court wards at the Mendocino County Juvenile Detention Facility for the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

### **Probation**

Approve agreement between Siskiyou County Probation and County of Tehama for the placement of Juveniles for the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

### **Probation**

Approve MOU between Siskiyou County Superior Court and Siskiyou County Probation for the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

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## **Consent Agenda – (continued)**

Transfer of Funds - Solid Waste Disposal - \$270,000. Resolution 25-105 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Sheriff - \$65,000. Resolution 25-106 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Sheriff - \$90,000. Resolution 25-107 adopted.

**County Administration and Public Health Division** - Discussion, direction and possible action re the request to appoint Dr. Donald Solus, MD and Dr. David Herfindahl, MD, effective June 22, 2025 as Extra Help in the position of Siskiyou County Public Health Officer. Appointments approved.

Public Health Division Director Shelly Davis appeared before the Board, introducing Dr. David Herfindahl and Dr. Donald Solus and advising of their willingness to act as the County's Public Health Officers.

County Administrator (CAO) Angela Davis provided a brief overview of the request to appoint both as Extra Help Public Health Officers, effective June 22, 2025. CAO Davis advised that Dr. Herfindahl was currently Trinity County's Public Health Officer.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Harris and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES to appoint Dr. Donald Solus, MD and Dr. David Herfindahl, MD, effective June 22, 2025, as Extra Help in the position of Siskiyou County Public Health Officer.

Both Dr. Herfindahl and Dr. Solus briefly spoke with the Board regarding the appointment.

**Board of Supervisors' Requests** - Supervisor Michael N. Kobseff - Discussion, direction and possible action re Resolution honoring and commemorating the lives and contributions of Nancy and Bill Hoy, Bill who served on the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisor representing District 3 for 12 years. Resolution 25-108 adopted and presented.

Supervisor Kobseff provided an overview of the request to adopt a Resolution honoring Bill and Nancy Hoy upon their passing and read the Resolution into the record.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES to adopt Resolution 25-108 in honor of Bill and Nancy Hoy.

Members of the Board remembered both and Supervisor Kobseff presented the Resolution to members of the Hoy Family.

**Public Requests** - First 5 Siskiyou Children & Families Commission - Presentation re Child Abuse Prevention Month and 2025 Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) meetings and associated efforts. Presentation and discussion only.

First 5 Siskiyou Children & Families Commission Executive Director Karen Pautz, Systems and Evaluation Coordinator Allison Scull and Project Support Coordinator McKenzie Bolts appeared before the Board.

Ms. Pautz distributed and summarized a 19-page packet of information, including First 5's Siskiyou Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) Proposal for Fiscal Years 2025-2026 (Scope of Work, Preliminary Plan and Budget) and provided an overview of Five Protective Factors used to support parents to provide a safe and healthy environment for their children.

Ms. Bolts and Ms. Scull provided an overview of various negative impacts and statistics related to child abuse.

Brief discussion followed between members of the Board and those present regarding the efforts being made to address children abuse and the benefits associated with a sense of family in supporting parents, children and families.

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## **Public Requests - First 5 Siskiyou Children & Families Commission – (continued)**

Ms. Pautz, Ms. Bolls and Ms. Scull presented a powerpoint presentation summarizing the 2024-2025 CAPC activities, including various Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamations adopted by the County and local cities, digital campaigns and social media efforts to highlight the CAPC's services, parenting education opportunities provided and the annual Teacher of the Year Awards.

Continuing the powerpoint, Ms. Bolls and Ms. Pautz provided an overview of the annual Blue Pinwheel Child Abuse Prevention campaign and associated themed activities at locations around the County, an overview of the Strengthening Families Collaborative and 2024-25 CAPC meetings, including the feedback that was received and responded to following those meetings.

Further discussion followed regarding efforts being made to address the use of and potential negative impacts associated with electronic devices and Artificial Intelligence (AI) by children, plans to provide associated training, First 5's and the CAPC's review and use of feedback received, the definition of diversity and inclusion as used by the CAPC for providing parent and children specific services to all communities within the County (i.e. Happy Camp and Tulelake and those on the I-5 corridor), the need to bring communities and schools together to benefit all children no matter what their future path would be in education and/or employment and the benefits associated with learning through adversity.

## **Public Works - Presentation of an update re the Copco Road Project. Presentation and discussion only.**

Public Works Director Tom Deany appeared before the Board, providing an update regarding the Copco Road Project, including modification of the process and timing for Road crews to assess the condition of the roadway and proceed with needed repairs to either completely dig out the road base, repair the existing roadway and then apply asphalt.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Mr. Deany and County Counsel Natalie E. Reed regarding the \$3.5 million estimate for the road repairs, the conditions that would warrant a complete dig out of the road base versus existing road repairs, the potential impact of road repairs to ongoing activities of the Klamath River Renewal Corporation's (KRRC's) contractor Resource Environmental Solutions LLC (RES) which could include overweight/heavy equipment traffic, the Road Department's staffing level, no anticipated impact of the Copco Road Project on SB1 funded road projects, KRRC's financial obligations for road recovery, the benefits associated with replacing roadway base as needed versus chip sealing and the anticipated process to provide transportation permits for RES restoration and monitoring activities.

Supervisor Harris requested information regarding the estimated amount of base planned for the Project.

Supervisor Haupt requested a map of the locations and road work details for the Project.

## **Office of Emergency Services - Discussion, direction and possible action re Resolution proclaiming a local emergency and requesting the Governor to proclaim a State of Emergency due to illegal pesticides and illicit cannabis operations. Resolution 25-109 adopted.**

Office of Emergency Services Director Bryan Schenone appeared before the Board, advising of the need to revise the Resolution. Mr. Schenone summarized various revisions within a 26-page red-lined version of the draft Resolution that had been distributed to the Board and to the Clerk.

In response to Supervisor Haupt, Mr. Schenone advised that threats to members of the public as well as emergency/fire responders was addressed within the revised Resolution.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Mr. Schenone and County Counsel Natalie E. Reed regarding the potential negative impacts associated with the dangerous chemicals to groundwater during firefighting efforts, verbiage addressing the need to take immediate actions to protect life, property and the environment within Bullet Point 6 and the Resolution title's formatting.

In response to Supervisor Harris, Mr. Schenone advised that the testing of emergency/fire responders exposed to dangerous chemicals was addressed in Occupational Safety and Hazard Administration (OSHA) guidelines and that a future multi-departmental task force would address and create associated testing guidelines. In addition, Mr. Schenone advised of ongoing efforts to work with Forest Service representatives concerning fires located in areas with cannabis grow sites.

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## **Office of Emergency Services – (continued)**

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES to adopt Resolution 25-109, as amended/revised, and direct staff to bring the Resolution back every sixty days for consideration of extension.

**Sheriff** - Discussion, direction and possible action re request to extend the State of Emergency related to the proliferation of illegal cannabis cultivation pursuant to Resolution 25-11 adopted on January 21, 2025 for an additional 60 days. Local emergency extended.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES to extend the local emergency related to the proliferation of cannabis cultivation pursuant to Resolution 25-11.

Office of Emergency Services Director Bryan Schenone appeared before the Board, advising that the Sheriff recommended that this emergency proclamation be in conjunction with the emergency proclamation due to illegal pesticides and illicit cannabis operations that was adopted in the previous agenda item.

**Appointments** - County Clerk - Appointment of one member to the unscheduled vacancy on the Etna Cemetery District, for a short-term ending January 3, 2028. Continued to a later date.

The Chair advised that this item was continued to a later date at Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham's request, due to the Clerk's Office not receiving any letters of interest in serving.

**Closed Session** - Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), two cases, conference with labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54957.6, commenced at 11:09 a.m., concluded at 12:35 p.m., with no action taken.

## **Report On Closed Session**

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed announced that closed session concluded at 12:35 p.m., with no reportable action taken.

## **Board and Staff Reports**

County Administrator Angela Davis advised of plans to provide a report to the Board concerning the recent adoption of the State's budget.

Supervisor Haupt advised of his participation in a tour and dinner event for University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) event at the Klever Ranch and attendance at the Sheriff's Fort Jones Townhall event.

Supervisor Kobseff advised of his attendance at Paul Simmons' retirement from the Klamath Water Users Association, a Collier Interpretive and Information Center (CIIC) trail dedication event, the Sheriff's Yreka Townhall event and reported on a Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) meeting, a Golden State Natural Resources (GSNR) meeting, a Local Transportation Commission (LTC) meeting and the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) event. In addition, requested research into possible opportunities to generate revenue to address the County's potential \$10 million deficit for next year's budget.

Supervisor Valenzuela left the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

Supervisor Harris advised of his participation in a tour and dinner event for the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) event at the Klever Ranch, an OreCal RC&D meeting, a Lincoln Dinner, Paul Simmons' retirement from the Klamath Water Users Association, a Local Transportation Commission (LTC) meeting, and the Sheriff's Yreka and McCloud Townhall events.

Supervisor Ogren advised of her participation in a tour and dinner event for the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) event, the Sheriff's Yreka Townhall event, a Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) meeting, the Collier Interpretive and Information Center (CIIC) River Walk Trail dedication and ribbon-cutting event, a Foresters' meeting, a McKinney Fire Restoration meeting, a Local Transportation Commission (LTC) meeting, a CalLAFCo meeting and OreCal RC&D meeting.

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

Attest:

Laura Bynum, County Clerk

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Nancy Ogren, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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