

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Board of Supervisors Minutes, February 3, 2026

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 3rd day of February 2026; there being present Supervisors Jess Harris, Ed Valenzuela, Michael N. Kobseff, Nancy Ogren and Ray A. Haupt, Deputy County Administrator Sherry Lawson, County Counsel F. Dean Morgan 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 Ogren. Pursuant to AB23, the Clerk announced that the Board members receive no additional compensation for sitting as members of the In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority. Deputy County Administrator Sherry Lawson 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

In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) provider Paula appeared before the Board, sharing concerns regarding the County only paying minimum wage to IHSS providers and requested consideration of a wage increase.

IHSS provider Alice appeared before the Board, sharing concerns regarding the need for a wage increase for providers from minimum wage.

Audience member Neal Posson appeared before the Board and voiced concerns regarding the need for a wage increase for IHSS providers and for adequate provider trainings.

Audience member Suzette appeared before the Board and spoke in support of a contract for IHSS providers.

SEIU Union representative Jessica appeared before the Board, voicing concerns regarding the lack of an employee contract and a raise above minimum wage for IHSS providers in Siskiyou County.

Audience member Jeffrey Downie appeared before the Board, sharing concerns regarding denial of his request to appear on the Board's February 17th agenda concerning a solar permit project and submitted six photos. Mr. Downie additionally shared concerns regarding bankruptcy rates in the US related to medical debt.

Consent Agenda – Approved.

At Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham's request, item 5B, County Administration's letter to California Department of Fish and Wildlife re the Deer Conservation and Management Plan was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

At Supervisor Ogren's request, item 5J, the Sheriff's contract to piggyback multi-function device lease agreement with Global Office, Inc., originated through Butte County's lease agreement #MPC0084 was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

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

County Administration

Ratify the Proclamation posthumously honoring the life and service of Congressman Doug LaMalfa.

County Administration

Approve (adopt) Resolution 26-12 authorizing California Statewide Communities Development Authority to administer its Open PACE programs within Siskiyou County.

General Services - Airports

Authorize the Chair to execute the Hangar Lease between the County of Siskiyou and Brian McCown for the term of February 1, 2026, through January 31, 2027.

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Consent Agenda – (continued)

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 CalMHSA for the term commencing January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement for Services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and CalMHSA for the term commencing November 1, 2024 through March 18, 2029.

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 funding value reduction of \$32,475.00 and set expenditures per the addendum for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, to the amount of \$113,865 for a total not to exceed amount of \$260,205 for the agreement.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Lease Addendum between Rizzo Real Estate and Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Division-PATH Program, for the rental property located at 700 S. Main Street, Suite 2, Yreka, CA, extending the term of the Lease Agreement, through June 30, 2029, increasing the amount by \$75,600 to a total not to exceed Lease amount of \$112,800.

Public Works - Road Department

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign, the Fourth Addendum Contract with Lawrence & Associates, Inc.

Transfer of Funds - Animal Control - \$15,000. Resolution 26-13 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Agriculture Commissioner/Sealer - \$11,000. Resolution 26-14 adopted.

County Administration - Approve letter to California Department of Fish and Wildlife Statewide Deer Coordinator providing comments on the Deer Conservation and Management Plan. Approved.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham's request. Ms. Winningham advised that the Board and Clerk were sent an email from William E. Simpson II commenting on the County's draft letter to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife which email would be included with the agenda item.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Harris and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter providing comments on the Deer Conservation and Management Plan to Brian Leo, Statewide Deer Coordinator for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

Sheriff - Approve contract to piggyback multi-function device lease agreement with Global Office, Inc., originated through Butte County's lease agreement #MPC0084 for the term February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2031, in an amount not to exceed \$204,240 for office equipment and location preferences specified in Exhibit A. Approved with the Chair authorized to sign upon receipt of the vendor's Certificate of Insurance.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Ogren's request. Supervisor Ogren shared concerns that the vendor's Certificate of Insurance (COI) was not included with the agenda backup.

Administrative Staff Services Manager Courtney Greenley appeared before the Board, requesting Board approval of the terms and advising that the Department requested and was waiting for the COI from the vendor.

Supervisor Ogren voiced concerns regarding the lack of proof of insurance in the original Butte County agreement.

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Sheriff – (continued)

Discussion followed between Supervisor Ogren and Ms. Greenley regarding potential differences with regard to insurance/liability requirements in Butte County's processing of the original lease agreement, the Department's desire to work with Risk Management to ensure verification of insurance coverage prior to receipt of office equipment outlined in the contract's Exhibit A.

Ms. Greenley spoke in support of the cost savings afforded the Sheriff's Department by utilizing Butte County's current lease agreement.

Supervisor Ogren spoke in support of Siskiyou County preparing and utilizing its own Request for Proposals (RFP) and associated contract.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff to approve the request with the Chair not to sign until the Certificate of Insurance has been received from the vendor.

Further discussion followed, including Supervisor Kobseff and Deputy County Administrator-Risk Manager Hayley Hudson regarding the requirement that the COI be in place prior to the Chair signing the piggyback lease agreement and anticipated process for scheduling delivery of the office equipment.

Supervisor Ogren seconded the motion.

The Chair called for the question and, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES, the motion to approve the Sheriff's Office to enter an agreement with Global Office, Inc on behalf of the piggy-back language in Butte County's contract #MPC0084, for a five year term effective February 1, 2026 - January 31, 2031 in expectation not to exceed \$204,240 for the term unless charged against Exhibit "A-2", or equipment is added. Authorize the Sheriff to sign any misc. documents required to implement services or delivery. Allow the Auditor to make appropriations.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of one member to the scheduled vacancy on the Far Northern Coordinating Council, for a three-year term ending February 3, 2029. Patricia McCarthy appointed.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that incumbent Patricia McCarthy was interested in reappointment and that Far Northern supported her appointment as well.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES to appoint Patricia McCarthy to the scheduled vacancy on the Far Northern Coordinating Council, for a term ending February 3, 2029.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of two members to scheduled vacancies on the Siskiyou County Behavioral Health Services Board for terms ending December 31, 2028. Donald Forsyth appointed.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that Donald Forsyth was interested in serving on the Behavioral Health Services Board and that the Behavioral Health Services Board recommended his appointment.

It was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES to appoint Donald Forsyth to the scheduled vacancy on the Behavioral Health Services Board for a term ending December 31, 2028.

Minute Approval - January 20, 2026. Approved.

It was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES to approve the January 20, 2026 minutes as presented.

Board and Staff Reports

Supervisor Ogren reported on her attendance at a Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) meeting, a meeting with a tiny home project promoter and a RCRC legislative call.

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Board and Staff Reports – (continued)

Supervisor Ogren advised of participating in a DARE Graduation at the 7th Day Adventist School, a Siskiyou Modoc Regional Wood Utilization Workshop in McCloud and a Collier Interpretive and Information Center (CIIC) meeting.

Supervisor Haupt advised of attending Congressman Doug LaMalfa’s memorial service with Supervisors Kobseff and Harris and participating in a video conference call with Senator Schiff’s office.

Supervisor Harris advised of attending Congressman Doug LaMalfa’s memorial service and a Mid Pacific Water Users Conference with Supervisor Kobseff.

Supervisor Valenzuela reported on his attendance at a Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) meeting and a California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Executive Board meeting.

Closed Session - Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), one case, conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2), two cases, conference with labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54957.6, commenced at 9:44 a.m. and concluded at 11:32 a.m.

Report On Closed Session

County Counsel F. Dean Morgan announced that closed session concluded at 11:32 a.m., with no reportable action taken. In addition, Mr. Morgan advised that Supervisor Valenzuela excused himself and left closed session at 11:02 a.m.

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

Attest:
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

Ray A. Haupt, Chair

By: _____
Deputy