# State of California, County of Siskiyou
# Board of Supervisors Minutes, April 7, 2026

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 7th day of April 2026; there being present Supervisors Jess Harris, Ed Valenzuela, Michael N. Kobseff and Nancy Ogren, County Administrator Angela Davis, 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. Supervisor Ray A. Haupt was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Harris. 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 In Home Supportive Services Public Authority. Supervisor Valenzuela 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**

Copco resident David Everist appeared before the Board, sharing concerns regarding the closure of Lakeview Road and potential negative impact to local residents should a wildfire or other emergency occur in the area. Mr. Everist requested that the County review a film from the area and take action to have the road reopened or accessible by local residents.

Audience member Dawnmarie Autry echoed Mr. Everist's concerns regarding the closure of Lakeview Road.

**Consent Agenda –** Approved.

At Supervisor Kobseff's request, item 5L, Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division's amendment to agreement with Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission 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 Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff and Harris voting YES and Supervisor Haupt ABSENT, that the following consent agenda is approved, and the Vice Chair and/or clerk authorized to execute/record any necessary documents:

Community Development Department
Approve contract with Granicus for software to run all building, planning and environmental health permitting along with code enforcement case logs, extending terms of service for three years in the amount of $68,092.22.

County Administration
Acknowledge receipt of letter from the Tri-Counties Workgroup to the Chair and Ranking Member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, respectfully urging prompt advancement of H.R. 845, the Pet and Livestock Protection Act.

County Administration
Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support for Assembly Bill 2132: California Environmental Quality Act: Exemption: Groundwater Recharge Project.

County Administration
Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter requesting modifications to Assembly Bill 2517: Fire Safety: Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

County Administration - Natural Resources
Ratify the letter of support for the Montague Water Conservation District's rediversion project.

County Administration - Natural Resources
Approve submittal of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan 2025 Annual Report for the Tulelake Groundwater Basin.

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**Consent Agenda –** *(continued)*

County Administration - Personnel

Adopt Resolution P 26-39 amending the Siskiyou County position allocation list for positions in County service effective April 12, 2026.

County Library

Approve acceptance of the $200 gift certificate from The Library Store to be used for future purchases.

Facilities Management - Courthouse and Grounds

Approve Master Rate Contract with California Safety Company and authorization for the Auditor to establish budgets as necessary.

General Services - Airports

Ratify the FAA grant application and adopt Resolution 26-40 authorizing the County Administrator to execute any documents necessary to obtain financial assistance with the FAA AIG program on behalf of the County of Siskiyou for the Weed AWOS project. Adopt the Resolution to apply, accept, and execute the State Match for the Weed AWOS project. Authorize the auditor to establish the budget.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the amendment for Services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division and Board of State and Community Corrections for the term commencing September 1, 2022 through December 1, 2026.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Adopt the MOU between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency – Public Health Division and Golden State Finance Authority for participation in the regional Jail Medical Care Feasibility Study. The term of the MOU will begin as of the date signed by both parties and shall remain in effect until the completion of the services described in the RFP. The total Not to Exceed cost is $50,433.56.

Sheriff

Ratify the Sheriff's application to the 25/26 CalEPA Environmental Enforcement & Training Grant Program in the amount of $100,000. Accept the resulting award from such application in the amount of $81,000.00 and adopt Resolution 26-41 authorizing the Sheriff to be an approved signatory authority on program documents. Allow the Auditor to make appropriations or create new accounting(s) in accordance with grant guidelines.

Transfer of Funds - General Assistance - 100% Aid to Indigents - $38,250. Resolution 26-42 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Health and Human Services - $10,000. Resolution 26-43 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Public Health - $426.54. Resolution 26-44 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Public Health - $26,150. Resolution 26-45 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Women, Infants & Children - $55,000. Resolution 26-46 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - COVID-19 ELC Enhancing Detect Expansion - $568,251. Resolution 26-47 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Public Works - Road Department - $14,272.77. Resolution 26-48 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Road Department - $25,813. Resolution 26-49 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Sheriff - $3,818. Resolution 26-50 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Sheriff - $12,000. Resolution 26-51 adopted.

**Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division -** Approve amendment to agreement with Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, to develop a Career/Technical Education - Behavioral Health Pathway to be offered in area high schools, amending Exhibit A - Scope of Work and Exhibit B – Fiscal Detail as detailed in the addendum and extending the term to June 30, 2028. Approved.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Kobseff’s request.

Health and Human Services Agency Director Sarah Collard appeared before the Board.

In response to Supervisor Kobseff regarding the funding utilized for this agreement, Ms. Collard advised that grant funds were ‘pass through’ to the Office of Education to provide the Career-Technical Education – Behavioral Health Pathway services.

Associate Superintendent of Schools Marco Taylor appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the services provided at the schools to support the career pathway project.

Following brief discussion between Supervisor Kobseff and Ms. Collard regarding the potential impact of the State of California joining the World Health Organization and the intended purpose of the grant to provide training to future workforce, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff and Harris voting YES and Supervisor Haupt ABSENT, to ratify and approve the grant proposal with Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission and authorize the Chair to sign the Standard Agreement Form STD 213A Amendment 1, and authorize the Auditor to establish budget appropriations and set expenditures per the grant.

**Health and Human Services - Social Services Division -** Presentation re the Social Services Division caseload statistics Q2 FY 2025/2026 and historical trends. Presentation and discussion only.

Social Services Division Director Trish Barbieri and Deputy Director of Administrative Services Kirk Hendricks before the Board.

Mr. Hendricks provided an overview of the caseload statistics for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2025/2026, including ongoing cases, new cases and fraud activity for various Social Services Division programs.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Mr. Hendricks, Ms. Barbieri and Social Services Division Deputy Director Corey Watson regarding the three-month caseload total information, the need to modify the report to reflect realistic monthly totals, potential negative impacts associated with passage of HR 1 on County Human Services programs, the number of staff working the various programs and historical and current staffing levels.

Mr. Hendricks concluded the presentation including historical active caseload trends for the various programs.

**County Clerk -** Discussion, direction and possible action re request to reschedule or cancel the June 2, 2026 and the November 3, 2026 Board of Supervisors’ meetings due to the 2026 Primary and General Elections, to allow for staff to be available to the Clerk’s Office for office coverage and assisting voters. June 2, 2026 and November 3, 2026 regular Board meetings cancelled.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request to reschedule or cancel the June 2, 2026 and November 3, 2026 regular Board meetings to allow County Clerk staff to assist during both elections.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff and Harris voting YES and Supervisor Haupt ABSENT, to cancel the June 2, 2026 and November 3, 2026 regular Board meetings due to upcoming elections.

**Appointments -** County Clerk - Appointment of one member to the scheduled vacancy on the County Service Area #3 Advisory Committee for a term ending January 10, 2029. Tom Haistings appointed.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that incumbent Tom Haistings was interested in reappointment to the position.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff and Harris voting YES and Supervisor Haupt ABSENT, to appoint Tom Haistings to the scheduled vacancy on the County Service Area #3 (CSA3) Advisory Committee, Member at Large position, with a term ending January 10, 2029.

**Appointments -** County Clerk - Appointment of one member to the unscheduled vacancy on the Happy Camp Cemetery District, for a term ending January 7, 2030. Continued to a later date.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that there were no letters of interest received with regard to the vacancy.

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

**Minute Approval -** March 17, 2026 and April 1 and 2, 2026. Approved.

It was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff and Harris voting YES and Supervisor Haupt ABSENT, to approve the March 17, 2026 minutes with the following correction:

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County Administration - Approve letter to the California Fish and Game Commission expressing support for the Siskiyou County Fish and Game Commission's petition to amend Section 251(a), Title 14, CCR with regard to the use of trail cameras during hunting seasons. Dropped from the agenda.

<u>Corrected from:</u> Brief discussion followed regarding the need to refine the draft letter and bring back before the Board for consideration at the next regular Board meeting.

<u>Corrected to:</u> Brief discussion followed regarding the need to refine the draft letter and bring back before the Board for consideration at a later meeting following further review by interested parties.

It was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff and Harris voting YES and Supervisor Haupt ABSENT, to approve the April 1 and 2, 2026 minutes as presented.

**Public Hearings -** Community Development - Planning Division - Public hearing to consider a Resolution approving an amendment to existing Agricultural Preserves and a Resolution approving the rescission and re-entry of existing Williamson Act contracts under Application APA-24-08 and finding the project exempt from CEQA; and a Resolution directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal for 437.66 acres under Williamson Act Contract No 20003A, for the Emmerson Williamson Act Amendment (APA 24-08) Project, located approximately 2.5 miles northwest of the community of Gazelle. Resolutions 26-52, 26-53 and 26-54 adopted.

This was the time set for a public hearing to consider a Resolution approving an amendment to existing Agricultural Preserves and a Resolution approving the rescission and re-entry of existing Williamson Act contracts under Application APA-24-08 and finding the project exempt from CEQA; and a Resolution directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal for 437.66 acres under Williamson Act Contract No 20003A, for the Emmerson Williamson Act Amendment (APA 24-08) Project.

The vice Chair opened the public hearing.

Community Development Department Director Hailey Lang appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the request, advising that amendment of Agricultural Preserves and associated Williamson Act Contracts was necessary to effectuate a Tentative Parcel Map approved by the Planning Commission.

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**Public Hearings -** Community Development - Planning Division – *(continued)*

Associate Planner Bernadette Cizin appeared before the Board and continued the overview, including the Williamson Act Contracts for various property owners, proposed inclusion of 16.1 acres with Agricultural Preserve and recommended non-renewal of acreage that did not meet soils or commercial agriculture use requirements.

In response to the Vice Chair, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that the Clerk's Office had not received and correspondence related to this item.

There being no public comments received the public hearing was declared closed.

Following brief discussion between members of the Board and Ms. Cizin regarding notification of the property owners for the properties being recommended for non-renewal, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff and Harris voting YES and Supervisor Haupt ABSENT, to determine the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15317, Open Space Easements or Contracts; and adopt Resolution 26-52 approving the amendment of the existing Agricultural Preserve and establish a new Agricultural Preserve including an additional 34 acres; and adopt Resolution 26-53 approving the rescission and reentry of the applicable Williamson Act contract including the additional 16.1 acres; and adopt Resolution 26-54 directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal for the three substandard properties (437.66 acres).

**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, significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2), three cases, commenced at 9:34 a.m. and concluded at 10:32 a.m.

**Report On Closed Session**

County Counsel F. Dean Morgan announced that closed session concluded at 10:32 a.m., with the following action taken:

With regard to item 11B, Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), name of case: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Case No. 1-17-MD-2804, Mr. Morgan advised that the Board has approved Remnant Defendant Settlement Agreement in the National Prescription Opiate litigation and has authorized County Counsel to execute documents necessary to effectuate the Agreement. The vote was 4/0 with Supervisor Haupt absent and all other members of the Board were in favor.

**Board and Staff Reports**

There were no Board or Staff reports given.

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

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Jess Harris, Vice Chair

Attest:
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

By: __________________________
Deputy