

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Board of Supervisors Minutes, July 14, 2026

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 14th day of July 2026; there being present Supervisors Jess Harris, Ed Valenzuela, Michael N. Kobseff, Nancy Ogren and Ray A. Haupt, 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.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Haupt. Pursuant to AB23, the Clerk announced that the Board members were only meeting as the Board of Supervisors. Chair 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

Participation in presentations from the public was provided by teleconference phone.

An unknown user's call was terminated due to abusive comments being made.

McCloud resident Uri Driscoll appeared before the Board and shared concerns regarding changes at a green waste facility that garbage/refuse rate-paying McCloud residents had been able to access 24/7. Mr. Driscoll additionally shared concerns regarding the facility's current limited access timeframe, although rate-payers continue to pay the same rate for 24/7 access. Mr. Driscoll presented a five-page packet of material regarding the issue.

In response to Supervisor Kobseff regarding a recent Public Records Act Request, County Counsel F. Dean Morgan clarified the request and review process. Supervisor Kobseff shared concerns regarding the costs to the County associated with meeting certain PRA requests.

Consent Agenda – Approved.

At Supervisor Kobseff's request, item 5N – Behavioral Health Service' addendum to contract with Shree Sai Hospitality, LLC dba Budget Inn was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

It was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff 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:

Agriculture

Approve the agreement for Nematode Inspections between the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the Siskiyou County Department of Agriculture. Authorize the auditor to establish budget.

Community Development - Planning

Approve terminating the Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnerships Program revolving loan programs.

County Administration

Ratify the July, 2 2026 letter to CAL FIRE in support of the Mow-Party Vegetation Management Project.

County Administration

Ratify the July, 1 2026 letter to Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District.

County Administration

Approve the Second Addendum to the contract with Chaplin & Hill Investigative Services LLC increasing funds by \$50,000 to a not to exceed amount of \$150,000.00 and extending the term to June 30, 2027.

County Administration - IT/GIS

Approve and sign the three-year agreement with ESRI for GIS software licensing. Term of Agreement 8/1/2026 - 7/31/2029 with a not to exceed amount of \$126,600. Continued...

Consent Agenda – (continued)

County Administration - Personnel

Approve and adopt the Proclamation congratulating and recognizing Robert Stewart for 29 years of dedicated service and contributions to the community upon his retirement from Siskiyou County.

General Services - Airports

Approve First Addendum to the Ford Aviation Consulting contract, increasing the amount \$78,050, bringing the total amount not to exceed to \$124,100 and extending the term through June 30, 2029.

General Services - Airports

Authorize the Chair to execute the Ground Lease between the County of Siskiyou and William Ogletree for the term of November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2030.

General Services- Sanitation

Approve Ground Lease between the County and George Chambers for the land on the Happy Camp Transfer Station. This lease will begin July 1, 2026, and not to exceed the amount of \$42,000 for the term of the lease.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Fifth Addendum to the Contract for Services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division and Restpadd Health Corporation - Red Bluff, for the term of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027. Authorize the Auditor to appropriate the budget and set expenditures.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the 1st addendum for Services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division and Thomas Milam, MD, Inc. d/b/a Iris Telehealth Medical Group for the term commencing July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028. Authorize the Auditor to appropriate the budget and set expenditures.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve Department of Health Care Services Agreement #26-60065 and authorize the Chair to sign the Standard Agreement Form STD 213 and Contractor Certification Clause, Form CCC 04/2017. The term of this agreement is July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029.

Health and Human Services - Public Health

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 agreement for the term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Public Works - Road

Approve and sign the 6th Addendum between CH2M Hill, Inc. and Siskiyou County Road Department for work on the Wooley Creek Bridge project.

Sheriff

Approve the Grant Agreement and the 5-Year Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement between the Sheriff's Office and the USDA Forest Service for fiscal years 25/26 - 29/30 for services outlined within, terms and allocations for 25/26 reimbursable activities from 10/1/25 - 9/30/26. Allow the Sheriff to sign Page 1 of the Grant Agreement, authorize the Sheriff, or designee, to sign any documents during an approved annual term of the 5-Year Cooperative agreement with the USDA Forest Service for Sheriff to provide certain law enforcement services on the Klamath, Modoc and Shasta-Trinity National Forests, in an amount not to exceed \$54,000, effective the date of final signature through September 30, 2030.

Transfer of Funds - Civil Grand Jury - \$2,000. Resolution 26-119 adopted.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division - Approve addendum to contract with Shree Sai Hospitality, LLC dba Budget Inn for provision of certain property management services, deleting and replacing Exhibit A - Scope of Services, increasing compensation by \$406,800 to a total not to exceed \$837,600 and extending the term through June 30, 2029. 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 and provided an overview of the request to increase compensation for property management services for supported transitional shared housing located in Yreka.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Ms. Collard and County Administrator Angela Davis regarding the process of working with neighboring residents should issues arise from the supported transitional shared housing in need of mitigation, the long term rental type of housing versus short-term vacation rental type housing and the locations of the two homes on North Main Street, Yreka.

Supervisor Harris shared concerns regarding the type of housing and clientele and suggested better use of the housing could be for young families attempting to better their lives and concerns regarding the potential for commercial investors to purchase similar homes for revenue driven ventures.

Further discussion followed regarding the difficulties in locating and utilizing less expensive rental homes for certain Behavioral Health Services clients versus using hotel/motel rentals, the benefits associated with treating clients in this situation, requirements of the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) with regard to this type of housing and the need for the Department to consider development of housing specific for the clientele.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff and seconded by Supervisor Ogren to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Second Addendum to the Contract for Services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division and Shree Sai Hospitality, LLC for the term commencing July 6, 2021 through June 30, 2029 . Authorize the Auditor to appropriate the budget and set expenditures, with the caveat that the Department research potential building a facility in North County to provide for clientele utilizing the supported transitional shared housing.

Discussion followed regarding efforts being made to explore options for this type of housing, support for Shasta County's similar efforts, the need for workforce housing, the need to research program(s) and housing that require learning a trade along with drug treatment and efforts being made at the federal level concerning the same.

The Chair called for the motion and following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Harris voting NO, the motion carried.

Office of Emergency Services - Review status of local emergency related to drought in the Lost watershed declared by Resolution 26-84, adopted on May 19, 2026; action to extend or terminate local emergency. Local emergency extended.

Office of Emergency Services Director Bryan Schenone appeared before the Board and requested extension of the local emergency. In addition, Mr. Schenone advised of the upcoming release of a new drought report.

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 extend the Existence of a Local Emergency Related to Drought for Lost watershed declared under Resolution 26-84 on May 19, 2026.

Board of Supervisors Requests - Board of Supervisors - Review status of local emergency due to the presence and impact of gray wolves in Siskiyou County as declared by Resolution 26-83, adopted on May 19, 2026; action to extend or terminate local emergency. Local emergency extended.

Project Coordinator Joanne Johnson appeared before the Board and provided recent statistics related to wolf depredations and the associated depredation investigation process.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff and seconded by Supervisor Harris to extend the local emergency due to the presence and impact of gray wolves in Siskiyou County as declared by Resolution 26-83.

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Board of Supervisors Requests - Board of Supervisors – (continued)

Following discussion between members of the Board and Ms. Johnson regarding the status of unfinalized depredation investigations and efforts being made to engage those at the federal level regarding the impacts associated with the gray wolf, the Chair called for the vote and following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES, the motion carried unanimously.

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), one case, Personnel pursuant to Government Code §54957, commenced at 9:30 a.m., concluded at 12:30 p.m., with action taken.

Report On Closed Session

County Counsel F. Dean Morgan announced that closed session concluded at 12:30 p.m., with reportable action taken.

With regard to item 8A, Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(1), name of case: Yurok Tribe, et al., v. United State of America, et al., United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Case No. 23-15499, 23-15521 (consolidated), Mr. Morgan advised that the Board authorized County Counsel to utilize outside counsel to file an amicus brief on behalf of the Plaintiffs. The vote was 4/1, with Chair Haupt, Vice Chair Harris, Supervisor Kobseff, Supervisor Ogren voting YES and Supervisor Valenzuela voting NO.

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.

Attest:
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

Ray A. Haupt, Chair

By: _____
Deputy