

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Board of Supervisors Minutes, July 8, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in special session this 8th day of July 2025; there being present Supervisors Jess Harris, 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 Ogren. Pursuant to AB23, the Clerk announced that the Board members receive no additional compensation for sitting as members of the Flood Control and Water Conservation District and County Service Area 4. Supervisor Valenzuela led in the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

Invocation - Siskiyou County Sheriff Chaplain Bob Mason provided the invocation.

Presentations from the Public

Klamath National Forest Supervisor Chris Christofferson appeared before the board and presented a one-page map of Summit Fire burning in the Klamath National Forest (KNF), including the locations and aggressive firefighting suppression efforts are being made. Mr. Christofferson provided an overview of the efforts associated with the resources and efforts being utilized to fight the Summit Fire indicated on the map.

Supervisors Haupt and Ogren thanked Mr. Christofferson for the aggressive and direct attack on the Shackleford drainage and engagement in the safety of the public and forest service employees.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Mr. Christofferson regarding the Shackleford Creek concerns, the Butler Fire, the need for communication with the County/Board of Supervisors and Forest Service regarding firefighting efforts and aggressive approach to fire containment.

Consent Agenda – Approved.

At Supervisor Ogren's request, Item 5G - Sheriff's addendum to Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement to provide law enforcement services to the City of Montague, was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff seconded by Supervisor Harris and unanimously carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren 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.

County Administration

Approve the Addendum to contract with Occu-Med and authorize Chair to sign.

County Administration - Personnel

Adopt the Proclamation congratulating and recognizing Carolyn Gorden for 33 years of dedicated service and contributions to the community upon her retirement from Siskiyou County.

District Attorney

Approve rate contract Sexual Assault Response Team services with Denise Wheeler, RN, for term of November 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027.

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Consent Agenda – (continued)

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve First Addendum to the Contract for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Rose Smith dba Rose Therapy, increasing compensation to \$416,000.00 and extending the term to June 30, 2026.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve the Contract for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Third Sector Capital Partners, Inc. for the term of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

Later in the meeting with regard to item 5D – the District Attorney’s agreement with Denise M. Wheeler, RN, the Chair advised that the agreement term on the agenda read: November 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027 although the recommended motion term date of November 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027 was correct.

Sheriff - Addendum to Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement to provide law enforcement services to the City of Montague increasing compensation by \$213,200 for a total not to exceed \$1,279,200 and extending the term through June 30, 2025. Approved.

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

Supervisor Ogren raised concerns regarding the contract dated to end June 30, 2025, which is past due.

Administrative Staff Services Manager III, Courtney Greenley appeared before the Board to address concerns about the contract with the City of Montague, advising of efforts being made to have new contracts signed with contract cities in order for the Sheriff’s Office to continue to provide services.

Members of the Board stressed the importance of obtaining a current and new contract with the City of Montague to continue to provide certain services to the city.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Harris and unanimously carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the third addendum to the MOU for law enforcement services between the City of Montague and the Sheriff’s Office for the term July 1st, 2024 - June 30th, 2025 in the amount of \$1,279,200.00.

County Administration – Personnel – Discussion, direction and possible action re Proclamation recognizing Maddelyn Bryan as the winner of Quarter 2 Peak of Excellence Award.

Deputy County Administrator Hayley Hudson appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the Peak of Excellence Award, and to present Maddelyn Bryan with the proclamation.

Health and Human Services Director Sarah Collard appeared before the Board and read the proclamation into the record.

Deputy Director of Social Services Division Trish Barbieri appeared before the Board and expressed how Ms. Bryan is inquisitive and works well for the Department.

Chief Deputy County Counsel Dana Barton appeared before the Board and thanked Mr. Bryan for her efforts in helping many County residents.

Members of the Board thanked Ms. Bryan for her efforts.

It was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and unanimously carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES, to approve the Award and adopt the Proclamation congratulating and recognizing the Quarter 2 Peak of Excellence winner for her contributions to Siskiyou County.

County Administration – Personnel –Discussion, direction and possible action re Proclamation as part of the County's 20-Year Retiree Recognition Program, Recognizing Deputy Director, Public Health Division/Director of Nursing Brenda Harris, for her contributions to the community for 25 years, upon her departure from County Service.

Deputy County Administrator Hayley Hudson appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the proclamation recognizing recently retired Deputy Director Public Health Division/Director of Nursing Brenda Harris.

Supervisor Harris read the proclamation into the record.

Shelly Davis, Director of Public Health, appeared before the Board, expressing thanks for Ms. Harris' service to the County.

Members of the Board and County Administrator Angela Davis expressed their appreciation for Ms. Harris' service to the County and offered their congratulations.

It was moved by Supervisor Harris, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and unanimously carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES, that the Board approve and adopts the Proclamation congratulating and recognizing Brenda Harris for 25 years of dedicated service and contributions to the community upon her retirement from Siskiyou County.

County Administration – Personnel –Discussion, direction and possible action re Proclamation as part of the County's 20-Year Retiree Recognition Program, Recognizing Senior Legal Secretary Joy Pragg, for her contributions to the community for 30 years, upon her departure from County Service.

Deputy County Administrator Hayley Hudson appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the request to honor Joy Pragg upon her retirement after thirty years of service to the County.

Supervisor Kobseff read the proclamation into the record.

Assistant Chief Probation Officer Stacey Jackson and Chief Probation Officer Erin Welch appeared before the Board, thanking Ms. Pragg for her hard work and dedication and efforts to uplift staff with her pranks in the office.

Members of the Board congratulated and thanked Ms. Pragg for her service to the County.

Ms. Pragg appeared before the Board, thanking the Board and staff for her time in the Probation Department.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and unanimously carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES, that the Board approves and adopts the Proclamation congratulating and recognizing Joy Pragg for 30 years of dedicated service and contributions to the community upon her retirement from Siskiyou County.

Board of Supervisors Request – Board of Supervisors - Review status of local emergency related to impacts resulting from Lower Klamath Dam removal declared by Resolution 24-51, adopted on March 26, 2024; action to extend or terminate local emergency. Local emergency extended.

Community Development Director Rick Dean appeared before the Board and provided an update regarding water wells impacted by dam removal.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Mr. Dean and County Counsel Natalie E. Reed regarding air quality, possible arsenic in the area and possible low fish counts. Further discussion followed regarding concerns about the continued impacts to the Klamath River after dam removal and potential revision of the current emergency declaration that would require a new agenda item/Resolution.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES and Supervisor Valenzuela voting NO, to extend the local emergency related to impacts resulting from Lower Klamath Dam removal declared by Resolution 24-51.

Minute Approval – June 17, 2025. Approved.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and unanimously carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES, to approve June 17, 2025, minutes as presented.

Board and Staff Reports

Supervisor Valenzuela advised of participating in a tour with former Agriculture Commissioner Pat Griffin where two wolf packs were sighted.

Supervision Haupt reported on his attendance at several Klamath fire meetings.

Supervisor Ogren advised of her attendance at various Klamath fire meetings.

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, one case, conference with Legal Counsel, initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4), one case, commenced at 10:15 a.m., concluded at 11:25 a.m., with no action taken.

Report On Closed Session

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed announced that closed session concluded at 11:25 a.m. with no reportable action taken.

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

Attest:

Laura Bynum, County Clerk

Nancy Ogren, Chair

By: _____
Deputy