

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Board of Supervisors Minutes, January 20, 2026

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 20th day of January 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 receive no additional compensation for sitting as members of the Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. Supervisor Kobseff 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 Elissa Fox appeared before the Board, sharing concerns regarding the County providing only minimum wage to IHSS providers and requested that the Board consider increasing the wage.

Social Services Division Director Trish Barbieri and Deputy Director of Administrative Services Kirk Hendricks appeared before the Board, presenting and summarizing two pages of information regarding federal funding for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) and Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) programs that had been frozen by the federal government. Ms. Barbieri additionally advised of an upcoming hearing on the subject and summarized California's efforts to research contingency plans for the funding to continue to counties.

Supervisor Haupt requested a future agenda item regarding the issue and efforts being made to address possible fraud taking place with regard to use of those programs.

Consent Agenda – Approved.

At Supervisor Ogren's request, item 5E, the Sheriff's contract to piggyback multi-function device lease agreement with Global Office, Inc., 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 - Personnel

Adopt Resolution 26-06 approving the County of Siskiyou Salary Schedule for the period effective December 21, 2025, through December 19, 2026.

County Administration - Personnel

Adopt Resolution P 26-07 amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule and position allocation list for positions in County service effective February 1, 2026.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Contract for services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency – Public Health Division and Medusind, Inc. for Medi-Cal billing services to ensure compliance with state regulations. The term of the contract February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2028, in the amount NTE \$106,000.

Sheriff

Approve the Assignment of Contract, appointing Janus Acquisition Company as the parent agency to services performed at Mt. Shasta Memorial Chapel, in place of Janus Advisor, set forth in Exhibit "A-1" attached, at the rates identified in the Contract as Exhibit "A", through June 30, 2030.

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Consent Agenda – (continued)

Sheriff

Ratify the Sheriff's Office application to Season of Justice, for Case #83-294, and the Sheriff's signature on the award letter dated October 30, 2025 in the amount of \$12,000. Authorize the Sheriff to continue signing any documents if applicable.

Transfer of Funds - Courthouse and Grounds - \$95,000. Resolution 26-08 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Elections and Registrations - \$233,277. Resolution 26-09 adopted.

Sheriff - Approve contract to piggyback multi-function device lease agreement with Global Office, Inc., for Butte County 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. No action taken; revised item to be brought back before the Board at a later date.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Ogren's request. Supervisor Ogren shared concerns regarding disparity between the written dollar amounts and monetary amounts on page 2 of the contract.

Administrative Staff Services Manager Courtney Greenley appeared before the Board.

Supervisor Ogren requested to view the corrected language prior to approval and shared concerns that Siskiyou County was not specified/identified within the 'piggyback' contract, advising that only Butte County was mentioned.

Discussion followed between Supervisor Ogren and Ms. Greenley regarding the original equipment lease agreement between Global Office, Inc. and Butte County, the use of a 'piggyback' contract in order to reduce rates/costs, the Sheriff's Department's process for identifying Siskiyou County costs on an invoice in order to pay only for Siskiyou County's usage and the need to amend certain language in the contract for review by County Counsel.

Supervisor Ogren voiced concerns regarding vague contract language with regard to proper invoicing for the County's machines and usage.

It was moved by Supervisor Ogren to approve the contract with the amendments discussed and to be reviewed by County Counsel.

Other members of the Board shared concerns that the contract would be coming back at a later date for consideration following revision and review.

Supervisor Ogren rescinded her motion.

No action was taken. Revised item to be brought back before the Board at a later date.

Public Requests - Collier Interpretive and Information Center (CIIC) - Presentation re the Collier Interpretive and Information Center (CIIC) regarding current operations, new projects and impacts to the community. Presentation and discussion only.

Collier Interpretive and Information Center (CIIC) President Rennie Cleland appeared before the Board and provided a history of the Randolph E. Collier Rest Area located on Interstate 5 (I5), a regional welcome point for the County. Mr. Cleland presented a powerpoint presentation, including visitor and tourism statistics, the Visitor Information Center volunteer efforts made to direct visitors to lodging, dining and recreation within the County, an overview of various advertising opportunities at the Center and the benefits associated with the Center providing information related to public safety (i.e. weather conditions, travel, area wildfires), community histories and the local economy.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Mr. Cleland regarding a previously proposed project to develop an overlook for viewing the movement of salmon and other anadromous fish in the Klamath River, funding difficulties, possible funding and/or grant opportunities that could provide stability for the Visitor Center and a recently completed nature trail project.

County Administration – Personnel - Discussion, direction and possible action re Proclamation recognizing Quarter 4 Peak of Excellence winner Management Analyst Kim Lehmann for her contributions to Siskiyou County. Proclamation adopted.

Deputy County Administrator Personnel-Risk Manager Hayley Hudson appeared before the Board, providing an overview of the request and introducing Management Analyst Kim Lehmann Quarter 4 Peak of Excellence winner, who also appeared before the Board.

Ms. Lehmann thanked the Board for the recognition.

Supervisor Haupt read the Proclamation into the record.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES to approve the Award and adopt the Proclamation congratulating and recognizing the Quarter 4 Peak of Excellence winner Kim Lehmann for her contributions to Siskiyou County.

Members of the Board congratulated Ms. Lehmann.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division - Discussion, direction and possible action re Proclamation proclaiming January 24, 2026 as Eligibility and Temporary Assistance Services Staff Recognition Day in Siskiyou County. Proclamation adopted.

Deputy Director of Social Services Division Corey Watson, Program Manager Veronica Rivera and Deputy Director of Administrative Services Kirk Hendricks appeared before the Board. Ms. Watson provided an overview of the request and updated proclamation recognizing a variety of staff and employee units since it was first adopted in 1996.

Mr. Hendricks presented and summarized one page of monthly statistics for Employment and Temporary Assistance Services (ETAS) provided by various programs within the Social Services Division.

Supervisor Ogren read the Proclamation into the record.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES to approve and accept the modified Proclamation by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors proclaiming January 24th as “Eligibility and Temporary Assistance Services” Recognition Day in Siskiyou County.

Facilities Management - Courthouse and Grounds - Discussion, direction and possible action re Resolution declaring an emergency and pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22050(b) delegating authority to the County Administrative Officer or her designee to enter into emergency public works contracts for the repair of failed drainpipes at 311 Fourth Street, Yreka and associated contract with Evans Building & Excavating, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$94,398, with work to be completed within 180 calendar days from January 20, 2026 start date. Resolution 26-10 adopted.

Facilities Management Director Amanda Kimball appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the request.

Following discussion between members of the Board and Ms. Kimball regarding blocked window wells that could possibly leak and not drain during heavy wet weather, it was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Harris and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES to approve the emergency Resolution 26-10, contract and authorize the Board Chair to sign the resolution, contract and authorize the County Administrator or her designee to enter into an emergency public works contract for the repairs to the Government Center drainpipes, located at 311 4th Street, Yreka, California.

Office of Emergency Services - Review status of local emergency regarding illegal pesticides and illicit cannabis operations declared by Resolution 25-109, adopted on July 1, 2025; action to extend or terminate local emergency. Local emergency extended.

Office of Emergency Services Staff Services Analyst Adam Heilman appeared before the Board and provided a brief overview of the request to extend the local emergency regarding illegal pesticides and illicit cannabis operations declared by Resolution 25-109.

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Office of Emergency Services – (continued)

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES to extend the local emergency regarding illegal pesticides and illicit cannabis operations declared by Resolution 25-109.

Community Development - Discussion, direction and possible action re Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 25-201 and reinstating processing of Williamson Act contract amendments and County initiated Notices of Nonrenewal. Resolution 26-11 adopted.

Community Development Director Hailey Lang appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the request to rescind the current moratorium on processing of Williamson Act contract amendments.

Following discussion between members of the Board and Ms. Lang regarding one Williamson Act contract amendment project impacted by the moratorium and the Department's plan to hold two Williamson Act contract amendment projects until development and presentation of a 'white paper' on possible changes to Williamson Act guidelines anticipated for a meeting in March, 2026, it was moved Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Harris and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES to adopt Resolution 26-11 rescinding the moratorium on processing of Williamson Act contracts, otherwise known as Resolution No. 25-201.

Board of Supervisors' Requests - Board of Supervisors - Discussion, direction and possible action re Committee assignments for members of the Board of Supervisors for 2026. 2026 Committee assignments approved.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided a brief overview of the request and requested verification regarding Supervisor Valenzuela's continuing as the County's representative on the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Governing Board. In response, Supervisor Valenzuela confirmed that he would continue as the County's representative on said Board.

Discussion followed between members of the Board regarding changing Supervisor Ogren to Delegate from Alternate for the Criminal Justice Partners and changing Supervisor Haupt to Alternate on the same and removing Supervisor Kobseff and adding Supervisor Harris as Board representative for the First 5 Children and Families Commission. Additional discussion followed regarding the currently inactive Fire Chiefs Steering Committee representation.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES to approve the committee assignments for the Board of Supervisors as discussed and amended, including Supervisor Valenzuela continuing as County representative on the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Governing Board, Supervisor Ogren as Delegate to Criminal Justice Partners, Supervisor Haupt as Alternate to Criminal Justice Partners, Supervisor Kobseff no longer representative for the First 5 Children and Families Commission with Supervisor Harris to be representative for the First 5 Children and Families Commission.

Board of Supervisors' Requests - Board of Supervisors - Review status of local emergency related to the proliferation of illegal cannabis cultivation declared by Resolution 25-11, adopted on January 21, 2025; action to extend or terminate local emergency. Local emergency extended.

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 local emergency related to the proliferation of illegal cannabis cultivation declared by Resolution 25-11.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of one member to the scheduled vacancy on the Siskiyou County Partnership Health Plan of California Board of Commissioners for a term ending January 16, 2030. Shelly Davis appointed.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that incumbent Jonathan Adrus and Public Health Director Shelly Davis were interested in appointment.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff and seconded by Supervisor Haupt to appoint Public Health Director Shelly Davis to the scheduled vacancy on the Siskiyou County Partnership Health Plan of California Board of Commissioners for a term ending January 16, 2030.

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Appointments - County Clerk – (continued)

Supervisor Valenzuela requested information regarding Ms. Davis' interest in serving on the Board of Commissioners.

Discussion followed between Supervisor Valenzuela and Ms. Davis, who appeared before the Board, regarding her experience working with Partnership Health Plan of California through the Public Health Division and the Partnership Health Plan contract negotiation process.

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 appoint Ms. Davis carried unanimously.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment to various scheduled vacancies on two Cemetery Districts, for full terms ending January 7, 2030, as follows: Etna Cemetery – one and Happy Camp Cemetery – two. Robin Olson and Kathleen Toland appointed to the Happy Camp Cemetery District; Etna Cemetery District vacancy continued.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that Happy Camp Cemetery District incumbents Robin Olson (formerly Robin McMillan) and Kathleen Toland were interested in re-appointment. In addition, Ms. Winningham requested continuation of one remaining vacancy on the Etna Cemetery District.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Ogren, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES to appoint Robin Nillie Olson (formerly McMillan) and Kathleen Toland to the scheduled vacancies on the Happy Camp Cemetery District, with terms ending January 7, 2030.

The Etna Cemetery District vacancy was continued.

Minute Approval - January 6, 2026. Approved.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, 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 6, 2026 minutes as presented.

Board and Staff Reports

County Administrator Angela Davis thanked Project Coordinator Joanne Johnson for development of a proclamation requested by Supervisor Haupt and advised that the Governor had called a special election on August 4, 2026 to fill vacant Congressional District 1 due to the passing of Congressman Doug LaMalfa.

Supervisor Ogren advised of her attendance at a Continuum of Care (COC) meeting, various North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) ad hoc committee meetings, a Cradle to Careers for Siskiyou (C2C4S) annual retreat, a Fire Chiefs meeting and a Solid Waste JPA quarterly meeting.

Supervisor Kobseff reported on a Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) meeting, and advised of his attendance at a Tri Counties full board meeting, a Tri Counties group meeting, a meeting between the City of Weed and representatives of the Economic Development Council (EDC) regarding closure of the Roseburg Mill, a meeting regarding wildfire mitigation project, a Local Transportation Commission (LTC) meeting and a meeting with representatives of California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

Supervisor Haupt advised of requesting development of a proclamation for California Congressional District 1 Congressman Doug LaMalfa who recently passed away to be presented to his family during an upcoming memorial service. Supervisor Haupt requested that all members of the Board sign the proclamation with ratification of the proclamation during a Board meeting in February.

Closed Session - Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), four 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), two cases, commenced at 10:28 a.m. and concluded at 11:30 a.m.

Report On Closed Session

County Counsel F. Dean Morgan announced that closed session concluded at 11:30 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

Ray A. Haupt, Chair

By: _____
Deputy