

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Board of Supervisors Minutes, April 21, 2026

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 21st day of April 2026; there being present Supervisors Jess Harris, Ed Valenzuela and Michael N. Kobseff, 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 Nancy Ogren 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, County Service Area 4 and In Home Supportive Services Public Authority. Supervisor Valenzuela led in the salute to the flag of the United States of America. Supervisor Haupt was present at 9:05 a.m.

Invocation - Siskiyou County Sheriff Chaplain Keith Bradley provided an invocation.

Presentations from the Public

In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) provider Laticia Guerrero appeared before the Board, sharing concerns regarding the Siskiyou County IHSS providers being paid minimum wage and urged the Board to consider raising the pay as per a recent Factfinder report.

In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) provider Monica Bermudez appeared before the Board, sharing concerns that Siskiyou County IHSS providers do not have a employment agreement and urged the Board to consider raising the pay for IHSS providers.

Siskiyou Humane Society Director Austin Browder appeared before the Board and provided a brief overview of the rescue/shelter located in Mount Shasta and the various services provided to secure homes for a variety of animals.

Consent Agenda – Approved.

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

Assessor - Recorder

Adopt Resolution 26-55 authorizing the County of Siskiyou Recorder to implement the Recorder's Property Owner Notification Program as required by SB 255, with the Chair authorized to sign.

Assessor - Recorder

Adopt Resolution 26-56 authorizing the County of Siskiyou Recorder to do business with the California Electronic Recording Network Authority (CeRTNA) on behalf of the County, with the Chair authorized to sign.

County Administration

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support for the Siskiyou County Fish and Game Commission's February 6, 2026 petition to amend Section 251(a), Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations to restrict the use of trail cameras capable of transmitting real-time data during hunting seasons.

County Administration

Authorize the donation of 1997 Ford F-350, Asset #914556, to the Veterans Assistance Program.

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Consent Agenda – (continued)

County Administration

Approve the addition of SAM registration language to the Siskiyou County Contracting & Procurement Procedures for federally funded contracts of \$25,000 or more.

County Administration

Ratify three letters expressing support for the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) in its appeal to the State of California for additional financial assistance.

County Administration - Personnel

Adopt Proclamation congratulating and recognizing Melissa Cummins for 20 years of dedicated service and contributions to the community upon her retirement from Siskiyou County.

County Library

Accept the donation of 1 book bike, 5 family workstations, a light table, and 6 sewing machines.

County Library

Approve the MOU between the Siskiyou County Library and the City of Etna for the County to provide technology backbone services.

County Library

Approve the MOU between the Siskiyou County Library and the Happy Camp Library Association for the County to provide technology backbone services.

County Library

Approve the MOU between the Siskiyou County Library and the McCloud Community Services District for the County to provide technology backbone services.

County Library

Approve the MOU between the Siskiyou County Library and the City of Montague for the County to provide technology backbone services.

County Library

Approve the MOU between the Siskiyou County Library and the City of Mount Shasta for the County to provide technology backbone services.

County Library

Approve the MOU between the Siskiyou County Library and the City of Tulelake for the County to provide technology backbone services.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the 3rd addendum to the contract for Services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and California Hearing Officers, LLP for the term commencing through June 30, 2027 in the amount of \$102,000.

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 Kings View Professional Services, a non-profit organization for the term commencing February 2, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

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 CalMHSA for the term commencing February 2, 2025 through February 1, 2028.

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Consent Agenda – (continued)

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Governing Board Resolution 26-57 with the State of California – Health and Human Services Agency – California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) funding for Fiscal Years (FY) 2026-2027 and (FY) 2027-2028, with an allocation of \$134,000 (\$67,000 annually), to support the CLPP Program Plan, authorize the County Administrator to act on behalf of the County to execute any and all program award documents as outlined in Section 2 of the Resolution and authorize the Auditor to establish budget appropriation and set expenditures per the agreement amendment guidelines, for the allocation of \$134,000, with spending authority through June 30, 2028.

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 increasing funding value by \$31,424 and set expenditures per the addendum for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, for the amount of \$145,289 for a total not to exceed amount of \$291,629.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve and Chair sign the Addendum to the Contract between the Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency and SolutionsWest, effective April 17, 2026 through June 30, 2027 for a full term of the Contract to be December 9, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

Public Works - Road Department

Authorize the Chairperson to sign the Resolution 26-58 of the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors granting the Director of Public Works authority to execute forms.

Sheriff

Approve the donation of two (2) surplus Motorola XTL5000 surplus radios, identified above, to the Klamath River Hose Company.

Sheriff

Adopt Resolution 26-59 accepting the donation of K9-Lyla from Deputy Albert Frietas to the County in alignment with the terms of the Resolution, specific to the active status of his County employment, with the Sheriff's Office. Allow the Sheriff to maintain K9-Lyla in agreeance with any and all other canine assets.

Transfer of Funds - Predatory Animal Control - \$93. Resolution 26-60 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Sheriff - \$2,000. Resolution 26-61 adopted.

General Services – Airports

Authorize the Chair to execute the Resolution 26-62 of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Siskiyou establishing the base rate Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases for 2026 through 2028 for Aeronautical and Non-Aeronautical assets at Siskiyou County airports.

County Administration - Discussion, direction and possible action re Proclamation recognizing Tonya Dowse as the 2026 California Woman of the Year by the California Legislative Women's Caucus. Proclamation adopted.

Supervisor Kobseff read the Proclamation into the record.

Project Coordinator Joanne Johnson and Siskiyou Economic Development Council (SEDC) Executive Director Tonya Dowse appeared before the Board.

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County Administration – (continued)

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Ogren ABSENT that the Board sign a Proclamation recognizing Tonya Dowse, who was honored as the 2026 California Woman of the Year by the California Legislative Women's Caucus.

Members of the Board congratulated Ms. Dowse for being recognized the by the California Legislative Women's Caucus and presented her with the Proclamation.

County Administration - Personnel - Discussion, direction and possible action re Proclamation recognizing Quarter 1 Peak of Excellence winner Sheriff's Staff Services Analyst Elizabeth Rose Johnson for her contributions to Siskiyou County. Proclamation adopted.

Deputy County Administrator Hayley Hudson appeared before the Board, providing a brief overview of the request and introducing Sheriff's Staff Services Analyst Elizabeth Rose Johnson as the Quarter 1 Peak of Excellence Award winner.

Undersheriff James Randall appeared before the Board and congratulated and thanked Ms. Johnson for her contributions to the Sheriff's Office.

Supervisor Harris read the Proclamation into the record.

It was moved by Supervisor Harris, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Ogren ABSENT to approve the Award and adopt the Proclamation congratulating and recognizing the Quarter 1 Peak of Excellence winner Elizabeth Johnson for her contributions to Siskiyou County.

Members of the Board congratulated Ms. Johnson and presented her with the Proclamation.

Presentations from the Public

Chair Haupt recognized local residents who were running for office and present in the audience (for Supervisorial Districts 3 and 5 and Auditor-Controller).

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division - Presentation re Bond Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Round 2: Unmet Needs conditional award. Presentation and discussion only.

Health and Human Services Agency Director Sarah Collard appeared before the Board, providing a brief overview of the request and introducing Program Manager Maddelyn Bryan and MHSA Coordinator Sarah Evans to present the powerpoint.

Ms. Bryan and Ms. Evans presented a powerpoint presentation, including an overview of Proposition 1 (passed in March 2024) that replaced the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) with the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) and provided bond funding for infrastructure needs.

Ms. Bryan continued the powerpoint, including the County's \$23.7 million award for development of a new Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder outpatient clinic, the required 10% funding match from the County, the proposed site on County-owned property on Moonlit Oaks Drive, Yreka (next to the current Behavioral Health Services office) and early conceptual building/site plans.

Continuing the powerpoint, Ms. Bryan spoke in support of the County's successful award from the highly competitive process statewide and summarized the progress to date for the project as it moves forward.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and those present regarding the anticipated June 2029 project completion date, the size of the new facility, the current process to select and engage an architect for the project and the need to consider public and staff safety and confidentiality during the process to design the building/facility.

County Administration – Personnel - Discussion, direction and possible action re Resolution adopting the comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding with the Organized Employees of Siskiyou County (OESC) - Professional Unit and implementing the provisions thereof; and adopt associated Resolution amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule. Resolutions 26-63 and 26-64 adopted.

Following an overview of the request from Deputy County Administrator Hayley Hudson who appeared before the Board, it was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Ogren ABSENT, to adopt Resolution 26-63 regarding the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Siskiyou and Organized Employees of Siskiyou County – Professional Unit, effective April 26, 2026; and adopt Resolution 26-64 amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule as outlined in Resolution Attachment A.

County Administration – Personnel - Discussion, direction and possible action re Resolution adopting the comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding with the Sheriffs' Management Unit and implementing the provisions thereof; and adopt associated Resolution amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule. Resolutions 26-65 and 26-66 adopted.

Following an overview of the request from Deputy County Administrator Hayley Hudson who appeared before the Board, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Ogren ABSENT, to adopt Resolution 26-65 regarding the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Siskiyou and Sheriffs' Management Unit, effective April 26, 2026; and adopt Resolution 26-66 amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule as outlined in Resolution Attachment A.

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 25-200, adopted on November 18, 2025; action to extend or terminate local emergency. Local emergency extended.

Project Coordinator Joanne Johnson appeared before the Board and recommended extending the local emergency.

Following discussion between members of the Board, Ms. Johnson, County Administrator Angela Davis and Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham regarding the process to revise the local emergency Resolution, including revising the timing for the Board to review and revised information regarding the emergency, it was moved by Supervisor Harris, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Ogren ABSENT, to extend the local emergency due to the presence and impact of gray wolves in Siskiyou County as declared by Resolution 25-200.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of one member to the unscheduled vacancy on the Behavioral Health Services Board, for a term ending December 31, 2027. Shaun Williamson appointed.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that the Behavioral Health Services Board recommended appointment of Shaun Williamson who was interested in serving.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Ogren ABSENT, to appoint Shaun Williamson to the unscheduled vacancy on the Siskiyou County Behavioral Health Services Board for a term ending December 31, 2027.

Minute Approval - April 7 and 14, 2026. Approved.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Kobseff and Harris voting YES, Supervisor Haupt ABSTAINING and Supervisor Ogren ABSENT to approve the April 7, 2026 minutes as presented.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Kobseff, Harris and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Ogren ABSENT to approve the April 14, 2026 minutes as presented.

Board and Staff Reports

Supervisor Haupt reported on his attendance at an American Forest Resource Council (AFRC) meeting in Washington State, including discussion regarding reorganization of the Forest Service at the federal level.

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), three cases, Personnel pursuant to Government Code §54957, consider public employee performance evaluation for the position of County Administrator, commenced at 10:18 a.m. and concluded at 12:11 p.m..

Report On Closed Session

County Counsel F. Dean Morgan announced that closed session concluded at 12:11 p.m., with reportable action taken.

With regard to item 13B, 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, Mr. Morgan advised that it the Board decided by a 4/0 vote to have a wolf negotiating team and the appointments of those members. The members are: Chair Haupt, Vice Chair Harris, Ag Commissioner Jim Smith, Sheriff Jeremiah LaRue, County Counsel Dean Morgan and from the CAO’s Office Joanne Johnson, for a CDFW negotiating team regarding wolves.

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