

# State of California, County of Siskiyou

## Board of Supervisors Minutes, September 6, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022; there being present Supervisors Brandon Criss, Michael N. Kobseff, Nancy Ogren, Ray A. Haupt and Ed Valenzuela, County Administrator Angela Davis, County Counsel Edward J. Kiernan, 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 Criss. 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 Toni Hartman provided an invocation.

### **Roll Call**

Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Criss, Valenzuela and Ogren were present.

**Off-Agenda Item** – County Administrator – Request to ratify a Proclamation of Local Emergency by the Director of Emergency Services regarding the Mill Fire and Mountain Fire proclaimed by the Director of Emergency Services on September 2, 2022. Approved.

County Counsel Edward J. Kiernan provided an overview of the request to consider an item not of the posted agenda regarding a Proclamation of Local Emergency regarding the Mill and Mountain Fires. Mr. Kiernan requested that the Board consider the urgency item pursuant to Government Code §54954.2(b)(2) and add the item to the agenda.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Valenzuela, Ogren and Criss voting YES, to consider an item not on the posted agenda regarding ratification of a Proclamation of Local Emergency by the Director of Emergency Services regarding the Mill Fire and Mountain Fire proclaimed by the Director of Emergency Services on September 2, 2022.

Later in the meeting, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Valenzuela, Ogren and Criss voting YES, to approve the request to ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency by the Director of Emergency Services regarding the Mill Fire and Mountain Fire proclaimed by the Director of Emergency Services on September 2, 2022.

### **Presentations from the Public**

Office of Emergency Services Director Bryan Schenone appeared before the Board and provided an update regarding the recent Mill and Mountain wildfires, including evacuation status, the ongoing threat, current weather conditions and containment efforts and statistics related to the loss of homes/buildings in the Weed and Lake Shastina areas. Mr. Schenone further summarized the anticipated recovery process.

Brief discussion followed between members of the Board and Mr. Schenone regarding the County's participation in a Local Assistance Center (LAC) event.

County Fire Warden Phil Anzo and Deputy County Fire Warden Darryl Laws appeared before the Board and distributed and summarized a 58 page packet of information related to the Mill Fire and Mountain Fire Incidents, including maps of each fire indicating the containment lines and fire boundaries.

Brief discussion followed regarding the ongoing investigations for cause of each fire.

South Yreka Fire Chief and President of the Fire Chiefs' Association Bernie Paul appeared before the Board, advising that the Fire Chiefs' Association entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRRC) for the purchase of firefighting/prevention equipment that could be needed during dam removal operations.

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## **Presentations from the Public – (continued)**

Chief Paul provided an overview of the various new equipment that had been purchased or will be purchased to be placed at locations within the County, at an approximate value of \$855,00.

Health and Human Services – Social Services Project Coordinator Joan Hoy appeared before the Board and provided an update regarding a recent Local Assistance Center (LAC) event for those persons impacted by the recent McKinney Fire.

Discussion followed regarding the plans for a upcoming LAC for the Mill and Mountain fires, the need for an update on the efforts to replace/rebuild homes in the community of Klamath River, the possible future of that community and the potential impacts associated with the loss of homes, businesses, etc. due to recent local wildfires.

## **Consent Agenda – Approved.**

At Supervisor Haupt's request, item 5B, Assessor – Recorder's addendum to contract with Iron Mountain Information Management, LLC and item 5C, Auditor – Controller's Resolution setting tax rate for 2022/2023 fiscal year were pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

At Supervisor Kobseff's request, item 5F, County Administration's contract with Koff & Associates, a Division of Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc., was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

At Chair Criss' request, item 5L, County Administration – Personnel's Resolution amending the Siskiyou County Position Allocation List and Salary Schedule, was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

Item 5G, County Administration's contract with North State Security, Inc., was approved on the consent agenda. At County Administrator Angela Davis' request, the item was to be reconsidered on the regular agenda.

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

### **Agriculture**

Approve agreement #140L1222P0043 between Bureau of Land Management and Siskiyou County Department of Agriculture for noxious weed work within the County. Authorize the Agricultural Commissioner to sign the agreement and execute remaining fiscal years in the term of the agreement.

### **Auditor - Controller**

Adopt Resolution No. 22-132 thereby setting the Prop 4 Gann limit at \$65,699,150 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

### **Community Development - Planning Division**

Approve the 5th Addendum to the Abbott & Kindermann, Inc. Contract, to increase compensation and authorize the Board Chair to execute the to addendum.

### **County Administration**

Ratify the support letter to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

### **County Administration**

Adopt the Resolution 22-133 recognizing National Hunting and Fishing Day and authorize the Chair to sign.

### **County Administration**

Ratify the letter to California Governor Gavin Newsom encouraging a veto of Assembly Bill (AB) 1951.

### **County Administration - Personnel**

Approve request to reinstate Steven Serdahl as Transportation Services Coordinator Step 4, effective September 4, 2022.

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**Consent Agenda – (continued)**

County Clerk

Adopt Resolution 22-134 updating the Conflict of Interest Code, designating members and employees in all County Departments, Special Districts and School Districts.

County Clerk

Approve Assignment of Contract between Municipal Code Corporation and CivicPlus, LLC, and authorize the Chair to sign.

County Counsel

Approve the Third Addendum to Agreement for Services with Abbott & Kindermann increasing the compensation under the Contract by \$40,000 and authorize the Board chair to execute same.

County Jail

Approve agreement between the Siskiyou County Jail and Elior, Inc. dba Summit Food Service, LLC for kitchen operation services at the Siskiyou County Jail. Term September 1, 2022 thru March 1, 2023. Authorize the Board Chair to execute the Agreement.

District Attorney

Approve addendum to extend term of contract between Siskiyou County District Attorney and Thomson Reuters for legal software services through September 6, 2024, and increase funding by Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-four and no/100 (\$30,574.00) to a total of Eighty-two Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-six and No/100 Dollars (\$82,836.00).

District Attorney

Approve Second Addendum to increase rate to \$911 per medical examination of the Sexual Assault Response Team contract with Abigail McClain-Smith, RN.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Contract for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Sacramento Behavioral Healthcare Hospital, LLC for the term of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2026.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Contract for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Thomas Milam MD, Inc. DBA Iris Telehealth Medical Group for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the amendment to the Letter of Agreement between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Alta Bates Summit Medical Center.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the amendment to the contract replacing the Business Associates Agreement and deleting some provisions of Attachment B. The agreement is between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Advocates For Human Potential for the term of September 15, 2021 to February 14, 2023.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve the agreement with the Department of Health Care Services and authorize Brandon A. Criss Board Chair, to sign Two (2) copies of the Standard Agreement (STD-213) and one (1) copy of the Contractor Certification Clause CCC 04/2017. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027.

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## Consent Agenda – (continued)

### Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Amended Grant Agreement Number 19-10348, A01, with the State of California – Health and Human Services Agency – California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and County of Siskiyou for CalFresh Health Living Program, with an amended term of October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2023, and to increase the grant by \$150,000.00 for FY 22/23, with an amount not to exceed \$600,000.

### Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Governing Board Resolution 22-135 with the State of California – Health and Human Services Agency – Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and County of Siskiyou for PATH Justice-Involved Capacity Building Round 1 Program Funding Award, to support implementation of Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Support Services, 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 appropriations and set expenditures per the grant guidelines.

### Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Governing Board Resolution 22-136 with the State of California – Health and Human Services Agency – California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and County of Siskiyou for Future of Public Health Funding Award Number FoPH-050, for July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, 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 appropriations and set expenditures per the grant guidelines.

### Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve and the Chair sign the Memorandum of Understanding between SCHHSA and the Siskiyou County District Attorney for the prevention and investigation of fraud against public assistance programs for a five (5) year term effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027.

### Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve and the Chair sign the Memorandum of Understanding for prosecution services for welfare fraud between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency and Siskiyou County District Attorney, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027.

### Office of Emergency Services

Approve the Siskiyou County Office of Emergency Services receiving the 2021 Homeland Security Grant for \$118,727 and authorize the Auditor-Controller to establish budget as outlined in the grant guidance.

### Office of Emergency Services

Ratify the emergency proclamation for the McKinney Fire Debris Flows and direct the clerk to bring back the proclamation every 60 days for Board reconsideration.

### Probation

Approve contract with Redwood Toxicology for drug screening for the term of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024.

### Probation

Approve Second Addendum to the contract with The Machine Cleaning, LLC for janitorial services. Total not to exceed \$70,440.00 for the term of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024.

Transfer of Funds - Planning Projects - \$10,000. Resolution 22-137 adopted.

**Assessor – Recorder** - Approve addendum to contract with Iron Mountain Information Management, LLC to provide storage for archival records, extending the term through June 30, 2023 and amending the Pricing Schedule as detailed in the addendum. Approved.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Haupt's request.

In response to Supervisor Haupt, Assessor-Recorder Craig Kay advised of ongoing efforts to research a backup document storage facility in order to reduce the storage costs.

Following discussion between Supervisor Haupt and Mr. Kay regarding the security and climate control amenities provided by another storage facility, it was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Valenzuela, Ogren and Criss voting YES, to approve the Iron Mountain Management, LLC contract as submitted, with the Chair authorized to sign.

**Auditor-Controller** - Adopt Resolution setting tax rate for 2022/2023 fiscal year as \$1.00 per hundred dollars of appraised valuation and setting FY 22/23 debt rates. Resolution 22-138 adopted.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Haupt's request.

In response to Supervisor Haupt, Accountant Auditor Jeffery Heign provided an overview of the current debt rates.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Valenzuela, Ogren and Criss voting YES, to adopt Resolution No. 22-138 thereby approving the 2022/2023 property tax rates.

**County Administration** - Approve contract with Koff & Associates, a Division of Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc., to conduct a staff compensation study, in an amount not to exceed \$93,225, for the term July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Approved.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Kobseff's request. Supervisor Kobseff shared concerns regarding the costs associated with the request to conduct a staff compensation study, advising that the funding would be better spent to benefit employees during the labor negotiation process.

Deputy County Administrator Melissa Cummins advised that the staff compensation study was requested by all of the County's labor units during labor negotiations.

Supervisors Haupt and Ogren also shared concerns that the information could be outdated at the next labor negotiations, although spoke in support of the contract request.

Supervisor Valenzuela spoke in opposition to the contract request.

Supervisor Kobseff moved to not support the contract request in order to provide funding for employees' Memorandums of Understanding.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Ms. Cummins and County Administrator Angela Davis regarding the language in each MOU obligating the County to conduct the staff compensation and benefits study, the increased costs that would occur should the County conduct the study (versus being conducted by an outside contractor) and the labor unions' possible response (and potential future issues) should the Board not approve the contract at this time.

The motion died for lack of a second.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Ogren and Criss voting YES and Supervisors Kobseff and Valenzuela voting NO to approve the request for Board approval of the contract between the County and Koff & Associates, a Division of Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc.

Supervisor Valenzuela suggested that the County meet quarterly with the labor unions to receive updates on current conditions and issues to work on.

**County Administration – Personnel** - Adopt Resolution amending the Siskiyou County Position Allocation List and Salary Schedule, with regard to Communications Dispatch Coordinator, Intern and Staff Services Analyst III positions, as detailed in the Resolution, effective September 4, 2022. Resolution P 22-139 adopted.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Criss' request.

Deputy County Administrator Melissa Cummins provided an updated version of the Resolution, advising of the need to correct Step 1 of the Elections Intern to read: To 15.610 rather than To 15.000 on the Resolution page one.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Valenzuela, Ogren and Criss voting YES to adopt Resolution P 22-139 amending the Siskiyou County Position Allocation List and Salary Schedule to make revisions as detailed in the attached Resolution effective September 4, 2022 as amended above with regard to Elections Intern.

**County Administration** - Approve contract with North State Security, Inc., to provide security services in/around County owned/occupied buildings, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000, for the term September 6, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Approved as amended.

This item was previously approved on the consent agenda. County Administrator Angela Davis requested reconsideration of this item, as it was in need of revision.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Valenzuela, Ogren and Criss voting YES, to rescind the contract's previous approval and to reconsider the item.

Ms. Davis advised that the contract amount listed on the agenda was incorrect and should read: \$129,000 rather than \$60,000 and requested approval of the contract in the corrected not to exceed amount.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham, Ms. Davis and County Counsel Edward J. Kiernan regarding the \$60,000 compensation listed in Section 4.01 of the contract and the need to correct that amount to \$129,000, which is indicated as the not to exceed amount on contract page 10.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Valenzuela, Ogren and Criss voting YES, to strike \$60,000 and replace with \$129,000 in contract Section 4.01 - Compensation and approve the contract.

**Public Requests** - Grenada Irrigation District - Discussion, direction and possible action re request for the Board of Supervisors to call a Special Election for the Grenada Irrigation District to be held on December 5, 2022. Approved.

Grenada Irrigation District representative Rod Dowse appeared before the Board, providing an overview of the request that the Board of Supervisors call a Special Election for the District to be held on December 5, 2022.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Valenzuela, Ogren and Criss voting YES, that the Board of Supervisors call a Special Election for the Grenada Irrigation District to be held on December 5, 2022.

**General Services - Solid Waste Division** - Discussion, direction and possible action re first reading of an Ordinance amending gate fees at various Siskiyou County solid waste facilities. First reading continued to September 20, 2022.

Project Coordinator Amanda Kimball provided an overview of the request, including a summary of the proposed increases in various fees (i.e. tonnage, cubic yards, etc.).

In response to Supervisor Kobseff, Ms. Kimball advised that the current operators for the County's solid waste facilities requested an update in the fees to mitigate increased fuel and other costs associated with hauling solid waste from the transfer stations.

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**General Services - Solid Waste Division – (continued)**

Supervisor Haupt shared concerns regarding the need for additional information to justify the proposed increased rates.

Lengthy discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Kimball regarding previous Board actions to address changes in fuel costs, an upcoming bid deadline for a recent Request for Proposals (RFP) for transfer station operations, the potential for waste to be dumped on public lands should disposal

prices become too high for the general public, the need to promote recycling and green waste disposal options, the possibility that smaller waste haulers could be forced to close as costs increase and the need to include cities and other local jurisdictions in price increase discussions.

The Chair opened this item to public comments.

Scott Valley Disposal representative Bradley Isbell shared concerns regarding the need for the County to collaborate with the commercial waste haulers that provide services to local communities and the potential impacts associated with prices increases as local residents cleanup/rebuild following recent wildfires. Mr. Isbell requested that no action be taken on the currently proposed price increase.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Mr. Isbell and Ms. Kimball regarding potential negative impacts of a price increase for Scott Valley Disposal's current contract year, the lower costs available to local waste haulers at the White City disposal site, potential negative impacts should either/both transfer stations in the County shutdown operations, the need to inform local cities/jurisdictions of proposed price increases and the anticipated process to consider a fuel surcharge to mitigate increased fuel costs.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that the Clerk received an emailed comment from Scott Valley resident Anne Marsh regarding the proposed ordinance.

Supervisor Criss spoke in support of approving the first reading, advising that additional information and/or comments could be provided during the second reading public hearing.

Supervisor Ogren shared concerns regarding the potential negative impacts associated with increasing prices for local contractors and the public.

Supervisor Haupt spoke in opposition to approving the first reading, reiterating the need for additional information to justify the proposed increased rates.

Supervisor Valenzuela suggested continuing the item to allow for additional information to be brought to the Board for consideration and to inform local cities/jurisdictions of the proposal.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Valenzuela, Ogren and Criss voting YES, to continue the first reading of the proposed ordinance to September 20, 2022.

**Public Requests** - California Department Of Transportation (Caltrans) - Presentation re highway connectivity projects and an update concerning the Hwy 97 wildlife crossing proposal. Continued to a later date.

Chair Criss advised that this item was continued to a later date at Caltrans' request.

**Public Requests** - Discover Siskiyou - Presentation of an update re Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) lodging occupancy, lodging review, tourism trends, and marketing. Presentation only.

Siskiyou Economic Development Council (SEDC) Executive Director Tonya Dowse, Program Director Heather Dodds and Program Manager Kory Hayden appeared before the Board, providing a brief overview of the request.

Ms. Dodds and Ms. Hayden distributed and summarized a five-page Discover Siskiyou Marketing Update, including various budget, occupancy and advertising data. Ms. Dodds summarized a 2022-2023 advertising campaign being placed in Southern Oregon and Northern California locations, entitled: "Epic in Every Direction". In addition, Ms. Dodds provided an overview of efforts being made to encourage recreation visitors to the County to take the "WANDER: The Siskiyou Pledge" to be responsible and keep Siskiyou beautiful for generations to come. Continued...

**Public Requests** - Discover Siskiyou – *(continued)*

Ms. Dodds further summarized the support made available to local Chambers of Commerce and the tax benefits (marketing/tourism related) provided by the local Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID).

**Public Requests - Siskiyou Economic Development Council - Presentation of an update re work related to business relief programs, business services, and business attraction strategies. Presentation only.**

Siskiyou Economic Development Council (SEDC) Executive Director Tonya Dowse, Program Director Heather Dodds and Program Manager Kory Hayden appeared before the Board, providing a brief overview of the request.

Ms. Hayden distributed and summarized a 22-page Siskiyou Economic Development Council Quarterly/Annual Update, including an overview of various services provided by the Small Business Development Center (i.e. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Micro-Assistance, consulting/trainings, etc.), Siskiyou Business Innovation Center and the recent launch of Siskiyou Farm Co., an online farmers market featuring food producers from across the County (currently in the Beta testing phase). Ms. Hayden provided a brief video regarding Siskiyou Farm Co.

In addition, Ms. Hayden provided an overview of USDA Rural Innovations Stronger Economy (RISE) grant funding award, a recent Recreation and Economy for Rural Community (RERC) conference that SEDC facilitated and SEDC programs that provide economic resiliency/stability (i.e. Brownfields partnership with Cities of Yreka and Mt. Shasta).

**Public Requests - Modoc National Forest - Presentation re a fuels reduction project around Medicine Lake and an update concerning activities in the Modoc National Forest. Presentation and discussion only.**

Modoc National Forest Supervisor Chris Christofferson appeared before the Board, providing an overview of Modoc National Forest statistics and partnerships developed to facilitate forest fuels projects, including in the area around Medicine Lake following the Antelope Fire. Mr. Christofferson provided an overview of the proposed project to develop a 10-year landscape treatment plan and to analyze plantations at high risk for wildfire. Mr. Christofferson introduced Golden State Natural Resources representative/consultant Lawrence Crabtree who appeared before the Board and additionally summarized the project, including an overview of plans to develop a commercial plant for a wood pellets facility to manage marginal/sub-marginal forest resources.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Mr. Crabtree and Mr. Christofferson regarding efforts being made to work with and inform local Native American Tribes of the proposed project, efforts being made to place a value on forest debris that can become a marketable product, other upcoming National Forest treatment projects and Modoc's request that the Board consider a future letter supporting the proposed project.

It was the consensus of the Board to direct staff to develop a support letter for Modoc National Forest's upcoming proposed project.

**County Administration – Personnel - Discussion, direction and possible action re the following: Resolution adopting the comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Organized Employees of Siskiyou County (OESC) – Professional Unit and implementing the provisions thereof, for the term October 2, 2022 through February 5, 2024; and Resolution amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule, associated with the OESC - Professional Unit MOU, effective October 2, 2022, October 1, 2023 and December 24, 2023. Resolutions P 22-140 and P 22-141 adopted.**

Deputy County Administrator Melissa Cummins provided an overview of the request, including a summary of various changes (i.e. health, dental and vision coverage, retiree benefits, etc.) in the new Memorandum of Understanding. Ms. Cummins introduced Organized Employees of Siskiyou County (OESC) labor negotiators Christine Gannon and Matt Rokes to provide comments.

Ms. Gannon thanked the County for participation in the labor negotiation process.

Mr. Rokes thanked the Board for approving the contract with Koff & Associates to conduct an employee salary and benefits survey.

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**County Administration – Personnel – (continued)**

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Valenzuela, Ogren and Criss voting YES, to adopt Resolution P 22-140 regarding the Memorandum of Understanding by and between the County of Siskiyou and Organized



Employees of Siskiyou County – Management Unit effective October 2, 2022; adopt Resolution P 22-141 amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule as outlined in the attached resolution.

**County Administration – Personnel** - Discussion, direction and possible action re the following: Resolution adopting the comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Organized Employees of Siskiyou County (OESC) – Management Unit and implementing the provisions thereof, for the term October 2, 2022 through September 27, 2025; and Resolution amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule, associated with the OESC - Management Unit MOU, effective October 2, 2022, October 1, 2023 and September 29, 2024. Resolutions P 22-142 and P 22-143 adopted.

Deputy County Administrator Melissa Cummins provided an overview of the request, including a summary of various changes (i.e. health, dental and vision coverage, retiree benefits, etc.) in the new Memorandum of Understanding.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Valenzuela, Ogren and Criss voting YES, to adopt Resolution P 22-142 regarding the Memorandum of Understanding by and between the County of Siskiyou and Organized Employees of Siskiyou County – Management Unit effective October 2, 2022; and adopt Resolution P 22-143 amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule as outlined in the attached resolution.

**County Administration – Personnel** - Discussion, direction and possible action re the following: Resolution adopting the comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding with the Deputy Sheriffs' Association and implementing the provisions thereof, for the term October 2, 2022 through September 21, 2024; and Resolution amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule, associated with the Deputy Sheriffs' Association Memorandum of Understanding, effective October 2, 2022 and October 1, 2023. Resolution . P 22-144 and P 22-145 adopted.

Deputy County Administrator Melissa Cummins provided an overview of the request, including a summary of various changes (i.e. health, dental and vision coverage, retiree benefits, etc.) in the new Memorandum of Understanding.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Valenzuela, Ogren and Criss voting YES, to adopt Resolution P 22-144 regarding the Memorandum of Understanding by and between the County of Siskiyou and Deputy Sheriffs' Association effective October 2, 2022; and adopt Resolution P 22-145 amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule as outlined in the attached resolution.

**County Administration – Personnel** - Discussion, direction and possible action re first reading of an ordinance amending Section 2-6.10 of Chapter 6 of Title 2 of the Siskiyou County Code regarding salary and benefits for the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors. Frist reading approved; public hearing for the second reading set on October 4, 2022.

Deputy County Administrator Melissa Cummins provided an overview of the request, including a summary of various changes (i.e. salary, health, dental and vision coverage, etc.) in the proposed ordinance. Ms. Cummins advised of the need to correct Section 2-6.10 Salary and Benefits for County Supervisors, subsection (a), to read: seven percent (7.0%) rather than four percent (4.0%) in the red-lined ordinance version.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Valenzuela, Ogren and Criss voting YES, to introduce, waive, and approve the first reading of the Ordinance amending Title 2 “Administration” Chapter 6 “Personnel Policies and Procedures” of the Siskiyou County Code to amend Section 2-6.10 in its entirety, and direct the Clerk to schedule a public hearing on, and second reading of the Ordinance on October 4, 2022.

**Board of Supervisors' Requests** - Board of Supervisors - Review status of local emergency related to drought declared by Resolution 22-74, adopted on April 5, 2022; action to extend or terminate local emergency. Local emergency extended.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Valenzuela, Ogren and Criss voting YES to extend the local emergency related to drought declared by Resolution 22-74.

**Board of Supervisors' Requests** - Board of Supervisors - Review status of local emergency related to the proliferation of illegal cannabis cultivation as declared by Resolution 20-18, adopted on January 21, 2020; action to extend or terminate local emergency. Local emergency extended.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Valenzuela, Ogren and Criss voting YES to extend the local emergency related to the proliferation of illegal cannabis cultivation as declared by Resolution 20-18.

**Appointments** - County Clerk - Appointment of three members to the scheduled vacancies on the Mayten Fire Protection District for terms ending August 15, 2026. Millie Ferlatte and Patricia Embury appointed; remaining vacancy continued to a later date.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising the incumbents Millie Ferlatte and Patricia Embury were interested in reappointment to the District Board.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Criss and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Valenzuela, Ogren and Criss voting YES to appoint Millie Ferlatte and Patricia Embury to the scheduled vacancies on the Mayten Fire Protection District, for terms ending August 15, 2026.

In response to Ms. Winningham, the Chair advised that the remaining vacancy was continued to a later date.

Supervisor Kobseff requested that the County Administrator's Office to research, through the County's lobbyists, a better method for noticing various vacant positions as the County no longer has a local newspaper.

**Appointments** - County Clerk - Appointment of one member to an unscheduled vacancy on the Henley-Hornbrook Cemetery District for a term ending January 5, 2026. Continued to a later date.

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

**Appointments** - Appointment of two members to the scheduled vacancies on the Henley-Hornbrook Cemetery District for terms ending January 1, 2024. Continued to a later date.

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

**Minute Approval** - July 12, 2022. Approved.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Valenzuela, Ogren and Criss voting YES, to approve the July 12, 2022 with the following correction:

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Board and Staff Reports

Corrected from:

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**Minute Approval** - July 12, 2022 - (continued)

Corrected to:

Supervisor Ogren reported on her attendance at a *Recreational Economies for Rural Communities (RERC) workshop*, efforts made to assist the Siskiyou County Republican Women's Club with cleaning up the Siskiyou Golden Fair flower garden and ongoing efforts to work on homelessness initiatives/project in Yreka.

**Public Hearings** - Community Development - Planning Division - Public hearing to consider Resolution directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal for Williamson Act Contract Nos. 73022A, 78029, 73030, 73007, 73018, 76019, 78034, 83013 and 89002; and including Williamson Act Contract Nos. 72062, 73032, 74024, and 76026, located at various locations within the County as detailed in the agenda item backup. Resolution 22-146 adopted to issue Notices of Non-renewal to Williamson Act Contract Nos. 73022A, 78029, 73030, 73018, 76019 and 78034.

This was the time set for a public hearing to consider Resolution directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal for Williamson Act Contract Nos. 73022A, 78029, 73030, 73007, 73018, 76019, 78034, 83013 and 89002; and including Williamson Act Contract Nos. 72062, 73032, 74024, and 76026, located at various locations within the County.

Chair Criss recused himself from consideration of this item and left the Board Chambers.

Vice Chair Valenzuela opened the public hearing.

Assistant Planner Bernadette Cizin appeared before the Board, providing an overview of the request and staff report detailing Planning staff's recommendation that various Williamson Act (WA) Contracts be issued Notices of Non-renewal. Ms. Cizin presented a three-page letter from Debbie Lakey for WA Contract #73007, including a completed 2021 Williamson Act Contract Survey, and requested that WA Contract #73007 be removed from consideration for non-renewal. Ms. Cizin additionally requested that WA Contract #83013 not be included for non-renewal to allow staff to further research if/when the property may have been sold recently.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham reported that the only correspondence received by the Clerk's Office were public hearing notices returned as undeliverable.

The Vice Chair opened the public hearing to public comments.

Audience member Mohamed Quteish, Golden Coast Ranch property owner shared concerns regarding possible non-renewal of his WA Contract and the potential associated negative impacts.

In response, Ms. Cizin advised that Mr. Quteish's property was not being recommended for non-renewal.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Ms. Cizin and County Counsel Edward J. Kiernan regarding the various properties being recommended for non-renewal, the need to revise the draft Resolution to remove WA Contract numbers that are not recommended for non-renewal and the need for possible extension of time for the return of WA Contract Surveys from property owners.

In response to Supervisor Kobseff, Planning Director Hailey Lang advised that staff met with the Agricultural Commissioner and Farm Bureau representatives regarding the survey questions and the particular information needed by the Department to determine property compliance with the Williamson Act. Ms. Lang further advised that the surveys could be modified to remove questions related to water usage.

Further discussion followed regarding the historical timeframe in which WA Contract surveys are sent out, the process for reaching out to non-responsive property owners, the impact of recent water curtailment orders from the State for agricultural properties on the survey responses and the options available to property owners should a WA Contract be non-renewed.

There being no further public comments, the public hearing was declared closed.

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

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela to adopt the Resolution directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal to Williamson Act Contracts No. 73022A, 78029, 73030, 73007, 73018, 76019, 78034, 83013, 89002, and hereby taking the following actions: The Board of Supervisors determine that the proposed issuance of Non-Renewals of Williamson Act contracts is categorically exempt under Section 15317 of the CEQA Guidelines; and authorize staff to process the Notice of Non-Renewals with any changes directed by the Board.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Ms. Cizin and Supervisor Kobseff requested removal of WA Contract Nos. 73018, 78034, 73007, 83013 and 89002 from consideration of non-renewal.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Ogren and Valenzuela voting YES and Supervisor Criss RECUSED to adopt Resolution 22-146 directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal to Williamson Act Contracts No. 73022A, 78029, 73030 and 76019, and hereby taking the following actions: The Board of Supervisors determine that the proposed issuance of Non-Renewals of Williamson Act contracts is categorically exempt under Section 15317 of the CEQA Guidelines; and authorize staff to process the Notice of Non-Renewals with any changes directed by the Board.

Supervisor Criss returned to the Board Chambers.

**Closed Session** - Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(a), two cases, 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, initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4), 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, commenced at 1:57p.m., concluded at 2:57p.m., with no action taken.

### **Report On Closed Session**

County Counsel Edward J. Kiernan announced that closed session concluded at 2:57p.m., with no reportable action taken.

### **Board and Staff Reports**

Supervisors Kobseff and Valenzuela advised that several State and Federal legislators/representatives reached out to the County in response to the Mill and Mountain Fires.

County Administrator Angela Davis congratulated members of her staff who graduated from the CSAC Institute County Administrative Office training.

Supervisor Criss reported on his attendance for a North Coast Resource Partnership meeting via ZOOM and a Fire Chiefs' Association meeting and advised that the Montague City Council had no candidates file to fill upcoming vacancies. In addition, Supervisor Criss advised of his plans to attend the upcoming Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair.

Supervisor Ogren advised that an upcoming North Coast Resource Partnership meeting would be held in Yreka in December.

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

Attest:  
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

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Brandon A. Criss, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy