

# State of California, County of Siskiyou

## Board of Supervisors Minutes, January 21, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 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 Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. Deputy County Administrator Elizabeth Nielsen led in the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

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

**Off-agenda item** – County Counsel - Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), name of case: Earl Richard and Family Standfield v. Andrus, Siskiyou County Superior Court, Case No. 24CV13537. Added to the closed session agenda.

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed advised of the need to add an off-agenda, urgency item that came to the County's attention after the posting of the January 21, 2025 agenda and requiring Board input/direction prior to the next regular Board meeting on February 4, 2025.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES, to add an item not on the posted agenda regarding conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), name of case: Earl Richard and Family Standfield v. Andrus, Siskiyou County Superior Court, Case No. 24CV13537.

### **Presentations from the Public**

There were no presentations from the public received.

**Closed Session** - Personnel pursuant to Government Code §54957(b)(1): Discipline, dismissal or release of a public employee, 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, initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4), one case, conference with real property negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54956.8, two properties, commenced at 8:35 a.m., concluded at 9:04 a.m., with action taken.

### **Report On Closed Session**

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed announced that closed session concluded at 9:04 a.m. with reportable action taken.

With regard to item 4A, Personnel pursuant to Government Code §54957(b)(1): Discipline, dismissal or release of a public employee, Ms. Reed advised that Supervisor Harris abstained from discussion and consideration of the item and remained outside of the Board's closed session room from 8:35 a.m. to 8:50 a.m.

With regard to the added off-agenda/urgency item regarding conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), name of case: Earl Richard and Family Standfield v. Andrus, Siskiyou County Superior Court, Case No. 24CV13537, Ms. Reed advised that it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff and seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried with a unanimous vote of YES to authorize defense of the suit and representation by the firm Marie & Deedon.

The remainder of the closed session was taken up later in the meeting.

**Consent Agenda – Approved.**

At Supervisor Kobseff's request, item 7M, Health and Human Services – Behavioral Health's contract with Dr. LisaMarie P. Miramontes, Ph.D. was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

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

**Auditor-Controller**

Approve the Certification of Maintenance of Effort for Proposition 172 Public Safety funding for the 2024/25 fiscal year and authorize the Auditor-Controller to sign the certification.

**County Administration**

Adopt Resolution 25-02 approving the transfer of \$2,673,833 Rule 20A credits from the County's credit allocation to the City of Mt. Shasta credit allocation.

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Adopt Resolution 25-03 approving the transfer of \$2,673,833 Rule 20A credits from the County's credit allocation to the City of Etna credit allocation.

**County Administration**

Authorize Angela Davis to negotiate the potential purchase of the properties described above (the potential purchase of real property located at 1215 South Main Street, Yreka (APN 061-351-030) and/or 1409 South Main Street Yreka (APN 062-011-410)).

**County Administration**

Approve the Limited English Proficiency Policy and Limited English Proficiency Plan.

**County Administration - Personnel**

Adopt Resolution P 25-04 amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule, Position Allocation List, and new classifications specifications for positions in County service effective February 2, 2025.

**County Administration - Personnel**

Adopt Resolution P 25-05 approving the County of Siskiyou Salary Schedule for the period effective December 22, 2024 through December 20, 2025.

**County Counsel**

Approve the Professional Services Agreement for Services with Prentice Long, PC, in the amount of \$127,500.00, and authorize the Board chair to execute same.

**General Services - Sanitation**

Approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Addendum to the contract for services with Yreka Transfer LLC. for picking up and hauling appliances, mixed metal and cardboard from Black Butte Transfer Station.

**General Services - Sanitation**

Approve rate contract with Northstate Recycling and to allow the Auditor to establish budget.

**General Services - Sanitation**

Approve the Third Addendum to the Contract between M. Peters, Inc. and the County and authorize the Chair to sign. Staff also requests authorizing the Auditor to establish and process the budget transfer that is needed for this Third Addendum.

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**Sheriff**

Approve the first addendum for training services with Meyer's Police K-9 Training, LLC and the Sheriff to elect appropriate staff to attend such training, for the term through June 30, 2029. Allow the Auditor to make appropriations.

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**Consent Agenda – (continued)**

Transfer of Funds - Health and Human Services - \$4,390. Resolution 25-06 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Public Health - \$212,500. Resolution 25-07 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Solid Waste Disposal - \$500,000. Resolution 25-08 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Solid Waste Disposal - \$540,000. Resolution 25-09 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Solid Waste Disposal - \$1,700,000. Resolution 25-10 adopted.

**Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division** - Approve contract with Dr. LisaMarie P. Miramontes, Ph.D. to provide Project Base Camp - Siskiyou Prop 47 evaluation, consultation and reporting services at the rates specified in Exhibit A, for a total not to exceed \$72,450 for the term December 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. Approved.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Kobseff's request. Supervisor Kobseff voiced concerns regarding the potential impact of Propositions 36 and 47 with regard to funding this contract.

Health and Human Services Agency Director Sarah Collard appeared before the Board. In response to Supervisor Kobseff, Ms. Collard advised that the existing funding was from a Prop 47 grant and that the services would be to provide required evaluation of the Project Base Camp shelter and related services. Ms. Collard shared concerns regarding the potential impact of Prop 36 on similar funding in the future.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris and Ogren voting YES and Supervisor Kobseff voting NO, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement for Services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and LisaMarie P. Miramontes, Ph.D. for the term commencing December 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

**Health and Human Services - Public Health Division** - Presentation regarding the Public Health's Vending Machine - Carebox, providing access to free health and harm-reduction products and education. Presentation and discussion only.

Health Educator Joel Newlyn appeared before the Board and distributed a nine-page powerpoint presentation and a six-page packet of sample information materials provided to the public. Ms. Newlyn presented the powerpoint presentation, including an overview of Public Health Division's mission statement and the CareBox vending machine program to provide County residents access to free health and harm-reduction products and education. Mr. Newlyn advised that the CareBox vending machines were located in the Behavioral Health Services building lobby and the County Jail lobby. Mr. Newlyn provided an overview and samples of the various items located in each vending machine (including but not limited to shaving kits, hygiene kits, COVID-19 and pregnancy tests, nutritional shakes, disposable washcloths and seasonal items) and advised that Public Health receives Clearinghouse and California Overdose Prevention and Harm Reduction Initiative funding to purchase the items. Mr. Newlyn additionally advised that most items were available to those registered County residents on a monthly basis.

Continuing the powerpoint, Mr. Newlyn summarized various educational flyers provided with certain vending machine items (i.e. opioid safety and how to use Narcan (naloxone), Women Infants and Children (WIC) program information, free STI testing availability, etc.) and provided various statistics related to items dispensed and those people utilizing the vending machines. Mr. Newlyn concluded the powerpoint with a summary of future objectives (additional vending machines and locations) and potential barriers (lack of sufficient funding and staffing).

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Mr. Newlyn regarding the need to develop trends for successful placement of additional machines, many items within the vending machines that are available for purchase in stores and the Department's ability to provide various reports/statistics from the vending machines.

Supervisor Kobseff was not in support of the program being provided county-wide.

**Sheriff** - Discussion, direction and possible action re Resolution continuing the Board of Supervisors' declaration of a state of emergency related to the proliferation of illegal cannabis cultivation. Resolution 25-11 adopted.

Sheriff Jeremiah Larue appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the request and the updated Resolution proclaiming an emergency related to the proliferation of illegal cannabis cultivation. Sheriff Larue additionally summarized the Resolution's Exhibit A detailing eradication efforts, concerns regarding illegal pesticide use and the environmental consequences, human/labor trafficking concerns and statistics related to enforcement stops and the associated drugs/firearms/arrests from those stops. Sheriff Larue voiced concerns that even cannabis products purchased legally could be tainted with dangerous pesticide residue and impact public health and safety.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Sheriff Larue regarding the Sheriff's recent trip to Washington DC, legislators and their staff that he spoke with regarding illegal cannabis issues in Siskiyou County, difficulties associated with resources to combat the issues from the State, including the impact of SB 54 on cannabis eradication efforts and the Sheriff's communication and interaction with Federal law enforcement agencies in those efforts.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES to adopt the Resolution 25-11 declaring a state of emergency related to the proliferation of illegal cannabis cultivation. This Resolution supersedes Resolution #20-18, and includes additional language.

**County Administration** - Discussion, direction and possible action re request to adopt the Siskiyou County Warming or Cooling Center Plan. Plan adopted.

County Administrator Angela Davis distributed four-page revised red-line version and a four-page 'clean' version of the Warming or Cooling Center Plan. Ms. Davis provided an overview of the request, advising of the revisions, including a new Step 1 under 'Request Process for Incorporated Cities'. Ms. Davis summarized the added Step that recommended that a Requesting City notify the Director of Emergency Services as soon as the City decides to open a warming or cooling center, which would serve as notice to the County that a formal request would be forthcoming. Ms. Davis additionally summarized the addition of a NWS Windchill Chart and NWS Heat Index under the Weather Criteria section of the Plan for warming and cooling sections, respectively.

Supervisor Haupt shared concerns regarding the need for the definition of legal thresholds with regard to liability and responsibility for incorporated cities.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Ms. Davis and County Counsel Natalie E. Reed regarding the County's Plan to address requests from local cities for setting up and operating warming or cooling centers which would be open to housed or unhoused individuals, the requirement that police/law enforcement presence be at either Center for the entire open time, anticipated legal review of the California Emergency Services Act with regard to responsibilities/liability and criteria each city would need to meet before asking the County for assistance.

Supervisor Harris shared concerns regarding the weather criteria of two (2) consecutive overnight forecasted lows, advising that Siskiyou County meets that criteria almost every day during the winter.

Following further discussion regarding the benefits associated with having an approved County Plan in place and the ability to modify the Plan in the future, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff and seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela to approve the red-lined (revised) version of the Siskiyou County Warming or Cooling Center Plan as presented with modifications to be brought back before the Board in the future if need be.

Supervisor Valenzuela spoke in support of approving the Plan and providing it to the cities for their use/input.

Additional discussion followed regarding the benefits associated with an approved Plan and the anticipated process for providing an approved Plan to the cities.

The Chair called for the motion, and following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES and Supervisors Haupt and Harris voting NO, the motion to approve the red-lined (revised) version of the Plan carried.

**Board of Supervisors' Requests** - Board of Supervisors - Discussion, direction and possible action re Committee assignments for members of the Board of Supervisors for 2025. Various appointments made following discussion.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided a brief overview of the request, advising of the need to select a member of the Board to sit on the Public Health Solid Waste Hearing Panel as Supervisor Haupt's maximum two four-year terms had ended. Ms. Winningham advised that a new representative from the Board would serve a four-year term. In addition, Ms. Winningham advised that an Alternate member to the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) was needed as one was not appointed in October, 2024.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Winningham regarding adding the North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) Policy Review Panel Delegate to Supervisor Haupt's assignments, adding Supervisor Ogren as Siskiyou County Air Pollution Control District Director for 2025, the addition of the County Medical Services Program (CMSP) Governing Board Member to Supervisor Valenzuela's assignments, revising the Golden State Natural Resources (GNSR) position from Alternate to Board Member for Supervisor Kobseff, adding the CSAC Alternate position and Public Health Solid Waste Hearing Panel representative positions to Supervisor Harris' assignments and noting that members of the Local Transportation Commission (LTC) also serve on the newly created Siskiyou Transportation Agency Joint Powers Authority (JPA).

Later in the meeting, Supervisor Kobseff advised of the need to add Delegate and Alternate representatives for attending Endangered Species Act (ESA) Management Team meetings. Supervisors Harris and Kobseff were named Delegate and Alternate, respectively.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Harris and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES to approve the Board of Supervisors' committee assignments as discussed.

**Appointments** - County Clerk - Appointment of one member and two alternate members to the scheduled vacancies on the Siskiyou County Fish and Game Commission, for representatives of Supervisorial Districts 1, 2 and 4, with terms ending January 1, 2029. Travis Salvestro appointed as District 1 member.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that local resident Travis Salvestro was interested in serving as member for District 1 on the Siskiyou County Fish and Game Commission.

It was moved by Supervisor Harris, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES, to appoint Travis Salvestro as member to the scheduled vacancy on the Siskiyou County Fish and Game Commission to represent Supervisorial District 1, for a term expiring January 1, 2029.

No action was taken with regard to the two remaining, continued vacant alternate positions for Districts 2 and 4.

**Minute Approval** - January 7, 2025. Approved.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES, to approve the January 7, 2025 minutes as presented.

### **Board and Staff Reports**

County Administrator Angela Davis advised that the County's Office of Emergency Services Director Bryan Schenone had been chosen to participate in the Center for Homeland Defense and Security Executive Leaders Program, advising of the over 10,000 applicants, Mr. Schenone was one of 34 chosen to participate in 2025.

Supervisor Haupt advised of his attendance at a California Licensed Foresters Association (CLFA) foresters' meeting.

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**Board and Staff Reports – (continued)**

Supervisor Harris advised of his attendance at a Dorris Lions Club meeting, a Siskiyou County Farm Bureau meeting, a Shasta Producers meeting, a Greater McCloud Fire Emergency Response meeting, an Endangered Species Act (ESA) Management Team meeting in Ashland, OR with Supervisor Kobseff and Deputy County Administrator Elizabeth Nielsen, a Cattlewomans’ meeting and a meeting with Modoc Tribe representatives.

Supervisor Kobseff advised of his attendance at a Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) meeting in Sacramento, a Tri-Counties meeting, a Local Transportation Commission (LTC) meeting, an Endangered Species Act (ESA) Management Team meeting in Ashland, OR with Supervisor Harris and Deputy County Administrator Elizabeth Nielsen, a discussion regarding the California Bear Management Plan and a monthly meeting with California Fish and Wildlife representatives.

Supervisor Valenzuela advised of speaking with members of the Mt. Shasta Chamber of Commerce and City Council regarding the County’s efforts to plow Everitt Memorial Highway in the wintertime.

Supervisor Ogren advised of her attendance at the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) meeting in Sacramento with Supervisors Kobseff and Valenzuela, an OreCal RC&D meeting, a Collier Interpretive and Information Center (CIIC) annual retreat for the Cradle to Careers for Siskiyou, a Fire Chiefs meeting, a Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) meeting, a Local Transportation Commission (LTC) and Siskiyou Transportation Agency JPA (STA) meeting, a Siskiyou County Drought Resilience Plan public meeting, a California Licensed Foresters Association (CLFA) foresters’ meeting with Supervisor Haupt, a discussion regarding the California Bear Management Plan with Supervisor Kobseff and a webinar on the Governor’s budget.

**Closed Session** - Conference with real property negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54956.8, two properties, commenced at 11:20 a.m., concluded at 11:31 a.m., with no action taken.

**Report On Closed Session**

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed announced that closed session concluded at 9:04 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

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Nancy Ogren, Chair

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