

# State of California, County of Siskiyou

## Board of Supervisors Minutes, February 4, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 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. Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights James Smith led in the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

**Invocation** - Siskiyou County Sheriff Chaplain Bob Mason provided an invocation.

### **Presentations from the Public**

Local resident Marilyn Anderson appeared before the Board and shared concerns regarding a potential City of Yreka project for a permanent housing facility to be located on Deer Creek Way, Yreka and associated clientele.

### **Consent Agenda – Approved.**

Local resident Dawnmarie Autry appeared before the Board, sharing support for the potential City of Yreka project for a permanent housing facility to be located on Deer Creek Way, Yreka and the Behavioral Health Services' associated consent agenda item.

Local resident Paul McCoy appeared before the Board and spoke in support of the potential City of Yreka project for a permanent housing facility to be located on Deer Creek Way, Yreka in an effort to provide housing to homeless in the area. Mr. McCoy requested that the Board support the Behavioral Health Services' associated consent agenda item.

At Supervisor Harris' request, item 5I, Behavioral Health Services' commitment as Lead Service Provider letter to Danco Communities for the Homekey Plus permanent supportive housing project, was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

At Supervisor Kobseff's request, item 5A, County Administration's software as a service agreement with Tyler Technologies, 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, 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:

#### County Administration

Authorize Angela Davis to negotiate the potential sale of APN 030-230-460 (Mott Road Property).

#### County Administration

Approve the Proclamation recognizing the Community Foundation of the North State for their 25 years of service and authorize the Chair to sign.

#### County Administration - Personnel

Approve the Telecommute Policy.

#### County Administration - Personnel

Replace Appendix "B" Salary Schedule for Resolution P 24-139; repeal Resolution P 24-140; adopt Resolution P 25-12 amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule for the corresponding positions in County service.

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## Consent Agenda – (continued)

### Facilities Management

Approve the Public Works Contract between the County and Ray-Mac Mechanical, Inc. and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Contract to provide HVAC system upgrades to the HVAC system located at the Sheriff Admin Building 305 Butte Street, Yreka, California in the not-to-exceed amount of \$144,420.62.

### Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Cascade Circle, Inc , for the term of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027.

### Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the 1<sup>st</sup> Addendum for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and NorCal Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

### Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the addendum for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Willow Glen Care Center, a Non-Profit Corporation for the term commencing August 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.

### 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, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

### Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve the CMS Plan For FY 2024/2025 and authorize the Chair to sign the Certification Statement for HCPCFC on page 5 and CCS on page 6.

### Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Second Addendum to the Contract for Services between CorEMR L.C., and Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Division, to increase the compensation by \$14,900.00 and replace Exhibit "A", and Schedule 2, to add services to the Electronic Health Record System at the Siskiyou County Jail with a total amount of the Contract not to exceed \$64,200.00.

### Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve and the Chair sign the Assignment of Contract from Exemplar Human Services, LLC. to Exemplar Analytics Corp. Term of current Contract is July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

### Sheriff - Jail

Approve the Auditor to issue a payout of vacation accrual in the amount equal to the sum of 33 hours, in the approx. amount of \$1,569.00, so the Jail may perform safe, supervised, essential functions.

### Sheriff

Approve the second addendum for transparency and engagement services between the Sheriff's Office and Cole Pro Media Corp., through June 30, 2030 not to exceed \$30,000 for each fiscal year, and not to exceed \$210,000 for the term of the contract. Allow the Auditor to make appropriations as necessary.

### Sheriff

Approve the Sheriff's third addendum with A&P Helicopters, Inc. for aviation services in accordance with the new fee schedule identified as Exhibit A. Authorize the Chair to sign the contract.

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**Consent Agenda – (continued)**

Sheriff

Ratify the Sheriffs application in the amount of \$141,000.00 to the Drug Enforcement Administration covering the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. Authorize the Sheriff to accept the pending award in the amount of \$123,000.00 and participate in the program. Allow the Sheriff and Treasurer to sign any additional documents towards a formal award. Allow the Auditor to establish budget appropriations.

Sheriff

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office and the Trinity County, Shasta County and Tehama County Sheriff's Offices for the joint purchase of an Explosive Ordinance Disposal Robot and authorize the Board Chair to sign the MOU, and authorize the Auditor to make the appropriate appropriations.

Transfer of Funds - Accumulated Capital Outlay - \$144,421 Resolution 25-13 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - County Library - \$386. Resolution 25-14 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Courthouse and Grounds - \$29,845. Resolution 25-15 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Health and Human Services - \$17,893. Resolution 25-16 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Local Assistance/Tribal Consistency Fund - \$1,534,675. Resolution 25-17 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Emergency Services - \$15,000. Resolution 25-18 adopted.

**County Administration** - Approve software as a service agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. to provide Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system replacement services, with services and costs detailed in Exhibit A in a total amount not to exceed \$1,534,675, for a five-year term. Approved.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Kobseff's request. Supervisor Kobseff thanked the County Administrator's Office for the efforts made to research a replacement system for the County's current Banner financial system.

Deputy County Administrator Sherry Lawson appeared before the Board.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff and seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela to approve the Software as a Service (SaaS) agreement between Tyler Technologies and the County of Siskiyou. Authorize the Board Chair to execute the agreement. Authorize the County Administrator, or her designee, to execute any change orders or other necessary documents required for implementation. Authorize the Auditor to make any necessary budget modifications, as provided by County Administration in the course of this agreement.

Following brief discussion between members of the Board and Ms. Lawson regarding the anticipated process, potential challenges and benefits associated with implementing a new financial system, the Chair called for the question and following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES, the motion carried unanimously.

**Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division** - Approve letter of commitment to Danco Communities to confirm Health and Human Services as Lead Service Provider to the Homekey Plus permanent supportive housing project located on Deer Creek Way, Yreka CA (a 4.09 acre portion of APN 053-591-560) in partnership with the City of Yreka. Letter not approved.

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

Project/Housing Coordinator Maddelyn Bryan appeared before the Board.

Discussion followed between Supervisor Harris and Ms. Bryan regarding the estimated number of unhoused individuals residing on Yreka's 'hill' across from the Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Office, those housed in the County's permanent supportive housing Crossroads, the status of the County's Basecamp shelter facility, the difference between Crossroads' permanent housing and Basecamp temporary shelter and the proposed Project Homekey being developed by the City of Yreka. Continued...

## **Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division – (continued)**

Supervisor Harris voiced concerns regarding the projects for the unhoused being developed only in Yreka.

Further discussion followed regarding an anticipated project being proposed by the City of Mt. Shasta, the benefits associated with the County and cities partnering toward housing projects, the services that the BHS Division already provides to the targeted population, the benefits associated with individuals being housed versus unhoused in order to provide those services (i.e. the availability of clients to attend their scheduled appointments, etc.) and the language in the Commitment letter providing a County commitment of services for 15 years.

Supervisor Harris voiced concerns regarding the lack of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with regard to that commitment of services, staff time and the approximate in-kind annual amount of \$548,204 from the BHS Division.

Supervisor Haupt voiced concerns regarding the County as the only possible Lead Service Provider and potential negative impacts associated with committing the funding as stated in the letter.

Lengthy discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Bryan regarding the possible impact of no commitment letter on the City's competitive grant application, the estimated valuation of the services and staff time that BHS would already be providing during their normal operations, possible shortfalls in Federal funding, changes in legislation related to Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding, the project developer Danco Communities that would be responsible for maintenance at the Homekey Project site, and unknowns related to the City's grant proposal with regard to preference for housing veterans.

Supervisor Haupt requested Counsel input with regard to possible wrongful death or accident liabilities for the County.

Further discussion followed, including County Counsel Natalie E. Reed regarding the BHS Division's plans to provide services at the housing site and off-site, no anticipation that BHS would rent space at the site/facility for provision of services, the City of Mt. Shasta's plans to develop a similar housing project, the anticipated type of in-kind support and services that the BHS Division could or would provide should the Homekey Project move forward, the benefits provided by a commitment letter with regard to the City's competitive grant proposal application, and the limits within the State and Federal processes with regard to reviewing and approving applicants to participate in the Crossroads housing project.

Supervisor Kobseff voiced concerns regarding the increased bureaucracy within the County that could be created when accepting funding or committing County services and the potential negative impacts associated with budget crises at the State and Federal levels.

In response, Ms. Bryan shared concerns regarding State requirements under MHSA concerning housing, advising that 30% of MHSA funding is meant for housing. Ms. Bryan spoke in support of the partnership with the City of Yreka as an opportunity to 'free up' County funding and provide necessary services.

Discussion followed regarding the potential for the homelessness Point In Time (PIT) data to indicate a reduction in the number of unhoused, the availability of Health and Human Services' (HHS) engagement with those unhoused living in Yreka and other jurisdictions, concerns for senior citizens in Tulelake who have lost services, and the potential barriers for those struggling with mental/behavioral health issues.

Participation in this agenda item by members of the public and/or staff was provided via conference telephone/ZOOM.

Caller Health and Human Services Agency Director Sarah Collard advised that the County is mandated to provide services to this population and that Danco Communities/City of Yreka did not have another Lead Service Provider for those services.

Further discussion followed, including Ms. Collard regarding the valuation of the BHS Division services to be used for leverage in the Project Homekey grant application process, the anticipated HHS-BHS cost savings (i.e. utilizing housing facilities versus the costs of housing certain clients in local motels/hotels), and concerns regarding the commitment of County funds to the Homekey Project. Continued...

## **Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division – (continued)**

Supervisor Valenzuela spoke in support of housing projects to begin to address the homelessness and unhoused issues in the County.

Discussion followed regarding the City of Yreka's initiative to develop a project to address homelessness, housing as needed services, concerns regarding the possible location of Project Homekey near a senior citizen population and commitment of dollars to the Homekey Project.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff to not approve the commitment letter as presented.

Supervisor Ogren suggested amending the letter to address Board members' concerns.

Caller Danco Communities President Chris Dart advised of working with the City of Yreka and HHS-BHS and that the application process is a first come, first served process. Mr. Dart shared concerns regarding the potential negative impact of not approving the letter on the City's grant application.

Ms. Reed advised that there was a motion on the floor and Supervisor Harris provided a second.

Supervisor Ogren spoke in support of the letter and the City's project, sharing concerns regarding the need to address the issue of housing County wide.

Supervisor Valenzuela supported amending the letter to address other Board members' concerns.

Following additional discussion regarding the targeted funding and need for workforce housing concerns and a roll call vote, with Supervisors Haupt, Harris and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisors Valenzuela and Ogren voting NO, the motion to not approve the letter carried.

Discussion followed regarding direction to BHS Division to rewrite the letter and bring back before the Board for reconsideration, to remove the targeted funding amount, highlight the need for veterans' housing, the need for expedited processing of those requesting housing and language in the letter concerning the anticipated MOU development.

**Air Pollution Control Officer** - Discussion, direction and possible action re Resolution to commence post-retirement employment within the exception to the 180-day wait period pursuant to California Government Code Sections 7522.56 & 21224, to re-employ retired Air Pollution Specialist III Eric Olson as Extra Help. Resolution 25-19 adopted.

Air Pollution Control Officer Jim Smith appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the request.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES, to adopt Resolution 25-19 to appoint Mr. Eric Olson as extra help Air Pollution Specialist III.

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

Deputy County Administrator Elizabeth Nielsen appeared before the Board, providing an update on the results of Klamath water samples taken in November, 2024. Ms. Nielsen advised that the heavy metal levels were similar to the August, 2024 levels and that all levels were below drinking water standards. Ms. Nielsen additionally advised that air quality in the area was good.

Supervisor Haupt voiced concerns regarding the unknowns related to future water quality once the current wet weather recedes, incomplete well replacements in the local area that the dam removal proponents were to complete, the need for information from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding revised flood plain levels that would potentially impact residents and their property along the Klamath River and the need for completion of a study related to livestock in the area.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt and seconded by Supervisor Kobseff to extend the local emergency related to impacts resulting from Lower Klamath Dam removal declared by Resolution 24-51.

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**Board of Supervisors' Requests - Board of Supervisors – (continued)**

Supervisor Harris spoke in support of continuing the emergency declaration into the summer to better assess future heavy metal levels.

The Chair called for the question and, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES and Supervisor Valenzuela voting NO, the motion to extend carried.

**Minute Approval** - January 21, 2025. Approved.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Haupt, Harris, Kobseff and Ogren voting YES, to approve the January 21, 2025 minutes as presented.

**Closed Session** - Conference with real property negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54956.8, 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 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 10:40 a.m., concluded at 11:30 a.m., with no action taken.

**Report On Closed Session**

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed announced that closed session concluded at 11:30 a.m., with no reportable action taken.

**Board and Staff Reports**

Supervisor Valenzuela advised of his participation in a Hibbard Field Poker Tournament Fundraiser and his attendance at a California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Executive Board meeting in San Diego.

Supervisor Haupt reported on his participation in a teleconference call regarding the Northwest Forest Plan, which included Deputy County Administrator Elizabeth Nielsen and advised of his attendance at an After Inauguration Party.

Supervisor Harris advised of his attendance for the Northwest Forest Plan meeting, a Yreka City Council meeting, a meeting with Public Health regarding facilities, a meeting with Calfire Chief Greg Roath, a Dorris Crab Feed, an ESA Management Team meeting in Reno, NV with Supervisor Kobseff and Deputy County Administrator Elizabeth Nielsen, the Miner Power Dinner and a Montague City Council meeting.

Supervisor Kobseff advised of attending and chairing a First 5 Siskiyou Commission meeting and a recent Air Pollution Control District meeting and his attendance at an ESA Management Team meeting in Reno NV.

Supervisor Ogren advised of her attendance for a wildfire mitigation meeting, a North Coast Resource Partnership meeting in Rohnert Park CA, the Hibbard Field Poker Tournament Fundraiser with Supervisor Valenzuela, an Air Pollution Control District meeting and the After Inauguration Party with Supervisor Haupt.

Supervisor Kobseff requested that County Administration research and review the impacts to staffing levels associated with grant fund acceptance by Non-General Fund departments.

**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