

NED COE
1st District

PATRICIA CULLINS
2nd District

KATHIE RHOADS
3rd District

ELIZABETH CAVASSO
4th District

GERI BYRNE
5th District



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April 28, 2020

10:00 AM Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Ned Coe	Supervisor District I	Present	10:00 AM
Patricia Cullins	Supervisor District II	Remote	10:00 AM
Kathie Rhoads	Supervisor District III	Remote	10:00 AM
Elizabeth Cavasso	Supervisor District IV	Present	10:00 AM
Geri Byrne	Supervisor District V	Present	10:00 AM
Margaret Long	County Counsel	Remote	10:00 AM
Chester Robertson	County Administration Officer	Present	10:00 AM
Tiffany Martinez	Clerk of the Board/ACAO	Present	10:00 AM
Tex Dowdy	Sheriff	Present	10:00 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Prayer

Public Comment

None.

Approval or Additions/Deletions to Agenda

County Counsel, Margaret Long, reported on the addition of two emergency items to the agenda.

County Counsel Long requested to add the following emergency item: Requesting authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a letter to the Secretary of Interior, David Bernhardt regarding the Klamath basin.

County Counsel Long reported the information was received after the posting of the agenda and requires action prior to the next meeting.

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Byrne, seconded by Supervisor Coe to approve of the addition of an emergency item as follows: Requesting authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a letter to the Secretary of Interior, David Bernhardt regarding the Klamath basin.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk of the Board requested to add the item as 11.a. Board of Supervisor Items.

County Counsel Long requested to add the following emergency item: To discuss and/or approve a proposed coordinated COVID-19 strategic plan.

County Counsel Long reported the information which came to the Boards attention was ever changing and came to the Boards attention after the posting of the agenda and based on the nature of the pandemic does requires action prior to the next meeting.

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Coe, seconded by Supervisor Byrne to approve of the addition of an emergency item as follows: To discuss and/or approve a proposed coordinated COVID-19 strategic plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk of the Board requested to have the item placed as 14.a. Health Services and Sheriff/Coroner Items

The Clerk of the Board requested to remove 1.a. from the agenda.

The Clerk of the Board requested to amend 9.a. to include the contract number 20-10186.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
SECONDER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
AYES:	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

Correspondence

None.

Board of Supervisor Correspondence - April 2020

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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Department Head Reports

Deputy Director of Social Services, Tom Sandage, provided a report on the following 1) Affects of COVID-19 to the Modoc County Social Services Department; 2) 243% increase in applications for the CalFresh program in California during the month of March; 3) The Modoc County Social Services Department was highlighted in the CalFresh newsletter for their drop-box; 4) A decrease in child abuse reports by 50% with the potential of having a 70% reduction in child abuse reports in Modoc County.

1. Board of Supervisors Items:

- 1.a. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION: Update from the Modoc National Forest regarding the obsidian collection planning. - *Removed from the agenda by requesting department.* (Clerk of the Board)**

2. Consent Agenda Items:

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
SECONDER:	Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
AYES:	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

- 2.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting the appointment of Myles Flournoy as a Trustee to the Likely Cemetery District, effective April 1, 2020. (County Clerk)**

- 2.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting the appointment of Greg O'Sullivan as a Commissioner for District II to the Modoc County Planning Commission, effective date of May 1, 2020. (Board of Supervisors)**

- 2.c. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of the March 24, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. (Clerk of the Board)**

3. Probation Items:

- 3.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Chief Probation Officer to sign the standard rental agreement between Modoc County Probation Department and The Alturas Community Theater, Inc. for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020. (Probation)**

Chief Probation Officer, Kim Wills, provided a background on the proposed contract.

A discussion was held and several questions were asked of Chief Probation Officer Wills.

Contract# 2020-51

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
SECONDER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
AYES:	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

4. Sheriff/Coroner Items:

- 4.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization to award the lowest qualified bidder for a replacement vehicle for the Sheriff's Department to 911 Rapid Response, in the amount of \$51,179.79 plus sales tax. (Sheriff's Office)**

Sheriff, Tex Dowdy, provided a background on the proposed bid award.

A discussion was held and several questions were asked of Sheriff Dowdy.

Contract# 2020-52

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
SECONDER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
AYES:	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

5. County Clerk Items:

- 5.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution requesting Governor Newsom to adopt an Executive Order allowing an all-mail ballot election for the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election. (County Clerk)**

County Clerk, Stephanie Wellemeyer, provided a background on the proposed Resolution.

A discussion was held and several questions were asked of County Clerk Wellemeyer.

Supervisor Byrne asked about ballot harvesting.

Supervisor Byrne requested to have some language about no ballot harvesting to ensure the integrity of the election.

Ordered on a motion by Supervisor Byrne, seconded by Supervisor Coe to approve of an amended Resolution requesting Governor Newsom to adopt an Executive Order allowing an all-mail ballot election for the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election with the addition of verbiage in the Resolution to discourage ballot harvesting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution# 2020-17

RESULT:	APPROVE AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
SECONDER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
AYES:	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2020-17

6. Social Services Items:

- 6.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Director of Social Services to sign a Standard Agreement between the County of Modoc and California State Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) grant in the amount of \$5,456.69, effective upon signature by BCSH through June 25, 2025. (Social Services)**

Deputy Director of Social Services, Tom Sandage, provided a background on the proposed contract.

A discussion was held and several questions were asked of staff.

Contract# 2020-53

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
SECONDER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
AYES:	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

7. Planning Department Items:

- 7.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Interim Planning Director to sign a contract between the County of Modoc and Price Consulting Services (PCS) for the 6th Cycle Housing Element Update not to exceed \$50,000.00, effective April 28, 2020. (Planning)**

Planning Director, Sean Curtis, provided a background on the proposed contract.

A discussion was held and several questions were asked of staff.

Contract# 2020-54

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
SECONDER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
AYES:	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

8. Health Services Items:

- 8.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Interim Director of Health Services to sign the Grant Agreement #19-10850 for the Infectious Disease Prevention and Control Local - Infrastructure project not to exceed \$108,445.43, effective February 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. (Health Services)**

Interim Director of Health Services, Stacy Sphar, provided a background on the proposed contract.

Contract# 2020-55

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
SECONDER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
AYES:	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

9. Behavioral Health Items:

- 9.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Interim Health Services Director to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Modoc and California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and for the purpose of identifying and providing covered Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) services for substance use disorder treatment, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. (Behavioral Health)**

Interim Director of Health Services, Stacy Sphar, provided a background on the proposed agreement.

Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Interim Health Services Director to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement# 20-10186 between the County of Modoc and California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and for the purpose of identifying and providing covered Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) services for substance use disorder treatment, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously.

Contract# 2020-56

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
SECONDER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
AYES:	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

- 9.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board and the Interim Health Services Director to sign the Master Agreement between the County of Modoc and Partnership HealthPlan of California for the purpose of identifying and providing covered Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) services for substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, effective July 1, 2020 until terminated. (Behavioral Health)**

Interim Director of Health Services, Stacy Sphar, provided a background on the proposed agreement.

Contract# 2020-57

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
SECONDER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
AYES:	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

10. Administrative Services Items:

10.a. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Resolution to amend the CSAC Excess Insurance Joint Powers Authority Agreement and authorization for the County Administrative Officer to sign the amended agreement. (Administrative Services)

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a background on the proposed agreement and Resolution.

Contract# 2020-58

Resolution# 2020-18

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
SECONDER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
AYES:	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

FINAL CERTIFIED RESOLUTION# 2020-18

10.b. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign Amendment No. 6 to Agreement No Y14-2376 between the County of Modoc and the Regents of the University of California not to exceed \$14,000.00, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. (Administrative Services)

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a background on the proposed agreement amendment.

Contract# 2020-59

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
SECONDER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
AYES:	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

10.c. CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign an Amendment No. 1 to the lease agreement between the County of Modoc and Jake and Ronda Gysin, effective through June 30, 2021. (Administrative Services)

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a background on the proposed agreement.

Contract# 2020-60

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
SECONDER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
AYES:	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

11. Board of Supervisor Items:

11.a. Requesting authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a letter to the Secretary of Interior, David Bernhardt regarding the Klamath basin.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
SECONDER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
AYES:	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

EMERGENCY ITEM ATTACHEMENT - LETTER REGARDING KLAMATH BASIN

12. Comments/Reports:

a. Public Comments

None.

b. Administrative Services Report

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a report on the following: 1) Discussion with the new Executive Director of Nor-Cal Emergency Medical Services (EMS) regarding the need to allow employees to work the entire corridor; 2) District Attorney job position is currently being advertised; 3) Water issues throughout the county; 4) Reported on the difference of budgeted insurance amounts and the need for minor adjustments; 5) Various department budget modification for year end corrections; 6) Update on the issues which are occurring in other counties due to COVID-19.

c. Department Head Reports

None.

d. Board of Supervisors Reports

Supervisor Coe reported on the following: 1) LAFCo; 2) Conference call with Assemblymember Megan Dahle; 3) Phone meeting with the Lahontan Board regarding the development of an irrigated lands program in the Surprise Valley area; 4) Sheriff, Public Health, CAO Robertson, and

Supervisor Cavasso in a conference call with Senator Dahle; 5) Attended six (6) incident command meetings.

Supervisor Byrne reported on the following: 1) Conference call with Assemblymember Megan Dahle; 2) Conference call with the Golden State Natural Resources regarding a potential location; 3) NACo calls dealing with COVID-19; 4) Several calls regarding the District Attorney Ad Hoc Committee; 5) Conference call regarding the Klamath water issues; 6) Coordination conference call meeting with Forest Service; 7) Webinar regarding budget issues for counties regarding COVID-19.

Supervisor Cullins reported on the following: 1) Cal-OES Region 3 & 4 COVID-19 update conference call; 2) Fish and Game Commission meeting; 3) White House update on COVID-19; 3) Community Correctional Partnership (CCP) meeting; 4) PSA2 Board meeting; 5) California State Associations of Counties (CSAC); 6) City Council meeting; 7) Cal-OES Region 3 & 4 COVID-19 conference call update; 8) White House COVID-19 briefing; 9) Webinar on California Connect Consortium regarding broadband internet.

Supervisor Rhoads reported on the following: 1) LAFCo; 2) Modoc County Transportation Agency meeting; 3) Modoc Transportation Agency meeting; 4) Coordination call with the Forest Service.

Supervisor Cavasso reported on the following: 1) Incident Management Team meetings; 2) White House conference call for state, local, and tribal leaders regarding COVID-19 briefing; 3) Hot Wash with the Incident management team; 4) COVID-19 stakeholder meeting at Veteran's Hall; 5) Conference calls regarding District Attorney Ad Hoc Committee meeting; 6) Applied for and received a scholarship to attend the 3rd International Smoke Symposium conference; 7) Virtual Modoc County Transportation Agency meeting; 8) Virtual Modoc Transportation Agency meeting; 9) Governor Newsom's updates on the response from the state; 10) Discussion with Sheriff about the economic health of the county; 11) Conference call with Senator Dahle.

The Chair of the Board read the Closed Session items into the record.

11:30 a.m. Motion to go into Closed Session.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
SECONDER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
AYES:	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

13. Closed Session:

13.a. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Governor Gavin Newsom's issued Executive Order N-25-2, the Board will meet in closed session to discuss COVID-19 with the following individuals: County Counsel, County Administrative Officer, Modoc County Sheriff, and Interim Health Services Director. (Board of Supervisors)

RESULT:	DISCUSSION HELD
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12:09 p.m. The Board reconvened and reported out of Closed Session on item 13.a. with Supervisor Coe, Cavasso and Byrne present. Supervisor Cullins, Rhoads and County Counsel Long were present by remote location.

The Chair of the Board moved to item 14.a.

13.b. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957; Performance Evaluation; Title: County Administrative Officer. (Board of Supervisors)

RESULT:	DIRECTION GIVEN
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14. Health Services and Sheriff/Coroner Items:

14.a. To discuss and/or approve a proposed coordinated COVID-19 strategic plan.

Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Services, Heather Hadwick, reported the proposed strategic plan is a phased plan to reopen Modoc County. OES Deputy Director Hadwick reported she has worked with the County Health Officer, the Board of Supervisors liaison, Health Services, Office of Emergency Services, the Sheriff's Office, received input from business owners, churches, and other groups affected by COVID-19. OES Deputy Director Hadwick reported they are confident in the plan and feel like the County is ready to move on. OES Deputy Director Hadwick reported many other North State counties are doing the same process.

Supervisor Byrne requested to have the strategic plan read into the record for the public, due to the fact the item was added as an emergency item.

OES Deputy Director Hadwick stated they are releasing the plan to the public this week, as they have a process for their messaging to the community to ensure that the public understand the COVID-19 incident is not over. OES Deputy Director Hadwick stated the county is still in the COVID-19 incident and there are precautions the public must take to get through the emergency incident.

Supervisor Byrne asked County Counsel if there was any action which needed to take place for the information to be placed on record.

County Counsel, Margaret Long, reported if the strategic plan is available and able to be placed on record with the minutes, it should provided to keep a clear record of what is being approved. County Counsel Long stated she would recommend a verbal overview of the plan be provided to the public for comment or questions on the matter.

OES Deputy Director Hadwick reported the proposed strategic plan would begin on May 1, 2020. OES Deputy Director Hadwick reported all residents must continue to adhere to the following: proper social distancing within six (6) feet, washing hands frequently, staying home if you are sick, proper sanitation practices for all facilities, residents sixty-five (65) or older are asked to self-isolate, and no large gatherings are to be held where proper social distancing cannot be maintained. OES Deputy Director Hadwick reported that in the proposed strategic plan all businesses would reopen,

essential and non-essential, only if they can adhere to the proposed guidelines. This would mean all businesses would still be required to have social distancing and the preventative measures in place. OES Deputy Director Hadwick reported schools, churches, private and government sectors could also return if they can follow the proposed guidelines. OES Deputy Director Hadwick reported public transit companies, restaurants, and bars could reopen at half capacity based on their buildings. OES Deputy Director Hadwick reported dental and routine medical services could resume. OES Deputy Director Hadwick reported all openings are subject to the strict guidelines and reported the team would re-evaluate the plan every two (2) weeks and provide a report as to further openings or rescinding of restrictions. This will provide the public with a timeline as they have expressed frustration regarding the lack of a timeline regarding COVID-19. OES Deputy Director Hadwick reported they have to be flexible in their plan because there is a lot of unknowns.

Interim Director of Health Services, Stacy Sphar, reported they have also been following up with their healthcare partners, the hospitals and local clinics and reported looking at the Governor's six (6) indicators which include the following: 1) monitoring; 2) preventing infection; 3) handling surge; 4) ensuring therapeutics; 5) the ability for businesses and schools to physical distance; 6) the ability to have in the plan reinstate restrictions if there is a surge in cases. Interim Director of Health Services Sphar reported they feel the County has meet all of the six (6) indicators in the proposed plan and reported that Governor Newsom has shared with Public Health officials a preliminary four (4) stage plan on how all of California will re-open. Interim Director of Health Services Sphar reported that in reviewing the staged plan, Modoc Counties plan is in line with the State of California's resilience road map.

Deputy Director Hadwick reported Modoc Counties plan is in alignment with the federal plan and reported it is always at the discretion of the County Health Officer to update the plan.

Supervisor Coe stated that with the understanding that the County Health Officer, Dr. Richert, has been instrumental in the reopening plan and that the economic health is vital to our county, Supervisor Coe moved to approve the proposed coordinated COVID-19 strategic plan.

Supervisor Byrne seconded the motion.

Supervisor Cavasso stated the county has been in the COVID-19 emergency for a month or so and there has been a high level of coordination between our incident management team, healthcare workers, education, churches, and other key elements within the community. Supervisor Cavasso stated the county is now moving into the economic health concern period. Supervisor Cavasso reported the following has encouraged her to support the plan: 1) the in-depth discussions which have taken place; 2) the fact that our County Health Officer, Dr. Richert, is supportive of the county moving forward with the plan; 3) Dr. Richert is a person of integrity with decisions grounded in science and common sense; 4) Dr. Richert has been looking out for the health and welfare of the residents of our county and communities for forty (40) plus years; 5) that Supervisor Cavasso puts a lot of faith in his voice and what he believes will keep our county safe. Supervisor Cavasso stated that she understands the plan is in alignment with the State and Federal orders. Supervisor Cavasso reported the incident management team will remain in effect and will continue to work with healthcare partners, educators, and other to make sure we are looking out for the health and welfare

of our youth to our seniors and everybody in between, while letting us get back to some life that looks somewhat normal. Supervisor Cavasso stated she applauds the efforts of the team. Supervisor Cavasso reported the County of Modoc is looking at conditions, data, number of people in the county, and the number of acres. Supervisor Cavasso stated Modoc County could move forward with something that looks different from what has been occurring over the last month. Supervisor Cavasso stated she would like to thank all the individuals who put the plan together.

Supervisor Coe stated he would like to reiterate that this is a plan for Modoc County based on a balance of both health requirements and economic viability moving forward in the month of May.

The Chair of the Board asked for public comment.

A representative of the Modoc County Office of Education stated they are extremely supportive of the idea and that it gives the schools the opportunity to work within the plan for the potential of students and staff resuming to the campuses.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Chair of the Board returned to 13.b. and read Closed Session item 13.b. into the record.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
SECONDER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
AYES:	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

EMERGENCY ITEM ATTACHMENT - COVID-19 STRATEGIC PLAN

12:20 p.m. Motion to go into Closed Session.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
SECONDER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
AYES:	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

1:41 p.m. The Board reconvened and reported out of Closed Session on item 13.b. with Supervisor Coe, Cavasso and Byrne present. Supervisor Cullins, Rhoads and County Counsel Long were present by remote location.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn the April 28, 2020 meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
SECONDER:	Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V
AYES:	Coe, Cullins, Rhoads, Cavasso, Byrne

The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 PM

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned to meet in regular session Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Tiffany A. Martinez
Clerk of the Board

Elizabeth Cavasso
Chair, Modoc County Board of Supervisors