

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Second District
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Chair – Third District
NATALIE ARROYO
Vice-Chair – Fourth District
STEVE MADRONE
Fifth District



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County Administrative Officer
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Interim County Counsel
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Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
825 FIFTH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
SUPERVISORS' CHAMBER, FIRST FLOOR**

ACTION SUMMARY

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

9:00 AM

Regular Meeting - Hybrid

A. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Supervisor Rex Bohn, Supervisor Michelle Bushnell, Supervisor Mike Wilson,
Supervisor Natalie Arroyo, and Supervisor Steve Madrone

B. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

C. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Supervisor Bushnell, seconded by Supervisor Arroyo, to approve consent calendar. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Supervisor Rex Bohn, Supervisor Michelle Bushnell, Supervisor Mike Wilson,
Supervisor Natalie Arroyo, and Supervisor Steve Madrone

Board of Supervisors

26-46

1. Greater Eureka Chamber of Commerce Award Recognition Certificates

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify the Chair's signature on the Certificates of Recognition.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bushnell, seconded by Supervisor Arroyo, to approve staff recommendations. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Supervisor Rex Bohn, Supervisor Michelle Bushnell, Supervisor Mike Wilson,
Supervisor Natalie Arroyo, and Supervisor Steve Madrone

26-65

2. Proclamation Recognizing Children's Dental Health Awareness Month

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the Proclamation.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bushnell, seconded by Supervisor Arroyo, to approve staff recommendations. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Supervisor Rex Bohn, Supervisor Michelle Bushnell, Supervisor Mike Wilson,
Supervisor Natalie Arroyo, and Supervisor Steve Madrone

Public Defender

26-15

3. Approval of the Office of the State Public Defender Expanded Public Defense Grant and Supplemental Budget in the amount of \$143,365 (4/5 Vote Required)

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and ratify the County Administrative Officer's execution of the Letter of Authorization providing formal authorization from the County of Humboldt to the Humboldt County Public Defender's (HCPD) office to submit a grant proposal to the Office of the State Public Defender (OSPD) and if awarded, confirming that HCPD is authorized to act on behalf of the county to administer the grant funds in accordance with applicable county, state and federal guidelines; and
2. Approve and ratify the Public Defender's execution of OSPD's Grant Acknowledgment Letter; and
3. Authorize the Public Defender, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments, terminations, extensions, and documents directly related to the attached OSPD Grant upon review of County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office; and
4. Approve the attached Supplemental Budget for Budget Unit 1100219-300 in the amount of \$143,365 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 to support expenditures associated with the Office of the Public Defender Grant (4/5 Vote Required); and
5. Approve the allocation of 1 full time equivalent (FTE) Social Worker III (classification #0777C, position #2, salary range 454) in Budget Unit 219 effective the pay period following approval; and
6. Approve the allocation of 1 full time equivalent (FTE) Investigator - Public Defender (classification #0449, position #4, salary range 450) in Budget Unit 219 effective the pay period following approval.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bushnell, seconded by Supervisor Arroyo, to approve staff recommendations. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Supervisor Rex Bohn, Supervisor Michelle Bushnell, Supervisor Mike Wilson, Supervisor Natalie Arroyo, and Supervisor Steve Madrone

Public Works

25-1286

4. Amendment to the License Agreement with Kelton J. Chambers for a Mattole Road Stockpile Site, APN 105-042-004

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the Amendment to the License Agreement between the County of Humboldt and Kelton J. Chambers; and
2. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to make a onetime payment to Licensor in the amount of \$800 within 90 days of the executed agreement.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bushnell, seconded by Supervisor Arroyo, to approve staff recommendations. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Supervisor Rex Bohn, Supervisor Michelle Bushnell, Supervisor Mike Wilson, Supervisor Natalie Arroyo, and Supervisor Steve Madrone

26-47

5. Accept Completed Contract for Public Works Measure - O 2025 Road Maintenance Project Jacoby Creek and South Quarry Road

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept the completed contract, including all approved change orders, with Kern Construction, regarding the construction of Public Works Measure O - 2025 Road Maintenance Project Jacoby Creek and South Quarry Road; and
2. Approve the final claim for payment, to be submitted by the Department of Public Works to the Auditor-Controller's Office, in the amount of \$250, which will bring the total amount paid to 100% of the contract; and
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to provide the Roads Division of the Department of Public Works with one fully executed certified copy of the Board order related to this item.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bushnell, seconded by Supervisor Arroyo, to approve staff recommendations. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Supervisor Rex Bohn, Supervisor Michelle Bushnell, Supervisor Mike Wilson, Supervisor Natalie Arroyo, and Supervisor Steve Madrone

Treasurer/Tax Collector26-45

6. Resolution to Auction Tax-Defaulted Properties (4/5 Vote Required)

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the attached Resolution (Attachment 1) for sale of properties tax-defaulted, subject to sale(4/5 Vote Required); and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to provide the Treasurer-Tax Collector with two certified copies of the Resolution by Feb. 10, 2025. Approval is given to re-offer, within 90 days of the original sale date, any unsold parcels in accordance with Revenue and Taxation Code, Section 3698.5.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bushnell, seconded by Supervisor Arroyo, to approve staff recommendations. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Supervisor Rex Bohn, Supervisor Michelle Bushnell, Supervisor Mike Wilson, Supervisor Natalie Arroyo, and Supervisor Steve Madrone

E. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT**F. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS****G. MATTERS SET FOR TIME CERTAIN****H. PUBLIC HEARINGS****I. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Sheriff26-49

1. Drought Resilience Plan and SB 552 Compliance

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive the report, from the Humboldt County Drought Task Force Steering Committee, on the final draft of the Drought Resilience Plan, satisfying California Senate Bill 552, and brief update on current drought potential in Humboldt County.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bushnell, seconded by Supervisor Wilson, to approve staff recommendations. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Supervisor Rex Bohn, Supervisor Michelle Bushnell, Supervisor Mike Wilson,
Supervisor Natalie Arroyo, and Supervisor Steve Madrone

J. MATTERS INITIATED BY BOARD**K. CLOSED SESSION****County Counsel**26-86

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) (one potential case)

With regards to item K-1, the board voted 3-2, with Supervisors Wilson, Arroyo, and Madrone voting yes and Supervisors Bohn and Bushnell voting no, to approve the initiation of litigation in one case. The specific action, defendants and other particulars shall, once formally commenced, be disclosed upon inquiry, unless to do so would jeopardize the County's ability to effectuate service of process on one or more unserved parties, or to do so would jeopardize the County's ability to conclude existing settlement negotiations to its advantage, as set forth in California Government code section 54957.1(a)(2).

L. ADJOURNMENT

I, KALEIGH MAFFEI, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct original record of the above-entitled meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors held in Eureka California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.

KALEIGH MAFFEI

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, State of California.

Kaleigh Maffei

2/3/2026



MINUTES

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt met in regular session on the above date within the Humboldt County Courthouse, Eureka, California. The minutes of this meeting were approved on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, with the vote as shown below.

AYES:	Supervisors:	-- Arroyo, Bohn, Bushnell, Madrone, and Wilson
NAYS:	Supervisors:	-- None
ABSENT:	Supervisors:	-- None
ABSTAIN:	Supervisors:	-- None


Kaleigh Maffei
Deputy Clerk of the Board


Mike Wilson
Chair of the Board