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SUPERVISORS' CHAMBER, FIRST FLOOR

ACTION SUMMARY

Tuesday, April 28, 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

Item D.16 was pulled from consent for discussion. (See section E. for the motion)

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

26-397

1. Proclamation for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Month in Humboldt County

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

26-409

2. Proclamation Recognizing May 6-12 as National Nurses Week

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

Clerk of the Board

26-377

3. Submittal of Supervisors' Monthly Expense Report for March 2026, Pursuant to Government Code Section 53232.3(d)

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Receive and file the report.

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

26-385

4. Appoint New Members to the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council and Letters of Appreciation for Outgoing Members

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Approve the recommended appointments to the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council; and
2. Authorize the Chair to sign letters of appreciation for the outgoing Humboldt County Fire Safe Council members.

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

26-393

5. Approval of the Action Summary - Meeting of April 21, 2026

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Approve the Action Summary for the meeting of April 21, 2026, and authorize the Clerk of the Board and the Board Chair to sign the Minute Book in accordance with California Governmental Code Section 25103.

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

County Administrative Office

26-147

6. Tax Management Services Agreement Not to Exceed $172,302 with Hinderliter, De Llamas & Associates (HdL) for Tax Audit and Management Services Through Fiscal Year (FY) 2029-30

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Approve a new five-year agreement (Attachment 1) with HdL for tax audit and management services, effective upon execution and set to expire June 30, 2030; and
2. Authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign the attached agreement, and any amendments or extensions pursuant to the Humboldt County Purchasing Policy.

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

26-260

7. Professional Services Agreement with Language Line Services, Inc. Regarding the Provision of Language Translation and Interpretation Services in an Amount Not to Exceed Eight Hundred Ninety-Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars ($893,333.00) for the Period of December 1, 2025 through June 30, 2031

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the attached professional services agreement with Language Line Services, Inc. regarding the provision of language translation and interpretation services in an amount not to exceed Eight Hundred Ninety-Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars ($893,333.00) for the period of December 1, 2025 through June 30, 2031; and
2. Authorize the Humboldt County Purchasing Agent, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to the attached professional services agreement with Language Line Services, Inc., after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office; and
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return one (1) fully executed original copy of the attached professional services agreement with Language Line Services, Inc. to the County Administrative Office for further processing.

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

26-328

8. Bid Authorization for the Humboldt County Animal Shelter Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Project, Project Number 2026-101

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Receive and approve the plans and specifications for Humboldt County Animal Shelter Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Project, Project Number 2026-101; and
2. Authorize the Clerk of the Board to advertise the Humboldt County Animal Shelter Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Project, Project Number 2026-101, pursuant to Section 22037 of the California Public Contract Code, with bids to be opened at 2:00 p.m. on May 26, 2026.

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

Department of Health and Human Services: Behavioral Health

26-296

9. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Sorrel Leaf Healing Center, Inc. Regarding the Transfer of One-Time Funding Made Available Through California Senate Bill 105 for the Purpose of Supporting the Completion of the Sorrel Leaf Children's Crisis Residential Treatment Center Project and Supplemental Budget in the Amount of $675,000 for Behavioral Health (1170424) (4/5 Vote Required)

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the acceptance of one-time funding in the amount of $750,000 made available through California Senate Bill 105 for the purpose of supporting the completion of the Sorrel Leaf Children's Crisis Residential Treatment Center Project; and
2. Approve, and authorize the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)-Behavioral Health Director, or a designee thereof, to execute, the attached MOU with Sorrel Leaf Healing Center, Inc. regarding the transfer of funding made available through California Senate Bill 105 for the purpose of Supporting the Sorrel Leaf Children's Crisis Residential Treatment Center Project; and
3. Authorize the DHHS - Behavioral Health Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to the attached MOU, after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office; and
4. Approve the attached fiscal year (FY) 2025-26 supplemental budget in the amount of $675,000 for Behavioral Health (1170424) (4/5 Vote Required); and
5. Direct the Clerk of the board to provide the DHHS - Contract Unit with one (1) 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

26-327

10. Grant Agreement with the Humboldt Area Foundation and the Wild Rivers Community Foundation Regarding Acceptance of Funding in the Amount of $15,000 Made Available Through the Together, We Thrive 2026 Grant Program for the Purpose of Supporting the Humboldt County Transition-Age Youth Collaboration Youth Advisory Board

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the attached grant agreement with the Humboldt Area Foundation and the Wild Rivers Community Foundation regarding the acceptance of funding in the amount of $15,000 made available through the Together, We Thrive 2026 Grant Program for the purpose of supporting the Humboldt County Transition-Age Youth Collaboration Youth Advisory Board for the period of Feb.26, 2026 through Feb.25, 2027; and

2. Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) - Behavioral Health Director, or a designee thereof, to approve any and all subsequent amendments to, and any other agreements, certifications, attestations and documents directly associated with, the attached grant agreement with Humboldt Area Foundation and Wild Rivers Community Foundation, after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office; and

3. Direct Clerk of the Board to provide the DHHS - Contract Unit 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

26-379

11. Mental Health Performance Agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services Regarding the Provision of Community Mental Health Treatment Services to Eligible Humboldt County Residents

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Waive the requirements of the Humboldt County Nuclear Free Ordinance with regard to the attached mental health performance agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services; and
2. Approve, and authorize the Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Director, or a designee thereof, to execute, the attached mental health performance agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services regarding the provision of community mental health treatment services to eligible Humboldt County residents for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029; and
3. Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to, and any other agreements, certifications, attestations and documents directly associated with, the attached mental health performance agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services, after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office; and
4. Direct the Clerk of the Board to provide the Department of Health and Human Services - Contract Unit with one (1) 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

Department of Health and Human Services: Public Health

26-322

12. Grant Agreement awarded by the California Department of Public Health for Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program in the amount of $536,636 for the term of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Approve the attached State Standard Agreement awarded by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for Grant Agreement 26-10142, in the amount of $536,636, for fiscal years (FY) 2026-27 through 2027-28; and
2. Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) - Public Health Director, or a designee thereof, to execute the attached State Standard Agreement awarded by the CDPH for Grant Agreement 26-10142, in the amount of $536,636, for FYs 2026-27 through 2027-28; and
3. Authorize the DHHS - Public Health Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments, certifications, attestations and documents directly associated with the attached State Standard Agreement with the CDPH for Grant Agreement 26-10142, after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office.

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

Department of Health and Human Services: Social Services

26-270

13. Professional Services Agreement with the Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation Regarding the Provision of Temporary Shelter and Support Services to Individuals and Families experiencing Homelessness in Humboldt County in an Amount Not to Exceed $680,815 for the Period of July 1, 2026 Through June 30, 2027

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the attached professional services agreement with the Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation regarding the provision of temporary shelter and support services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Humboldt County in an amount not to exceed $680,815 for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027; and
2. Approve and authorize the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) - Social Services Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to the attached professional services agreement with the Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and County Administrative Office; and
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return one (1) fully executed original copy of the attached professional services agreement with the Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation to the DHHS - Contract Unit for further processing.

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

District Attorney

26-357

14. Resolution Authorizing the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office to Apply for, and Accept, Funding Made Available by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs - Bureau of Justice Assistance through the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant and Substance Use Site-Based Program

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Adopt the attached resolution which authorizes the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office to apply for, and accept, grant funding made available by United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs - Bureau of Justice Assistance through the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant and Substance Use Site-Based Program; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return one (1) fully executed certified copy of the attached resolution to the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office for submittal to the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs - Bureau of Justice Assistance.

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

26-267

15. Authorization to Negotiate Terms for the Purchase of Real Property Located at 1101 4th Street, Eureka, California APNs 001-173-010, 001-173-007,001-173-006

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Approve and authorize the Public Works Director, and designees thereof, to negotiate the terms for the purchase of real property located at 1101 4th Street, Eureka, California APNs 001-173-010, 001-173-007,001-173-006 with Jee Lee, and any duly authorized agents thereof; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to provide the Real Property Division of the Department of Public Works with one (1) fully 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

26-354

17. Local Transportation Fund Claim for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the attached Local Transportation Fund claim for FY 2025-26; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return a fully executed original copy of the attached Local Transportation Fund claim to the Department of Public Works for submittal to the Humboldt County Association of Governments

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

26-367

18. Bid Award Authorization for Public Works Measure O - 2026 Road Maintenance Surfacing Project Bald Hills Road (Phase 1)

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Receive and file the bid proposals submitted for the Public Works Measure O - 2026 Road Maintenance Surfacing Project Bald Hills Road (Phase 1); and
2. Award the project agreement to Kernen Construction for the total amount of $1,059,570; and
3. Authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the project agreement upon submittal of the appropriate bonds and insurance; and
4. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute contract change orders up to the amount of $65,478.50.

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

26-368

19. Bid Award Authorization for Public Works Measure O - 2026 Road Maintenance Surface Management Project, Multiple Locations

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Receive and file the bid proposals submitted for the Public Works Measure O - 2026 Road Maintenance Surface Management Project, Multiple Locations; and
2. Award the project agreement to VSS International, Inc. for the total amount of $1,488,120; and
3. Authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the project agreement upon submittal of the appropriate bonds and insurance; and
4. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute contract change orders up to the amount of $136,906.

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

26-370

20. Authorization for Renegotiation of the Lease for Real Property Located at 1250 5th Street, Ferndale, California

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Approve and authorize the Public Works Director, and designees thereof, to renegotiate the lease for real property located at 1250 5th Street, Ferndale California with the Humboldt County Fair Association, and any duly authorized agents thereof; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to provide the Real Property Division of the Department of Public Works with one (1) fully 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

E. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

Public Works

26-301

16. Lease/Purchase Agreement for One (1) 2026 Caterpillar Excavator Model: 330-07 (4/5 Vote Required)

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors
1. Authorize the purchasing agent to execute the lease/purchase agreement for One (1) 2026 Caterpillar Excavator Model: 330-07. (4/5 Vote Required)

A motion was made by Supervisor Madrone, seconded by Supervisor Bushnell, 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

F. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS (None Scheduled)

H. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Board of Supervisors

26-378

1. Consider Appointments for the Two At-Large Vacancies on the Great Redwood Trail Agency Board

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Appoint two at-large members to the Great Redwood Trail Agency Board representing Humboldt County.

A motion was made by Supervisor Madrone, seconded by Supervisor Arroyo, to appoint Mike Wilson and Carol Vander Meer to fill the two At-Large vacancies on the Great Redwood Trail Agency Board. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Supervisor Mike Wilson, Supervisor Natalie Arroyo, and Supervisor Steve Madrone

Nay: 2 - Supervisor Rex Bohn, and Supervisor Michelle Bushnell

County Administrative Office

26-244

2. Humboldt County Marketing Asset Inventory Analysis and Countywide Travel and Tourism Marketing Strategy and Transient Occupancy Tax Fiscal Year 2026-27 Funding Recommendations

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Receive a presentation on the Humboldt County marketing asset inventory analysis and Countywide Travel and Tourism Marketing Strategy; and
2. Accept and adopt the attached Countywide Travel and Tourism Marketing Strategy; and
3. Approve Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) allocations to be included in the fiscal year (FY) 2026-27 Proposed Budget, including Measure J, at the same level as FY 2025-26 with adjustments as outlined in the staff report.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bushnell, seconded by Supervisor Arroyo, 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

Public Works

26-329

3. Proposed Naming of the New Bridge (Bridge Number 04C0263) over the Mattole River at Honeydew in Memory of George Hindley and Vernon Edward Shinn

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Approve the proposed naming of the new bridge (Bridge Number 04C0263) over the Mattole River at Honeydew in memory of George Hindley and Vernon Edward Shinn.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bohn, seconded by Supervisor Bushnell, to continue this item until a date uncertain in June. 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

26-406

4. Public Works' FY 2026-27 Measure O Presentation

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Receive presentation for Public Works' FY 2026-27 for the proposed Measure O Spending Plan; and
2. Provide directions to the staff with any desired modifications to their Proposed Budget.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bushnell, seconded by Supervisor Arroyo, to approve staff recommendations and no direction was provided to staff for modifications. 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

I. MATTERS INITIATED BY BOARD

Board of Supervisors

26-271

1. Letter of Support for California Assembly Bill 2494, As Amended, (Rogers) State Forests: Forest Management

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the attached letter of support regarding California Assembly Bill 2494.

A motion was made by Supervisor Arroyo, seconded by Supervisor Madrone, to direct staff to send the letter as presented, with the following modifications: to address the letter to The Honorable Buffy Wicks, Chair of the Assembly Appropriations Committee; and to remove the final sentence and replace it with the following language: "Humboldt County supports the overarching principles of AB 2494, and requests that modifications to the language focus on supporting and not interfering with important or ongoing forestry research. Additionally, we attach comments from our County Forester with recommended amendments, which are supported by our Board." The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Supervisor Mike Wilson, Supervisor Natalie Arroyo, and Supervisor Steve Madrone

Nay: 2 - Supervisor Rex Bohn, and Supervisor Michelle Bushnell

26-293

2. Consider the Establishment of an Independent Civilian-Led Oversight System for the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Consider directing staff to return to the Board with an ordinance which establishes an independent civilian-led oversight system for the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office; and
2. Provide other direction, as appropriate.

A motion was made by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Arroyo, to direct staff to form an ad hoc committee consisting of Supervisor Arroyo and Supervisor Bushnell and other County of Humboldt staff as appropriate to review and revise the sample ordinance and bring it back to the Board in September. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Supervisor Michelle Bushnell, Supervisor Mike Wilson, Supervisor Natalie Arroyo, and Supervisor Steve Madrone

Nay: 1 - Supervisor Rex Bohn

J. CLOSED SESSION (See Matters Set For Time Certain)

K. MATTERS SET FOR TIME CERTAIN

Board of Supervisors (Closed Session)

26-381

1. 12:00 P.M. - Conference with Legal Counsel - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.5 and 54957 to Consider Public Employee Appointment for the Position of the Child Support Services Director

With regards to Item K.1, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Assistant Child Support Services Director, Stacey Costa, as the Interim Child Support Services Director, effective May 9, 2026.

26-398

2. 12:00 P.M. - Conference with Real Property Negotiators – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to grant authority to its negotiators regarding the price and terms of payment for the lease of real property located at 1250 Fifth Street, Ferndale, California 95536 (Assessor Parcel Numbers 030-011-003, 030-021-003, 030-071-001, 030-081-006, 030-112-017, 030-112-20 and 100-181-03). The County's negotiators are identified as: Tom Mattson, Humboldt County Public Works Director, and any duly authorized designees thereof. The parties with whom the County may negotiate are identified as: the Humboldt County Fair Association, and any duly authorized designees thereof

No reportable actions taken.

County Counsel (Closed Session)

26-352

3. 12:00 P.M. - Conference with Legal Counsel – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) to discuss existing litigation in the case of Friends of the Eel River v. County of Humboldt, et al., Humboldt County Superior Court Case No. CV2201593

No reportable actions taken.

26-399

4. 12:00 P.M. - Conference with Legal Counsel – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) to discuss existing litigation in the case of Jody Aragon, Jr. v. Eureka City Schools, et al., Humboldt County Superior Court Case No. CV2502212

With regards to Item K.4, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Humboldt County Counsel's Office to defend the County of Humboldt in the case of Jody Aragon, Jr. v. Eureka City Schools, et al., Humboldt County Superior Court Case No. CV2502212.

26-400

5. 12:00 P.M. - Conference with Legal Counsel – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) to discuss existing litigation in the case of Elizabeth Lassater v. City of Eureka, et al., Humboldt County Superior Court Case No. CV2600800

With regards to Item K.5, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Humboldt County Counsel's Office to defend the County of Humboldt in the case of Elizabeth Lassater v. City of Eureka, et al., Humboldt County Superior Court Case No. CV2600800.

26-401

6. 12:00 P.M. - Conference with Legal Counsel – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) to discuss existing litigation in the case of Redwood Oil Co. v. Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, et al., Humboldt County Superior Court Case No. CV2600683

No reportable actions taken.

26-402

7. 12:00 P.M. - Conference with Legal Counsel – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) to discuss existing litigation in the case of County of Humboldt, et al. v. County of Humboldt Division of Environmental Health, Humboldt County Superior Court Case No. CV2600705

No reportable actions taken.

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
4/28/2026