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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
825 FIFTH STREET
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SUPERVISORS' CHAMBER, FIRST FLOOR

ACTION SUMMARY

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 **9:00 AM** **Regular Meeting - Hybrid**

A. ROLL CALL

Supervisor Madrone was absent from 12:00 PM to the end of the meeting.

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.10 was pulled from consent calendar.

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

Agricultural Commissioner

26-73

1. Approval of Cooperative Agreement No. 25-0553-000-SA, Apiary Protection Program Contract and Supplemental Budget in the Amount of $1,000 (4/5 Vote Required)

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Approve Cooperative Agreement No. 25-0553-000-SA, known as the Apiary Protection Program contract with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA); and
2. Authorize the Chair to sign the original agreement, and direct the Clerk of the Board to return all signed copies to the Agricultural Commissioner's office for further processing; and
3. Approve attached supplemental budget for budget unit 1100-261 in the amount of $1,000 (4/5 Vote Required); and
4. Grant a waiver from the provisions of the Nuclear Free Ordinance.

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

26-82

2. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. 25-0397-000-SG, High-Risk Pest Exclusion Program Contract with California Department of Food and Agriculture

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement No. 25-0397-000-SG, High-Risk Pest Exclusion Program contract with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA); and
2. Authorize the Chair to sign the amendment and direct the Clerk of the Board to return all copies to the Agriculture Department for further processing; and
3. Grant a waiver from the provisions of the Nuclear-Free ordinance.

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

Auditor/Controller

26-80

3. Distribution of Excess Proceeds from Tax Auction of June 2023

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Approve the distribution of excess proceeds resulting from the June 2023 of parcels listed on Attachment 1 to the claimants and in the amounts listed for each parcel; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to provide the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller's Office 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

Board of Supervisors

26-105

4. Appointment of James Durchslag to Represent the Second District on the Humboldt County Housing Authority

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

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

26-112

5. Resolution Authorizing Temporary Road Closures for the 54th Annual Avenue of the Giants Marathon, Half Marathon and 10K Run on Sunday, May 3, 2026

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Adopt the resolution and direct the Clerk of the Board to return a fully executed copy of the resolution to Six Rivers Running Club

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

26-107

6. Approval of the Action Summary - Meeting of January 27, 2026

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Approve the Action Summary for the meeting of January 27, 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

26-114

7. Approval of the Action Summary - Meeting of February 3, 2026

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Approve the Action Summary for the meeting of February 3, 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

26-117

8. Letter of Appreciation to Kurt McCray for Service on the Humboldt County Forestry Review Committee

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Authorize the Chair to sign the Letter of Appreciation.

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

26-72

9. Final Acceptance of the Ferndale Veterans Hall Americans with Disabilities Act Modification Project, Project No. 2022-802

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Accept the completion of the Ferndale Veterans Hall Americans with Disabilities Act Modification Project; and
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent, or a designee thereof, to execute the attached Notice of Completion for the Ferndale Veterans Hall Americans with Disabilities Act Modification Project; and
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to provide the County Administrative Office - Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Team 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

County Counsel

26-97

11. Third Amendment to the Legal Services Agreement with Murphy Austin Adams Schoenfeld LLP Regarding the Provision of Legal Assistance with Construction-Related Matters on an As-Needed Basis (4/5 Vote Required)

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Approve, and authorize the Interim County Counsel, or a designee thereof, to execute, the attached third amendment to the legal services agreement with Murphy Austin Adams Schoenfeld LLP regarding the provision of legal assistance with construction-related matters on an as-needed basis (4/5 Vote Required); and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to provide the Humboldt County Counsel's Office with one (1) fully executed, certified copy of the Board order pertaining 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

26-62

12. Accept a $500 Presentation Honorarium and Overdose Aid Kit donation to the Department of Health and Human Services - Public Health Branch from the Clinton Foundation

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Accept the donation of $500.00 Presentation Honorarium; and
2. Accept the donation of an Overdose Aid Kit; and
3. Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)- Public Health Branch Director to accept the donation of an Overdose Aid Kit (OAK).; and
4. Direct the Auditor Controller to deposit the donation of $500 Presentation Honorarium into the DHHS- Public Health Fund (1175), Budget Unit (452).

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

Human Resources

26-96

13. Ratification of the 2025 - 2026 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the County of Humboldt and the Humboldt Deputy Sheriff's Organization Unit 6 (HDSO)

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the MOU with HDSO Unit 6 for the term of Jan. 1, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2026; and
2. Adopt Resolution approving the execution of the MOU between the County of Humboldt and HDSO Unit 6.

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

26-77

14. Request for Qualifications No. DPW2026-002 Regarding the Provision of On-Call Land Surveying Services

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Approve, authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise and distribute, the attached request for qualifications regarding the provision of on-call land surveying services for various state and federally funded roadway and bridge construction projects; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to provide the Department of Public Works 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

26-79

15. Storm Damage Repairs to Alderpoint Road (F6B165) Post Miles 42.20-42.30

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Approve the attached plans and specifications for the Alderpoint Road (F6B165) Post Miles 42.20-42.30 Storm Damage Repair Project; and
2. Find that the Alderpoint Road (F6B165) Post Miles 42.20-42.30 Storm Damage Repair Project is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Sections 15269(a) and 15302 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations; and
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to advertise the Alderpoint Road (F6B165) Post Miles 42.20-42.30 Storm Damage Repair Project as required by Section 22037 of the California Public Contract Code, with bids to be opened on Tuesday, Mar. 17, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

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 Collector

26-84

16. Approval of an agreement with KNN Public Finance, LLC for Municipal Advisory Services Related to the County's Long-term Financing Needs from Dec. 1, 2026 to Dec. 31, 2028 in the Amount of $100,000

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Approve the attached agreement with KNN Public Finance, LLC for municipal advisory services in the amount not to exceed $100,000, or $25,000 per fiscal year (FY), for the period of Dec. 1, 2026 to Dec. 31, 2028; and
2. Authorize the Treasurer-Tax Collector to execute the 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

E. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

County Administrative Office

26-88

10. Adoption of an Ordinance Repealing Measure S Cannabis Cultivation Tax

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Adopt the ordinance (Attachment 1) repealing the Measure S Cannabis Cultivation Tax.

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

Aye: 4 - Supervisor Rex Bohn, Supervisor Mike Wilson, Supervisor Natalie Arroyo, and Supervisor Steve Madrone

Recused: 1 - Supervisor Michelle Bushnell

F. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

G. MATTERS SET FOR TIME CERTAIN

County Counsel (Closed Session)

26-95

1. 1:30 PM - Conference with Legal Counsel – pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) to discuss existing litigation in the case of Citizens Protecting Humboldt Bay v. County of Humboldt, et al., Humboldt County Superior Court Case No. CV2201594

No reportable actions taken.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Planning and Building Department

25-1477

1. Request to Modify a Special Permit Which Authorized Reconstruction of a Destroyed Legal Nonconforming Billboard Subject to a 5-Year Term Limit Requiring That the Billboard Structure be Removed by Sept. 29, 2025. The Applicant is Asking the Board to Modify This Restriction on The Term Limit

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the resolution (Attachment 1) which does the following:
a. Finds that denial of the project is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15270 of the State CEQA Guidelines; and
b. Finds there is insufficient evidence to approve a modification to the permit to allow the billboard to remain at the site; and
c. Denies the permit modification request filed by Geoff Wills on behalf of OutFront Media.
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to notify the applicant and any interested parties of the decisions made by the Board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Arroyo, seconded by Supervisor Madrone, to approve staff recommendations. 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

Human Resources

26-78

2. Public Hearing on AB2561 Vacancy Data

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Open the public hearing; and
2. Receive the staff report, Human Resources presentation, bargaining unit presentations, and public comments; and
3. Close the public hearing.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bushnell, seconded by Supervisor Madrone, to receive and file the report. 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. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

County Administrative Office

26-70

1. Mid-Year Budget Review for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26, Budget Outlook for FY 2026-27 and Recommendations for Budget Adjustments (4/5 Vote Required)

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Receive and file a review of the current FY 2025-26 budget and the budget outlook for FY 2026-27; and
2. Direct the County Administrative Officer (CAO) to prepare the FY 2026-27 budget based on the following parameters:
a. Set departmental General Fund allocations from the General Fund to increase by 5% based on current year General Fund allocations; and
b. Adjust General Fund allocations further for departments impacted by the raises approved in the CAA/Teamsters bargaining unit and other attorney classifications; and
c. Deallocate FY 2026-27 unbudgeted positions; and
d. Accept only additional requests for General Fund appropriation (ARGFA) that are for one-time expenditures up to $250,000 per request; and
e. Set the annual departmental contributions to Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) to 2% of annual salaries; and
f. Approve a contribution to the Deferred Maintenance Trust Fund (3464) as determined by county policy; and
g. Approve the transfer from the Tax Loss Reserve of $2 million for FY 2026-27, so long as the minimum reserve is retained; and
h. Approve a contribution to the General Reserve to meet county policy requirements; and
i. Approve Human Resources - Risk Management to increase the Self-Insured Retention (SIR) for liability insurance to $400,000; and
j. Provide additional direction to staff on actions to close the FY 2026-27 projected General Fund budget deficit; and
3. Approve the list of budget adjustments (Attachment 1) and authorize CAO staff to make any technical corrections necessary to effectuate the Board's direction (4/5 Vote Required); and
4. Direct staff to return at third quarter only if the budget parameters set forth for FY 2026-27 require substantial changes; and
5. Provide additional direction to staff as appropriate.

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

Board of Supervisors

26-119

1. Consider a Zero-Interest Loan Program to Assist Homeowners in King Salmon Affected by the January Flooding Event

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Find that the establishment of a zero-interest loan program to assist homeowners in King Salmon impacted by recent flooding will serve a public purpose by supporting affected residents while maintaining prudent fiscal stewardship; and
2. Direct staff to develop a temporary financial assistance program which offers zero-interest loans to eligible homeowners in King Salmon to offset insurance deductibles associated with flood damage; and
3. Direct staff to return to the Board with identified funding options, administrative structure and eligibility criteria for formal adoption.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bushnell, seconded by Supervisor Arroyo, to direct staff to bring back an item to form an AdHoc with Supervisors Bushnell and Arroyo, Sheriff, CAO, and COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster) to discuss disaster recovery. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Supervisor Rex Bohn, Supervisor Michelle Bushnell, Supervisor Mike Wilson, and Supervisor Natalie Arroyo

Absent: 1 - Supervisor Steve Madrone

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

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
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2/10/2026