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

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

9:00 AM

Regular Meeting - Hybrid

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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 the 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**26-216**

1. Appoint April Sahara to the Forestry Review Committee as the Fifth District Representative

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

26-231

2. Proclaim March 15 - 21, 2026 as National Surveyors 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

26-232

3. Certificates of Recognition for the Soroptimist International of Eel River Valley Award Winners

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Ratify the Board 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

Clerk of the Board**26-207**

4. Opposition Letter to Senate Bill 1402

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Chair to sign the Letter of Opposition: and
2. Authorize the County Administrative Officer to continue advocacy on this bill throughout the remainder of the 2026 legislative session.

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

[26-212](#)

5. Approval of the Action Summary - Meeting of March 3, 2026

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Action Summary for the meeting of March 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

[26-218](#)

6. New Appointments to the Humboldt County Workforce Development Board

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Review the attached applications from Ciara Emery and Sei Hee Hwang; and
2. Appoint Ciara Emery and Sei Hee Hwang to the Humboldt County Workforce Development Board for a two-year term, effective immediately pursuant to Humboldt County Workforce Development Board bylaws.

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

[26-220](#)

7. Approval of the Action Summary - Meeting of March 10, 2026

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Action Summary for the meeting of March 10, 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**26-206**

8. Second Option to Extend the Linen and Laundry Service Umbrella Agreement with Mission Linen Supply in the Amount of \$80,205

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute a second amendment with Mission Linen Supply to extend countywide linen and laundry services for one year and increase the maximum amount payable by \$80,206 after review and approval of insurance documents by Risk Management.

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

Sheriff**26-123**

9. Participation in the Golden State Finance Authority Jail Medical Feasibility Study and Approve a Transfer from General Fund Contingencies in the Amount of \$155,823 (4/5 Vote Required)

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and authorize the County of Humboldt to continue participating in the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Jail Health feasibility study at a cost not to exceed \$155,823.42; and
2. Approve a transfer from General Fund Contingencies in the amount of \$155,823 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 to budget unit 1100-490, Medical Care, to be carried over to future fiscal years if not expended in the current year and not to exceed actual costs (4/5 Vote Required); and
3. Direct the County Administrative Officer, or designee, to execute all necessary documents to facilitate participation in the study.

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

26-153

10. Extension of Extra-Help Hours for 2 Employees of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) (4/5 Vote Required)

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an extension of the 960 extra-help hour limitation for Stephen Falkenstrom, Extra Help Deputy II, (Budget Unit 1100-221600) of an additional 735 hours, for a maximum of 1,695 hours for fiscal year (FY) 2025-26, pursuant to Section 7 of the Humboldt County Salary Resolution (4/5 Vote Required); and
2. Approve an extension of the 960 extra-help hour limitation for Alice Rosendahl, Extra-Help Administrative Secretary (Budget Unit 1100-221100) of an additional 477 hours, for a maximum of 1,437 hours for FY 2025-26, pursuant to Section 7 of the Humboldt County Salary Resolution (4/5 Vote Required).

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

26-156

11. Governing Body Resolution for Grant Fiscal Year (FY) 2025, 2026 and 2027 between Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) of the United States Department of Justice Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program (DCE/SP)

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Chair to sign Resolution, the Governing Body Resolution (Attachment 1) for the DEA of the Department of Justice DCE/SP and direct the Clerk of the Board to certify; and
2. Authorize the Sheriff, Undersheriff and the Deputy Director of Financial and Support Services to execute all the necessary applications, strategic plans, letters of agreements, contracts, amendments and reimbursement claims, in the name of the County of Humboldt, required by the United States Department of Justice DEA DCE/SP program with approval from the County Administrative Office and County Counsel; and
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return a signed copy of the Governing Body Resolution to the HCSO, Attention: Lucinda Jackson.

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. PUBLIC HEARINGS (None Scheduled)

H. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Clerk of the Board

26-160

1. Consider Adjusting Supervisor Travel Reimbursement Budgeted Amount to Accommodate a More Accurate Reflection of Expenditures and Set Appropriate Guidelines for Implementation

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Review the current travel funds per district; and
2. Review of travel budget options for improvement; and
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to take appropriate action.

A motion was made by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Bushnell, to direct the Clerk of the Board as follows:

1. add a \$5,000 annual allocation for in-county travel for Districts 1, 2, and 5; and
2. increase the out-of-county travel budget for all districts by 7.5%; and
3. require that any travel exceeding a district's allocated travel budget be brought before the Board for approval through a Board agenda item.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Nay: 1 - Supervisor Steve Madrone

Human Resources

26-115

2. Approval of the Compensation Plan for Elected & Appointed Department Heads (Units 10 & 11) for the Term of Jan. 1, 2025, Through and Inclusive of Dec. 31, 2026

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Compensation Plan for Elected & Appointed Department Heads (Units 10 & 11) for the term of Jan. 1, 2025, through and inclusive of Dec. 31, 2026 (Attachment 1); and
2. Adopt Resolution (Attachment 3) approving the Compensation Plan for Elected & Appointed Department Heads (Units 10 & 11), effective March 15, 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

Planning and Building Department

26-149

3. Resolution Re-authorizing the County Planning & Building Department Division of Housing and Grants to Apply for Pro-Housing Designation and Grant with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)

Recommendation: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Re-adopt attached Resolution (Resolution 24-140) (Attachment 1) to:
 - a. Approve the Planning & Building Department Division of Grants and Housing to finish applying for the Pro-Housing Incentive Program (PIP) with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for supporting a privileged designation and assistance in continuation of the division's housing subsidy programs and a marketing/demographic strategy for public education and outreach efforts.
 - b. Authorize and direct the Planning and Building Department Director to execute, in the name of the County of Humboldt, the application, the standard agreement, and all other documents required by HCD for participation in the PIP Program, and any amendments.

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

I. MATTERS INITIATED BY BOARD (None Scheduled)**J. CLOSED SESSION****Board of Supervisors**

26-227

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54954.5 and 54957 to Consider Public Employee Appointment for the Position of the Aviation Director

There was no reportable action.

K. MATTERS SET FOR TIME CERTAIN (None Scheduled)**L. ADJOURNMENT**

I, NIKKI TURNER, 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.

NIKKI TURNER

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



March 17, 2026