Sierra County
Board of Supervisors’
Agenda Transmittal &
Record of Proceedings

MEETING DATE: December 3, 2019

TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM:
☐ Regular  ☑ Timed  ☐ Consent

DEPARTMENT: Clerk of the Board
APPROVING PARTY: Heather Foster, Clerk of the Board
PHONE NUMBER: 530-289-3295

AGENDA ITEM: Minutes from the regular meeting held on November 5, 2019.

SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: ☐ Memo  ☐ Resolution  ☐ Agreement  ☑ Other Minutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

FUNDING SOURCE:
GENERAL FUND IMPACT: No General Fund Impact
OTHER FUND:
AMOUNT: $ N/A

ARE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED?
☐ Yes, -- --
☐ No

IS THIS ITEM ALLOCATED IN THE BUDGET? ☑ Yes  ☐ No

IS A BUDGET TRANSFER REQUIRED? ☑ Yes  ☐ No

SPACE BELOW FOR CLERK’S USE

BOARD ACTION:
☐ Approved
☐ Approved as amended
☐ Adopted
☐ Adopted as amended
☐ Denied
☐ Other
☐ No Action Taken

☐ Set public hearing
  For: ___________________
☐ Direction to: ______________
☐ Referred to: ______________
☐ Continued to: ______________
☐ Authorization given to: ___________________

Resolution 2019- ____________
Agreement 2019- ____________
Ordinance ____________

Vote:
  Ayes: ___________________
  Noes: ___________________
  Abstain: ___________________
  Absent: ___________________
  ☑ By Consensus

COMMENTS:

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CLERK TO THE BOARD  DATE
The Sierra County Board of Supervisors met in regular session commencing at 9:00 a.m. on November 5, 2019 in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, Courthouse, Downieville, CA. This meeting was recorded for posting on the Board of Supervisors' website at www.sierracounty.ca.gov.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Supervisor Huebner

ROLL CALL

Present: Lee Adams, Supervisor, District #1
      Peter W. Huebner, Supervisor, District #2
      Paul Roen, Supervisor, Chair, District #3
      Jim Beard, Supervisor, Vice-Chair, District #4
      Sharon Dryden, Supervisor, District #5

Staff: Heather Foster, County Clerk-Recorder
      Amanda Uhrhammer, Deputy County Counsel
      Van Maddox, Auditor/Treasurer Tax-Collector
      Tim Beals, Director of Planning and Transportation
      Lea Salas, Director of Behavioral Health
      Vickie Clark, Director of Health and Social Services
APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

APPROVED. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

9. CONSENT AGENDA

9.A. Professional services agreement between Sierra County Child Abuse Council and Sierra County Behavioral Health to conduct the Nurturing Parenting Program through Mental Health Services Act Prevention/Early Intervention funding. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2019-127

9.B. Authorization to expend an amount not to exceed $19,000 to Bertagnolli Paving for paving work on two areas of Old Truckee Road. (PUBLIC WORKS)

9.C. Resolution approving Program Supplement Agreement No. 037-F Rev. 1 to Administering Agency-State Agreement No. 03-5913 F15, related to Emergency Relief Funding for Smithneck Road Site from the 2017 storm damage. (PUBLIC WORKS)

APPROVED, Resolution 2019-138

APPROVED, Agreement 2019-128

9.D. Interdepartmental transfer to Sierra County Road Department of a surplussed 2001 Ford E350 Van. (PUBLIC WORKS)

9.E. Interdepartmental transfer to Sierra County Road Department-Admin of 2000 Jeep Cherokee. (PUBLIC WORKS)

9.F. Resolution approving contingency appropriation and budget increase for Parks and Recreation due to the unanticipated expense of installation of a backflow device at the Calpine Park. (PUBLIC WORKS)

APPROVED, Resolution 2019-139

9.G. Resolution adopting the Sierra County Catastrophic Leave Policy. (PERSONNEL)

APPROVED, Resolution 2019-140
November 5, 2019

9.H. Minutes from the regular meeting held on September 17, 2019. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

9.I. Minutes from the regular meeting held on October 1, 2019. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

APPROVED. Motion: Huebner/Beard/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

REGULAR AGENDA

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

At 9:02 a.m. Chair Roen opened and closed the public comment opportunity with no persons addressing the Board.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Adams acknowledged the passing of Chair Roen’s father and retired Sierra County Supervisor Arnie Gutman. Supervisor Adams also reported on the bank ad hoc committee and looking at putting together a prospectus to send out to banks, the Wells Fargo ATM in town is now giving out additional denominations and they have also requested the County Treasurer to have the ability to make change for businesses only.

The Treasurer/Tax Collector commented that County Counsel has indicated there isn’t anything to prevent his office from issuing change to businesses and he has purchased a safe for the office in order to keep change on hand for local businesses.

Supervisor Dryden reported on the Juvenile Justice Commission meeting and the upcoming meet and greet with the new School Superintendent at Loyalton City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Chair Roen reported on the Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District meeting wherein they discussed the watermaster services fees and how to become their own program separate from the DWR. Chair Roen further asked the Board to continue to support their efforts in this process.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS’ REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Auditor introduced Tom Palmeri the new Chief Deputy Auditor for the County.
The Director of Behavioral Health reported on passing the State’s peer review of the County’s Friday Night Live program; Sierra County being the first in the state to become Drug MediCal certified; an upcoming meeting on December 4, 2019 with Placer County to discuss becoming a provider under their mental health plan; two vacancies in the department; and the Kings View electronic records contract which is a $100,000 contract to be paid out over 60 months and requires a $25,000 deposit.

The Director of Health and Social Services reported on vacancies in the department; converting the contract Medical Officer to a part-time employee position; and the Tobacco and Oral Health program which has $263,000 in rollover funds that have to be added to the new budget.

Comments were received by Supervisors Adams and Beard.

Comments were received by Frank Lang, Downieville regarding vaping and how it fits into the Tobacco Program.

The Director briefly explained that the Tobacco Program is about education and changing policy and it’s possible that they may request the County to remove vaping devices from stores or impose a moratorium.

The Director of Planning reported on the ad hoc bank committee meeting and working to get the prospectus out this week; a meeting Saturday in Verdi sponsored by the Verdi Community Council with Washoe County officials to enhance the protection and preservation of Verdi as a result of the proposed large developments; road work is almost complete in Verdi; the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District is meeting on November 19, 2019 to approve the fire services agreement; the Forest Service has completed their review of the Master Stewardship Agreement; a meeting scheduled for Tuesday at the Yuba Ranger District regarding the Girl Scout camp and whether the camp will stay in its present location due to the condition of the bridge; the new Carson District Ranger will be attending the November 19, 2019 Board meeting; the Loyalton Mobile Home Park hearing will be held on Friday; and the RFP for the Emergency Operations Plan should be ready for review and approval by the Board on November 19, 2019.

Supervisor Dryden reported on the status of the Sierra Brooks Water System project.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Yuba River District Ranger Lon Henderson introduced Thea Chesney who works at their Regional Office doing range monitoring. Range Henderson continued to provide an update on matters going on in the district.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program funding.
8. TIMED ITEMS

8.A. 10:00AM EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TAX MEASURE
Report by staff and continued discussion with the Downieville Fire Protection District regarding a special election for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) special tax/fees. (SUPERVISOR ADAMS)

Supervisor Adams provided brief background on the item.

Deputy County Counsel commented on concerns with running this through the TOT (transient occupancy tax) mechanism as an increase in the TOT would have to be a countywide election earmarked for emergency medical services countywide and by a two-thirds vote.

Frank Lang, Downieville commented that they are not trying to use the TOT rather they want to charge a fee for the service which is provided to the visitors and communities. The District has the authority to levy the fee and their proposal is to collect it from the lodge holders.

Discussion ensued.

Ingrid Larson, Downieville commented on sections in the California Health and Safety Code and Revenue and Taxation Code which give the authority to Fire Districts to collect a fee and to collect it through charging overnight visitors.

Further discussion ensued regarding the difference between a fee and a tax; the proper mechanism for the Fire District to collect a fee or tax for emergency medical services; and why the prior parcel tax measure for emergency medical services failed in the Downieville Fire Protection District.

Following considerable discussion, this matter was continued to December 3, 2019 Board meeting.

6. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - TIM BEALS

6.A. Discussion/direction on Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events looking back and looking forward, including approach to planning for future events, and discussion of grant from State OES for Sierra County’s response and preparations for PSPS events.

The Director of Public Works commented on the PSPS events that have occurred over the last few weeks and the need to prepare for future events. The Director further reviewed the CAL OES funding received in the amount of $150,828 for the County’s response to the PSPS event and suggested the Board create a committee to make a recommendation back to the Board for the use of these funds.
Considerable discussion ensued with the Board and staff regarding whether to refer this to committee; the County’s emergency operational plan update; and additional funding sources that might be available to the County in response to PSPS events including future CAL OES funding opportunities, Homeland Security Grant funding, EMPG funding, and Public Health funding.

Following discussion, the Chair appointed and ad hoc committee consisting of himself and Supervisor Adams to make a recommendation back to the Board on the use of the CAL OES funding.

7. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

7.A. Designation of the 2020 Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) and Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) Delegates and Alternates. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to reappoint Supervisor Adams as the Delegate and Supervisor Huebner as the Alternate to the 2020 Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) and Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA).

APPROVED. Motion: Beard/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

10. CORRESPONDENCE LOG

10.A. Application for Alcoholic Beverage License submitted by Scott David Ridgway and Linda Marie Voracek for Bassetts Station.

No action taken.

10.B. Notice of Intent to Harvest Timber submitted by Carol Stratford Trustee located in Sierra County: NE 1/4, Section 17, T18N, R9E, MDB&M.

No action taken.

ADJOURN

At 11:08 a.m., with no further business, Chair Roen adjourned the meeting.

PAUL ROEN, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

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HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD