





**STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SIERRA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING**

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The Sierra County Board of Supervisors met in regular session commencing at 9:00 a.m. on May 19, 2020. This meeting was recorded for posting on the Board of Supervisors' website at [www.sierracounty.ca.gov](http://www.sierracounty.ca.gov).

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Chair Beard

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Lee Adams, Vice-Chair, Supervisor, District #1  
Peter W. Huebner, Supervisor, District #2  
Paul Roen, Supervisor, District #3  
Jim Beard, Supervisor, 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  
Mike Fisher, Sheriff/Coroner  
Celia Sutton-Pado, County Health Officer

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## **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

At the request of the Clerk, Consent Item 11.J. was pulled from the agenda.

11.J. Minutes from the special meeting held on April 16, 2020. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

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

### **11. CONSENT AGENDA**

11.A. Amendment to Professional Services Agreement 2019-096 between The Regents of the University of California on behalf of its Davis campus UC Davis Continuing and Professional Education and Sierra County. (SOCIAL SERVICES)

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2020-040

11.B. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Memorandum of Understanding between Northern Rural Training and Employment Consortium (NORTEC) and America's Job Center of California Partners. (SOCIAL SERVICES)

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2020-041

11.C. Resolution approving the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency's Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Grant Standard Agreement Number 20-HHAP-00084 and authorizing Lea Salas, Administrative Director of Behavioral Health, to sign the Agreement. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

**ADOPTED,** Resolution 2020-057

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2020-042

11.D. Resolution approving the Professional Services Agreement between the County of Shasta and the County of Sierra for Epidemiological services and authorizing Vickie Clark, Director of Public Health, to sign the Agreement. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

**ADOPTED,** Resolution 2020-058

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2020-043

11.E. Resolution approving the submittal of an application for the Local Enforcement Agency Grant and authorizing Director or Designee to

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execute the necessary application for the securing of grant funds.  
(PUBLIC HEALTH)

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2020-059

11.F. Resolution approving Cooperative Law Enforcement Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Operating and Financial Plan between the Sierra County Sheriff's Office and the USDA, Forest Service Tahoe and Plumas National Forest.  
(SHERIFF)

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2020-060

**APPROVED**, Agreement 2020-044

11.G. Resolution for the 2020 Controlled Substance Annual Operating and Financial Plan Between the Sierra County Sheriff's Office and the USDA, Forest Service Tahoe and Plumas National Forest. (SHERIFF)

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2020-061

**APPROVED**, Agreement 2020-045

11.H. Modification of Agreement between Northern California EMS, Inc. and Sierra County for EMS Services. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

**APPROVED**, Agreement 2020-046

11.I. Minutes from the regular meeting held on April 7, 2020. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

### **APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA**

At the request of the Clerk on behalf of the Director of Public Works, Item 8.B. was pulled from the Regular Agenda.

8.B. License Agreement (Public Safety Power Shutoff) with Pacific Gas and Electric Company for use of the Downieville Community Hall, 327 Main Street, Downieville, Assessor's Parcel Number 003-101-006 as a customer resource center during public safety power shutoff events.

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda as amended.

**APPROVED as amended.** Motion: Roen/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

At 9:03 a.m. Chair Beard opened and closed the public comment opportunity with no persons addressing the Board.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Roen reported on the North Yuba Forest Partnership and the need to appoint an alternate member at the next Board meeting.

Supervisor Adams reported on RCRC's executive meeting scheduled for tomorrow to discuss waving county dues to RCRC for the next two years due to COVID-19, and CSAC will meet next week.

Supervisor Roen also reported on the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District's upcoming public hearing in June proposing to reduce their fees back to the 2016 rates.

## **DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Auditor reported on issues with the Auditor's office space located above the Western Sierra Medical Clinic as it is not ADA compliant and requested this matter be referred to the Finance Committee.

By consensus, the Board referred the discussion and recommendation on alternative office space for county offices located above the Western Sierra Medical Clinic to the Finance Committee.

The Auditor also reported on potential impacts to the transient occupancy tax collected by the County due to COVID-19.

The Director of Behavioral Health reported on the Substance Abuse Block Grant desk audit and working with Kingsview on their configuration for drug medical for substance use disorder services.

The Director of Health and Social Services reported on the increase in public assistance activity; the approval of the CSMP (COVID-19 Funding) surge grant in the amount of \$100,000; and the status of the recruitment of the Fiscal Officer position.

The Director of Planning reported on the Downieville Community Hall and seeking quotes for restoration of the upstairs exit as it has been red tagged; having an engineer evaluate the Calpine Community Hall due to groundwater issues that have rotted the posts under the floor; the Local Transportation Commission will meet on Wednesday; the hiring of a new Planner; a meeting with the Forest Service regarding burning wood waste at the transfer stations; and the status of the Sierra Brooks Water System project.

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Supervisor Dryden commented on the spreadsheet from Judi Behlke, Personnel Analyst regarding the status of vacant county positions.

## **FOREST SERVICE UPDATE**

Sierraville District Ranger Quentin Youngblood responded to the Director's comments regarding burning permits at the transfer stations in Sierra City and Calpine and the issuance of permits no longer being under the Forest Service's jurisdiction authority; it now lies with Cal Fire and he believes there are some different ways to do business.

Ranger Youngblood continued to report on matters going on in the district and the Forest Service's request for an email from the County clarifying that the reopening of campgrounds is not consistent with stage 2 of the County's opening plan and California stay at home order.

Yuba District Ranger Lon Henderson commented on concerns with disperse camping in the district.

Considerable discussion ensued with the Board regarding campgrounds opening in other counties.

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- 6.A. Presentation by Carolyn Widman, Executive Director of Inc. Seniors on the Loyalton Senior Center's efforts to meet the needs of the community during the COVID-19 pandemic. (SUPERVISOR DRYDEN)

Supervisor Dryden introduced the item and provided background on the Agency on Aging Area 4 and Inc. Seniors.

Carolyn Widman, Executive Director made a presentation on the operations of the Loyalton Senior Center to the Board.

Brief discussion ensued with the Board.

- 6.B Discussion/action regarding the Sierra County Economic Development Committee. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Clerk provided background on the Sierra County Economic Development Committee and suggested the Board review the composition of the committee and declare some of the positions vacant as many of the members no longer reside in the County.

The Director of Planning provided background on the purpose of the committee and the projects the committee took on over the years. The Director further

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recommended the County invest the necessary time and resources into the committee if it is going to be restructured and revived.

Glen Haubl, Sierra City commented on the importance of the committee in order to attract new residents, businesses and capital into the County.

Supervisor Adams suggested exploring the reorganization of the committee when the Board can meet face to face again. Supervisor Adams also expressed the need for the two chambers of commerce, the Downieville Improvement Group, the Visitor's Bureau and potentially this committee to work together.

Supervisor Dryden concurred with Supervisor Adams comments.

Mr. Haubl continued to comment on his reason for having brought this issue to the Board so it would have a role and place in the 2020/2021 County budget.

The Director commented that he would be willing to put together material for the Board showing how the committee has progressed over the years and outlining options for the Board moving forward.

Supervisor Adams continued to recommend having this discussion when the Board can meet in person and suggested committing towards this effort the \$1,000 in county dues that RCRC has waived.

Following further discussion and by consensus, the Board directed bringing this matter back before the Board when the stay at home order is lifted and the Board can meet in person.

6.C. CONTINUED COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY UPDATE:  
Report from Sierra County Public Health, County Office of Emergency Services, County Department Managers, Forest Service Representatives, and other local agencies on recent developments relating to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and possible action/direction to staff.  
(CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The County Health Officer provided a report on recent COVID-19 testing in the County.

In response to Supervisor Adams' inquiry, Ranger Youngblood recommended a statement from the Board that clarifies the County's position with respect to short-term lodging in stage 2.

Following brief discussion, the Board moved to authorize a letter to the Tahoe National Forest Supervisor confirming the Board's concurrence with the Sierra County Health Officer with respect to compliance with the State's stay at home order and short term lodging which is not approved under stage 2.

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

The Director of Health and Social Services clarified that the County's attestation plan is clear that the opening of campgrounds is in stage 3. The Director continued to provide a report on testing and the business plans they have received.

At the request of Supervisor Roen and by consensus, the Board authorized him to work with the County Health Department and Superintendent of Schools on high school graduation plans for both sides of the County.

Discussion ensued regarding opening of county offices, continuing to keep the courthouse doors locked and doing business by appointment only, and having each office implement a policy for employee and public safety.

Chair Beard moved to eliminate all restrictions and open Sierra County.

The County Health Officer commented on the importance of the face covering order.

Motion died due to lack of a second.

In response to Supervisor Roen's inquiry, the County Health Officer clarified that minimal opening of government offices is allowed in stage 2 with modifications in place that are focused on safety and disinfection of the workplace.

Discussion ensued regarding having each office implement a plan for review by the County Health Department similar to what is required for businesses in the County.

Additional reports were given by the Director of Planning, OES Coordinator Lee Brown and the Sheriff.

Following brief discussion regarding a request from RCRC, CSAC, the California State Sheriff's Association and eight other county affiliate organizations, to weigh-in on a letter they wrote to the Governor requesting adjustments to the 1991 and 2011 realignment funding due to the impact to local agency budgets, the Board moved to authorize a letter to the Governor in regards to the 1991 and 2011 realignment funding.

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

## **7. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - LEA SALAS**

- 7.A. Resolution approving the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency's COVID-19 Emergency Homeless Funding Agreement # 20-HCFC-00064 and authorizing Lea Salas, Administrative Director of Behavioral Health, to sign the Agreement.

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The Director of Behavioral Health provided background on the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency's COVID-19 Emergency Homeless Funding for \$10,000.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution approving the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency's COVID-19 Emergency Homeless Funding Agreement # 20-HCFC-00064 and authorizing Lea Salas, Administrative Director of Behavioral Health, to sign the Agreement.

In response to Supervisor Dryden's inquiry, the Director explained the funds would be used for isolation, hotels for housing, outreach, transportation, and staffing to provide these services.

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2020-062 and **APPROVED**, Agreement 2020-047. Motion: Adams/Dryden/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

## **8. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - TIM BEALS**

- 8.A. Amendment to Sierra County Agreement 2009-044 with Sauers Engineering Services adding additional compensation for remaining construction management services for the Sierra Brooks Water System Project.

The Director of Public Works briefly explained the proposed agreement concludes any remaining services from the project engineer through the course of the project.

The Board moved to approve the amendment to Sierra County Agreement 2009-044 with Sauers Engineering Services adding additional compensation for remaining construction management services for the Sierra Brooks Water System Project.

**APPROVED**, Agreement 2020-048. Motion: Dryden/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

- 8.C. Resolution approving grant agreement with Sierra Nevada Conservancy for the Greene Acres Forest Health Planning Project.

The Director of Public Works provided background on the Greene Acres Forest Health Planning project.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution approving grant agreement with Sierra Nevada Conservancy for the Greene Acres Forest Health Planning Project.

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2020-063 and **APPROVED**, Agreement 2020-049. Motion: Huebner/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

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**9. COUNTY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

At 11:45 a.m., Chair Beard recessed the Regular Board meeting and reconvened as the County Service Area Board of Directors.

At 12:22 p.m., Chair Beard adjourned as the County Service Area Board of Directors and reconvened as the Board of Supervisors.

**CLOSED SESSION STATEMENT**

Deputy County Counsel reported out for the May 5, 2020 Board meeting.

**May 5, 2020** - 11.A. Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) - conference with legal counsel regarding the following litigation: ARP - Loyalton Cogen LLC Chapter 11 Bankruptcy - United States Bankruptcy Court Central District Case No. 8:20-bk-10535-ES.

Deputy County Counsel reported nothing occurred in closed session that required reporting out.

**10. CLOSED SESSION**

10.A. Closed session pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(a) - conference with legal counsel regarding the following litigation: Sierra County v. Loyalton Mobile Home Park, Sierra County Superior Court Case No. 7677.

The Board met in closed session from 12:33 p.m. to 12:40 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

At 12:40 p.m., with no further business, Chair Beard adjourned the meeting.

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JIM BEARD, CHAIR  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

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HEATHER FOSTER  
CLERK OF THE BOARD