



**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 January 21, 2020 at the Loyalton Social Hall, Loyalton City Park, Loyalton, 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, Vice-Chair, 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

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APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

11.E. Minutes from the regular meeting held on December 17, 2019. (CLERK-RECORDER)

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

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

11. CONSENT AGENDA

11.A. Resolution approving the Sierra County Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Up-Date to the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan 2017-2020. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2020-006

11.B. Resolution ratifying the appointment of a temporary employee to be hired at an E step. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2020-007

11.C. Resolution of appreciation to Donald S. Russell on his retirement as editor of the Mountain Messenger newspaper after 29 years. (SUPERVISOR ADAMS)

11.D. Sierra County Child Care Local Planning Council's (LPC) Certification Statement regarding composition of LPC membership. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

11.F. Minutes from the regular meeting held on January 7, 2020. (CLERK-RECORDER)

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

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2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

At 9:04 a.m. Chair Beard opened and closed the public comment opportunity with no persons addressing the Board.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Roen reported on a meeting scheduled for tomorrow with the Director of the Department of Water Resources (DWR) in Sacramento.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Director of Behavioral Health reported on an upcoming visit with Toby Ewing, Executive Director, Mental Health Services Act Oversight and Accountability Commission on January 24th; the external quality review of the Mental Health Plan which is a joint review with Placer County; and a grant opportunity through Mental Health Services Act Oversight and Accountability for a partnership between schools and behavioral health for dropout prevention, suicide prevention, placement assistance, etc.

The Sheriff reported on a mountain lion near Beckwith Street in Loyalton; utilizing COPS grant funding to fund up to 75% full-time salaries for deputies for up to three years; ongoing hiring and recruitment in the department; contract negotiations with the Nevada County Jail and training dispatchers to transport inmates as there are concerns about Sierra County's inmates being released in Nevada County; and bringing revised job descriptions to the Board in near future.

The Director of Health and Social Services reported on the Infectious Disease funding in the amount of \$102,000 over a four-year period and having to submit a letter of intent to the state by the 31st; outstanding public health claims; the number of flu cases in the county; complaints received about not having a local pharmacy; declining certain funding and program opportunities for Social Services; and an increase in both MediCal and CalFresh applications in the county.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Sierraville District Ranger Quentin Youngblood reported on various matters going on in the district.

6. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - LEA SALAS

- 6.A. Resolution authorizing receipt of one-time funding to initiate Whole Person Care Capacity.

The Director of Behavioral Health provided background on the one-time funding opportunity to initiate Whole Person Care Capacity which funds need to be accepted by

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January 31, 2020 and they are working with Incorporated Senior Citizens to write and implement the program.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution authorizing receipt of one-time funding to initiate Whole Person Care Capacity.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2020-008. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

6.B. Approval of Escrow General Provisions document with Old Republic Title Company for the purchase of the manufactured/mobile home for the wellness center.

The Director of Behavioral Health provide brief background on the item.

The Board moved to approve the escrow general provisions document with Old Republic Title Company for the purchase of the manufactured/mobile home for the wellness center.

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

6.C. Discussion/direction regarding reinstating Sierra County as a Veteran's Services Office (VSO).

The Director of Behavioral Health commented on the need for more veteran services in the County.

By consensus, the Board directed staff to bring a resolution back to the Board to reinstate Sierra County as a Veteran's Services Office (VSO).

7. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES - VICKIE CLARK

7.A. Annual update of Sierra County's Tobacco Use Reduction Program.

The Director of Health and Social Services provided an update on the County's Tobacco Use Reduction Program.

8. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - TIM BEALS

8.A. Introduction and first reading of proposed ordinance amending the Sierra Brooks Water System regulations currently in place to conform County regulations to the requirements of the new Sierra Brooks Water System Project.

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The Clerk briefly commented on minor changes to the proposed ordinance.

The Director of Public Works reviewed edits to the proposed ordinance.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the billing for the monthly water fee beginning February 1, 2020.

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

Discussion ensued regarding enforcement provisions of the water system and the collection of the fees.

10. TIMED ITEMS

10.A. 10:30 A.M. DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PROGRAM

Review and direction to staff on draft State Department of Conservation "Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program Draft 2019-2020 Guidelines" which has a deadline date for written comments of January 27, 2020.

The Director of Planning provided background on the State Department of Conservation's draft guidelines for the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program and concerns regarding the relationship between the conservation easements and the Williamson Act and Farmland Security Zone contracts.

Discussion ensued regarding directing County Counsel to meet with the Feather River Land Trust's attorney to address the concerns regarding conflicts between the conservation easements and the Williamson Act and Farmland Security Zone contracts; and requesting the Department of Conservation delay the implementation of the draft guidelines and hold a meeting to attempt to resolve these issues.

Public comments were received by Dave Goicoechea, Mike Filippini, and Dave Roberti expressing concerns with regards to the conflicts between the conservation easements and the Williamson Act and Farmland Security Zone contracts.

Supervisor Dryden recommended directing Supervisor Roen and the Director to formulate a response to the Department of Conservation by January 27th.

Public comment was received by Kristi Jamison, Feather River Land Trust, requesting the County clarify what they believe is in conflict with the conservation easements.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

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Following discussion, the Board moved to direct staff to draft and submit a response to the Department of Conservation requesting they delay the implementation of the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program Draft 2019-2020 Guidelines.

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

10.B. 11:00AM LIBRARY SERVICES AGREEMENT

Discussion/direction/possible approval of contract between Plumas and Sierra County for library services. (SUPERVISOR HUEBNER)

Supervisors Huebner provided background on the ad hoc committee meetings and the proposed contract for library services.

Comments were received by the Auditor regarding concerns with some of the buildings in the County that need review.

Following brief discussion, the Board moved to approve the contract between Plumas and Sierra County for library services.

APPROVED, Agreement 2020-003. Motion: Adams/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

9. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

9.A. Authorization for Supervisor Paul Roen to continue as Sierra County's program contact under the North Yuba Forest Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). (SUPERVISOR ROEN)

The Board moved to authorize Supervisor Paul Roen to continue as Sierra County's program contact under the North Yuba Forest Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

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

9.B. Discussion/action regarding request from State Senator Jim Nielsen for letter of support for a proposed North State Public Safety Training Center for professional training of first responders throughout Northern California. (CHAIR BEARD)

The Board moved to approve the letter of support for a proposed North State Public Safety Training Center for professional training of first responders throughout Northern California.

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

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10.C. 11:30 A.M. BIOMASS PRESENTATION

Steve Frisch-President of the Sierra Business Council: Presentation of white paper on biomass utilization in the Sierra Nevada; recap of regional activities around biomass utilization; and discussion of proposed biofuels project in Sierra County.

Steve Frisch, Sierra Business Council President presented a PowerPoint to the Board regarding forest management and biomass utilization in the Sierra Nevada. Mr. Frisch further commented on applying for a state climate research grant to do a feasibility assessment to locate a biorefinery facility somewhere along the Highway 89 corridor and requested Sierra County be identified as a collaborator in the development of this project.

Supervisor Adams recommended holding this presentation at a CSAC board meeting.

Following discussion and by consensus, the Board directed adding an item to the next agenda formally approving the Board of Supervisors as a collaborator in Sierra Business Council's application for grant funding.

8.B. Resolution of Appreciation honoring Mr. Dennis Marsh, County Road Superintendent, and recognizing his retirement from County Service effective December 5, 2019.

At the request of the Director, this item was continued to the next meeting.

12. CORRESPONDENCE LOG

12.A. Application for Alcoholic Beverage License submitted by James Edward Roos for the St. Charles Place.

No action taken.

ADJOURN

At 12:53 p.m., with no further business, Chair Beard adjourned the meeting.

JIM BEARD, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD