



**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 February 18, 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](http://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  
Mike Fisher, Sheriff/Coroner  
Ann Mendez, Court Executive Officer

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## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

At the request of the Clerk, Item 12.H. was pulled from the Consent Agenda.

12.H. Minutes from the regular meeting held on January 21, 2020. (CLERK-RECORDER)

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

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

## **12. CONSENT AGENDA**

12.A. Resolution rescinding Resolution 2019-048 and authorizing amended expenditures under the Fiscal Year 2017 State Homeland Security Grant Program. (OES)

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2020-025

12.B. Resolution rescinding Resolution 2019-046 and authorizing amended expenditures under the Fiscal Year 2018 State Homeland Security Grant Program. (OES)

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2020-026

12.C. Resolution authorizing expenditures under the Fiscal Year 2019 State Homeland Security Grant Program. (OES)

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2020-027

12.D. Advance approval of expenditure in the amount of \$8,600.00 to Light Foot Truck Repair, Inc. for clutch and transmission replacement, and related parts and labor for Road Department vehicle #282, a Peterbilt water truck. (PUBLIC WORKS)

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2020-028

12.E. Resolution approving plans, specifications and bidding documents and authorizing solicitations of bids for the construction of the foundation for the Sierra County Wellness Center. (PUBLIC WORKS)

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2020-029

12.F. Annual renewal of probation's pretrial electronic monitoring per 1203.018 PC and post sentence electronic monitoring program per 1203.016 PC. (PROBATION)

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

## **APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

At the request of the Director of Transportation, Regular Agenda Item 7.C. was pulled from the agenda.

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda as amended.

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

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

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

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

### **3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Adams reported on AB 2316 regarding dual use roads and looking to include some of Sierra County's roads in the pilot project which would provide for some economic benefit to the County. Supervisor Adams also reminded the Board that he will be in Washington D.C. for RCRC during the next Board meeting.

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

The Director of Health and Social Services reported on needing to amend the County's CUPA contract with Plumas County to address underground tank work at the gas stations on the west side of the County; the reasons why the County needs to do its own resource family homes; information distributed by Kathryn Hill regarding the coronavirus; and the ICW unit being recognized for 100% timeliness for processing CalFresh and Medicaid applications.

In response to Supervisor Huebner's inquiry regarding the status of the Sierra City gas station, the Director commented that the owner is moving forward to fix the tank and is waiting on her contractor.

The Director of Behavioral Health reported on Toby Ewing, Executive Director, Mental Health Services Act Oversight and Accountability Commission has postponed his trip to March 20<sup>th</sup>; the external quality review of the mental health plan with Placer County; a new health assistant in the front office; the draft plan for No Place Like Home

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has been completed by Housing Tools and will be coming before the Board in the near future; and the mobile health van visit to Alleghany.

## **5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE**

Sierraville District Ranger Quentin Youngblood provided an update on the Antelope Fire which was ignited by a private owner doing brush burning and burned approximately 102 acres. Ranger Youngblood continued to provide an update on the status of a number of projects going on in the district.

Yuba River District Ranger Lon Henderson provided an update on the North Yuba Forest Partnership's project under the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP) which was selected to move forward to the Washington office; the proposed Aspin Restoration project; and the Alaska Peak timber sale.

Brief discussion ensued.

## **6. PERSONNEL DIRECTOR - Margaret Long**

6.A. Approval of job description for the position of Chief Probation Officer.

The Court Executive Officer commented on the proposed job description and the recruitment for the Juvenile Justice Commission.

The Board moved to approve the job description for the position of Chief Probation Officer.

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

Supervisor Adams expressed his support of limited use of a head hunter for the recruitment of the Chief Probation Officer position, but he is not in support of using the full \$17,000.

## **7. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - Tim Beals**

7.A. Professional Services Agreement with Flaherty Engineering Inc. for construction management services related to the storm damage repair projects on Mountain House Road and Ridge Road.

Following a brief overview of agreement by the Director of Transportation, the Board moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Flaherty Engineering Inc. for construction management services related to the storm damage repair projects on Mountain House Road and Ridge Road.

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2020-015. Motion: Dryden/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

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- 7.B. Discussion and direction to staff regarding the issue of seasonal road closures for certain county highways due to rescue calls and also significant road damage that occurs because of the increasing volume of traffic.

The Director of Transportation provided background on the request for an ordinance giving discretion to the Director of Transportation to seasonally close roads, specifically Gold Lake Road and Henness Pass Road from Verdi to Long Valley and from Kyburz to Smithneck, in order to eliminate damage to the roads, public safety issues, and the drain on county resources.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

Public comment was received by Mr. Don Yegge in regards to Garmin updating their maps following his request.

The Director commented that both Google and MapQuest have been nonresponsive to the County's request to update their maps and remove these roads.

Following discussion and by consensus, the Board directed staff to move forward with drafting an ordinance.

## **8. PLANNING / BUILDING - Tim Beals**

- 8.A. Agreement for Professional Services between DUDEK and the County of Sierra for additional Environmental Consulting Services for the Sierra Hot Springs Masterplan Project.

The Director of Planning provided background on the item which is an amendment to the existing agreement which increases the term of the agreement, the scope of work, and price in order to move forward with an Environmental Impact Report.

Discussion ensued with the Board regarding the project.

In response to Supervisor Dryden's inquiry, the Director clarified that the project applicant is required to fund the contract through a deposit so there is no cost to the County.

The Board moved to approve the agreement for professional services between DUDEK and the County of Sierra for additional Environmental Consulting Services for the Sierra Hot Springs Masterplan Project.

**APPROVED**, Agreement 2020-016. Motion: Roen/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

## **11. TIMED ITEMS**

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**11.A. 10:00 A.M. SIERRA COUNTY SCHOOLS FOR ADULTS**

Presentation by Wendy Jackson, Sierra County Schools for Adults on starting a Fire Basics Academy in Sierra County.

School Superintendent James Berardi provided background on the adult education program.

Ms. Wendy Jackson commented on Cal Fire not having the resources to support a full blown fire academy in Sierra County, however they are able to support the County with respect to providing a variety of trainings to the local fire departments in order to remain in compliance. Ms. Jackson continued to comment on the ESL (English Secondary Language) program that they have extended into Alleghany and additional career technical education opportunities.

**10.D. Discussion/direction regarding the proposed contract with Plumas County for Library Services. (SUPERVISOR HUEBNER)**

Supervisor Huebner commented on the proposed contract.

The Auditor commented on being in agreement with Plumas County on everything in the contract with the exception of who is going to be responsible for payroll and the employees.

In response to Supervisor Roen's inquiry, the Auditor clarified that Plumas County had been paying and overseeing the library employees up to this point.

Considerable discussion ensued regarding the County not having the resources to train and manage the library employees; having the Superintendent of Schools take on the oversight of the library employees; and adding language to the contract to have Sierra County take on the library employees but still have Plumas County manage/supervise the employees.

Following discussion and by consensus, the Board directed the Ad Hoc Committee to communicate with Plumas County's CAO and Board of Supervisors in order to come to an agreement.

**11.B. 10:30 A.M. ALLIANCE FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Mid-year update by the Alliance for Workforce Development, Inc. on business and job seeker services in Sierra County for program year 2019/2020.

Ms. Valerie Bourque, Business Services Representative, provided an update on their activities from July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

## 9. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (OES) -Tim Beals

- 9.A. Authorize issuance of Notice of Termination of the existing "Code Red" services agreement 2011-011 for emergency notifications as part of the transfer of the E-9-1-1 software upgrade to Everbridge.

The Director of OES provided background on the Sheriff's Office currently updating the E-9-1-1 system which includes a software package with Everbridge that can provide the emergency notification services at a lessor cost. The Director further suggested sending the notice of termination to Code Red and retain Everbridge to bridge the gap between now and when the new E-9-1-1 system is functional.

The Sheriff commented on the new E-9-1-1 system which includes Everbridge's emergency notification service over the 10-year contract.

Following brief discussion, the Board moved to authorize the issuance of the Notice of Termination of the existing "Code Red" services agreement 2011-011 for emergency notifications as part of the transfer of the E-9-1-1 software upgrade to Everbridge.

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

## 10. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 10.A. Discussion/approval of letter in response to Congressman Doug LaMalfa's request for input on possible legislation that would help improve availability of allotments to the livestock industry. (SUPERVISOR ROEN)

Supervisor Roen provided background on the proposed legislation (H.R. 5737) and commented on the Antelope fire which proves that grazing is a benefit and the need to have grazing expanded.

The Board moved to approve the letter in opposition to H.R. 5737 as amended to also send copies to United States Senators Feinstein and Harris.

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

- 10.B. Discussion/direction regarding letter from CAL FIRE Unit Chief Brian Estes, Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit, in response to Sierra County's concerns regarding the analysis of State and Local Responsibility Areas (SRA/LRA) within the Sierra Valley. (SUPERVISOR ROEN)

Supervisor Roen indicated this letter is in response to the meeting they held with the Cal Fire Unit Chief at the direction of the Board. Supervisor Roen added that he will continue to hold conversations with Cal Fire regarding the County's concerns regarding the analysis of State and Local Responsibility Areas (SRA/LRA) within the Sierra Valley.

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10.C. Discussion/direction regarding the Tree Removal Information State Regulations provided by CAL FIRE, Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit. (SUPERVISOR ROEN)

Supervisor Roen commented that following the last meeting with Cal Fire, they committed to continuing this conversation in order to try to find an avenue to eliminate some of these restrictions.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

No action taken.

**ADJOURN**

At 11:13 a.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