



**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 20, 2018 in 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 Adams

ROLL CALL

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

Staff: Heather Foster, County Clerk-Recorder
Joe Larmour, 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
Tim Standley, Sheriff/Coroner

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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The board moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA

9.A. Resolution approving the Sierra County Children's Medical Services (CMS) Plan for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2018-018

APPROVED, Agreement 2018-010

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

The board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

At 9:02 a.m. Chair Schlefstein opened the public comment opportunity.

Mr. Don Yegge, Sierra Brooks questioned the status of the Loyalton Mobile Home Park and what the county's involvement is.

County Counsel briefly responded that the Loyalton Mobile Home Park is under the jurisdiction of the court and the county has no control over it.

At 9:04 a.m. Chair Schlefstein closed the public comment opportunity with no further persons addressing the board.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Schlefstein suggested the Marijuana Ad Hoc Committee meet following the Board of Supervisors meeting to be held on March 6, 2018.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Director of Behavioral Health reported on a meeting with the Director of Planning and an architect for the Health and Human Services buildings and the state having agreed to roll the capital and technology funding into the reversion hold, so they now have until 2020 to expend these funds for these projects. The Director also reported

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on the recruitment for a new Veterans Peer Support Specialist and looking to make this a contract position versus extra-help, and having attended a public guardian and public administrator training as the county is required by law to have a certified individual who meets the requirements for public guardian, public administrator and public conservator.

The Sheriff provided an update on the hiring process of two individuals for the department.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Sierraville District Ranger Quentin Youngblood reported on a number of Forest Service activities going on in the county.

6. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - Tim Beals

- 6.A. Discussion and approval of letter to legislative representatives regarding cash flow issues that are resulting from the flood damage repairs and the funding parameters/availability of Federal Highway Administration Emergency Relief (ER) funding.

The Director of Public Works reviewed the potential cash flow impacts on the county. The Director added that a letter has not been drafted yet as they do not have a complete report from the Federal Highway Administration.

The Auditor commented that as of last week the road fund was \$1.2 million in the red and expressed concerns should the county not receive at least \$1 million by May.

Considerable discussion ensued with the board and staff.

Following discussion, the board moved to authorize a letter to be signed by the chair, to the County's legislative representatives regarding cash flow issues that are resulting from the flood damage repairs and the funding parameters/availability of Federal Highway Administration Emergency Relief (ER) funding.

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

- 6.B. Resolution authorizing application to USDA for supplemental funding to cover costs increases for the Sierra Brooks Water System Project.

At the request of the board, this item was tabled to later in the meeting in order to review the background information distributed by the Director of Public Works.

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7. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 7.A. Discussion/direction on the Finance Committee's recommendations from the meeting held on January 30, 2018 and adoption of resolution authorizing Auditor to make certain changes to the 2017-2018 Final County Budget. (FINANCE COMMITTEE)

Supervisor Adams reported on the last Finance Committee meeting and the committee's recommendation to implement the salary steps and promotions withheld from the 2017-2018 budget. Supervisor Adams also reviewed the Finance Committee's recommendation not to reclassify the Correctional Sergeant position based on County Counsel's recommendation that the employee is not working out of class and concerns over reclassifications becoming an issue with other employees.

Discussion ensued with the board.

Following discussion, the board moved to adopt the resolution authorizing the Auditor to make certain changes to the 2017-2018 Final County Budget with the attached list of promotions as presented and effective February 25, 2018.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2018-019. Motion: Adams/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED

Supervisor Huebner presented certificates of recognition to Megan Andaluz and Brian Attama, graduates of the Advanced EMT class.

8. TIMED ITEMS

8.A. 10:00AM SIERRA VALLEY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Presentation by the Sierra Valley Hospital District regarding the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) process and annexation with Eastern Plumas Hospital Care and discussion regarding the transfer of property taxes. (SUPERVISOR ROEN)

Supervisor Roen briefly introduced the item.

Mr. William Copren, Sierra Valley Hospital District (SVHD) Director requested the county set up a property tax negotiation for the annexation process. Mr. Copren continued to provide considerable background on the history of the Sierra Valley Hospital District and Eastern Plumas Health Care (EPHC) having taken over the facilities as the district was unable to provide the services. Mr. Copren continued to explain the SVHD still exists and has to pay for substantial audits and insurance for virtually nothing, so the intent is to have the EPHC annex the SVHD with the exception of the area located in western Sierra County. Mr. Copren added that Plumas County LAFCo will do the annexation process and would transfer 100% of the property tax to the EPHC with the

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exception of the funding that goes to the existing bond. This would benefit the county as it would return to the county certain parcels located on the western side of the county.

Following further review of the annexation process, Mr. Copren requested the county create committee to discuss the property tax negotiations to determine if the board agrees to the annexation.

Discussion ensued with the board

Chair Schlefstein appointed Supervisors Adams and Roen to an ad hoc committee to review the Sierra Valley Hospital District annexation process.

Considerable discussion ensued regarding the county taking over the SVHD's bonded indebtedness which will require discussions between County Counsel and the bond attorney's.

Following discussion Deputy County Counsel suggested waiting to take action on anything today as it is premature, rather wait for the ad hoc committee to meet and come back to the board with a recommendation on how to handle the debt.

Supervisor Adams suggested adding the Sierra Valley Hospital District's bonded indebtedness issue to the next agenda in order to make a recommendation.

PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED

Supervisor Adams presented a certificate of recognition to John Evans, a graduate of the Advanced EMT class.

8.B. 10:15AM SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO 1

Discussion/direction regarding property tax negotiations with respect to the Sierra County Fire Protection District No. 1's potential annexation of certain areas located on the eastern side of the county. (SUPERVISOR HUEBNER)

Supervisor Huebner briefly introduced the item.

Mr. William Copren, Sierra County Fire Protection District No. 1 (SCFPD1) Director, indicated the SCFPD1 is in the process of attempting annexation of 25% of the land base north eastern of Sierra County and all eastern Sierra County that is not currently located in a fire district and provide fire protection through contracts between the SCFPD1 and the City of Loyalton Fire Department and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District. Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District would provide fire protection to Long Valley and Verdi and the City of Loyalton Fire Department would provide fire protection to areas outside of the City of Loyalton. The tax would come to the SCFPD1 and then passed onto the City of Loyalton and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District to provide fire protection.

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Mr. Copren further requested the board create a committee to discuss the property tax negotiations as there is no point in going forward unless the county agrees with the property taxes.

Considerable discussion ensued regarding the property tax negotiation process; the need to have an application filed with LAFCo prior to starting negotiations; and the LAFCo process.

Deputy County Counsel recommended waiting for the LAFCo process before starting negotiations.

The board urged the LAFCo Director to facilitate a meeting with Mr. Copren.

7.B. Discussion/direction regarding the Sierra Club's advertising campaign to protect air and forests from waste industry incinerators. (SUPERVISOR ROEN)

Supervisor Roen commented that he wanted to bring this matter to the board's attention.

Supervisor Adams indicated he would bring this issue to RCRC and expressed his support should the board want to consider an action opposing this.

Brief discussion ensued with the board.

7.C. Joint Powers Agreement between the Counties of Plumas and Sierra, establishing the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District. (SUPERVISOR ROEN)

Supervisor Roen briefly explained the current JPA needed updating and was going to expire in 2019.

The board moved to approve the Joint Powers Agreement between the Counties of Plumas and Sierra, establishing the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District.

APPROVED, Agreement 2018-011. Motion: Roen/Adams/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

6.B. Resolution authorizing application to USDA for supplemental funding to cover costs increases for the Sierra Brooks Water System Project.

The board moved to adopt the resolution authorizing an application to USDA for supplemental funding to cover costs increases for the Sierra Brooks Water System Project.

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ADOPTED, Resolution 2018-020. Motion: Roen/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote:
5/0

ADJOURN

At 10:53 a.m., with no further business, Chair Schlefstein adjourned the meeting.

SCOTT A. SCHLEFSTEIN, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD