



**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 March 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
David Prentice, 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

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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

13. CONSENT AGENDA

13.A. Authorization to fill a vacant position in the Treasurer Tax-Collector's Office. (TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR)

13.B. Amendment to Sierra County Agreement 2017-053 with Avalex, Inc. to reflect increased scope of services to include additional work tasks and increase compensation accordingly for the Alleghany Maintenance Facility Leaking Underground Fuel Tank Site. (PUBLIC WORKS)

APPROVED, Agreement 2018-018

13.C. Resolution authorizing solicitation of informal quotes for purchase and installation of a new vault restroom at the Bassett's Station Off Highway Vehicles (OHV) area. (PUBLIC WORKS)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2018-025

13.D. Authorize payment of invoice to Intermountain Disposal for tipping fees for waste that has been diverted to Delleker Transfer Station. (PUBLIC WORKS)

13.E. Resolution of appreciation to Wayne Babros for decades of community service. (SUPERVISOR ADAMS)

13.F. Minutes from the regular meeting held on February 20, 2018. (CLERK-RECORDER)

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

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3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Beard reported the Board of Supervisors' Health and Social Services Committee is scheduled to meet following today's Board meeting at the Health Department.

The Clerk commented that an agenda for the Health and Social Services Committee meeting was not posted, therefore the meeting could not be held.

Supervisor Roen reported on the Sierra Nevada Conservancy meeting held last week and the county projects that received funding.

Supervisor Adams reported that RCRC will meet tomorrow with Senator Feinstein's staff.

Chair Schlefstein reported that the Transportation Commission will meet tomorrow in Sierraville, the Lassen Plumas Sierra Community Action Agency will meet on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at the Quincy Library, and the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council will meet Monday, March 26th in Downieville.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Director of Health and Social Services reported on a new ICW (Integrated Case Worker) starting last week and they are in the process of filling the Community Outreach Coordinator position. The Director also reported on the Tobacco Plan.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

No one present from the Forest Service.

6. AUDITOR / TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR - Van Maddox

6.A. Discussion/direction regarding Sierra County's loan of gold collection displayed at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles.

The Auditor provided background on the loan of the gold collection to the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles and the board previously giving the County Treasurer the authority to sign the agreement. The Auditor added that he wanted to give the board the opportunity to make sure this is what they are still interested in and this is only a one year extension of the agreement.

Comments were received by Supervisor Adams and the Auditor with respect to bringing the gold collection closer to the county.

Ms. Monica Funk, Loyaltan suggested having the gold displayed similar to the Alleghany gold piece called the "Whopper".

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Following brief discussion and by consensus, the board authorized the Auditor to sign the agreement and directed staff to look into bringing the gold collection closer to the county including the Nevada State Museum.

7. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES - Vickie Clark

- 7.A. Discussion on the status of the Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) Local Area Management Program (LAMP) draft.

The Director of Health and Social Services provided background on the Local Area Management Program (LAMP) which provides a waiver of the Tier 1 requirements. The first draft has been submitted to the state and the state will have their edits and recommendations on the plan to the county by mid to late April. The Director added that there will be an 82 day period where the county won't be able to do the Tier 2 approvals for any septic systems due to the final LAMP not going before the State Board until August, so they are contacting anyone with a pending permit that they will be held to the Tier 1 requirements after May 13th.

In response to Chair Schlefstein's inquiry, the Director clarified that the county's LAMP is Tier 2 and less stringent than Tier 1.

8. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - Tim Beals

- 8.A. Authorization of letter to Yuba County Water Agency requesting participation in the funding of the implementation of the "Yuba Project" on the Yuba River Ranger District in Sierra and Yuba Counties.

The Director of Public Works provided background on the Yuba Project and reasons the Yuba County Water Agency should support some of the implementation phases of this project. The Director added that this would also provide an opportunity for the Forest Service to leverage other funding and grant opportunities for this project.

The board moved to authorize a letter, to be signed by the chair, to the Yuba County Water Agency requesting participation in the funding of the implementation of the "Yuba Project" on the Yuba River Ranger District in Sierra and Yuba Counties to be signed by the chair.

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

- 8.B. Update on status and plans for the closure of the Loyalton Landfill.

The Director of Public Works provided a report on the closure of the Loyalton Landfill including finalizing the agreements with Intermountain Disposal, having received approval from CalRecycle to advance funding in phases out of the county's closure fund, working towards hiring equipment for the project, and requesting the state to

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consider a reduction in the number of passive vents at the landfill which is not covered in the closure/post closure budget and required subsequent to the approval of the county's closure plan.

Discussion ensued with the board regarding the requirements of prevailing wages when hiring equipment and operators for this project.

- 8.C. Resolution authorizing purchase and installation of a waste compactor unit at the Loyalton Transfer Station.

The Director of Public Works provided background on the item and explained that the waste compactor is a more efficient way to handle the waste and should lessen the amount of trips to Delleker or Lockwood.

The board moved to adopt the resolution authorizing purchase and installation of a waste compactor unit at the Loyalton Transfer Station.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2018-026. Motion: Adams/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

- 8.D. Amendment to Sierra County Agreement 97-068 with Bastian Engineering to add scope of services for survey and pertinent work related to the Sierra County Landfill Closure Project.

The Director of Public Works briefly explained the amendment to the agreement extends the contract so the County Engineer can work on the landfill closure project and there is no general fund liability.

The board moved to approve the amendment to Sierra County Agreement 97-068 with Bastian Engineering to add scope of services for survey and pertinent work related to the Sierra County Landfill Closure Project.

APPROVED, Agreement 2018-019. Motion: Roen/Beard/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

- 8.E. Request for meeting of the Board standing committee on personnel to review policies in the County code on promotions, to discuss the County drug testing policy, and to review the proposed road department organization structure.

Deputy County Counsel recommended holding off on referring these issues to committee as Margaret Long is stepping in as the personnel director for the county and a lot of these policies and procedures are being reviewed for updating in the near future.

In response to board inquiry, Deputy County Counsel clarified that Ms. Long is reviewing all county department personnel policies and procedures.

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Comments were received by the Auditor and the Director of Public Works.

Following discussion and by consensus, the board directed the Personnel Standing Committee and the Personnel Director Margaret Long to meet to review policies in the county code on promotions, to discuss the County drug testing policy, and to review the proposed road department organization structure.

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

9.A. Resolution rescinding Resolution 2018-015 and adopting replacement resolution to reflect an amended expenditure for the Fiscal Year 2016 Homeland Security Grant.

The board moved to adopt the resolution rescinding Resolution 2018-015 and adopting replacement resolution to reflect an amended expenditure for the Fiscal Year 2016 Homeland Security Grant.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2018-027. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

10. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

10.A. Discussion and approval of letter to AT&T, California Public Utilities Commission, and legislative representatives expressing concern over AT&T policies with regard to provision of internet services to Sierra City and outlying regions. (SUPERVISOR HUEBNER)

Supervisor Huebner provided background on a local business owner in Sierra City who is unable to get AT&T to reconnect the internet and without the internet he cannot conduct business. Supervisor Huebner continued to express concerns with not having AT&T service on the west side of the county and the impacts it is having on the community and businesses.

Supervisor Adams provided an update on the broadband taskforce and Sierra County remaining the highest unserved and underserved broadband county in the state. Supervisor Adams also commented that Alice Perez with AT&T has suggested counties apply for First Net which is an OES based platform which would bring a backbone for broadband into needed communities for emergency services and any leftover bandwidth could be used by other users. The California Emergency and Technology folks have also suggested going directly to the CPUC and making the county's complaints known.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

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Mr. Bryan Davey, Assistant Engineer provided background on the First Net OES platform and the county OES department working to bring this into the county.

The Director of Public Works expressed concerns with the broadband problem becoming an economic issue in the county.

The board moved to authorize a letter, to be signed by the chair, to AT&T, California Public Utilities Commission, and legislative representatives expressing concern over AT&T policies with regard to provision of internet services to Sierra City and outlying regions.

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

11. TIMED ITEMS

11.A. 10:00 A.M. ALLIANCE FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, INC

Presentation by Terri Hiser-Haynes, Alliance for Workforce Development, Inc. regarding business and job seeker services provided to Sierra County.

Ms. Terri Hiser-Haynes provided an overview of the services the Alliance for Workforce Development, Inc. offers at their location in Sierraville.

Board questioning ensued.

10.B. Second reading and adoption of an ordinance repealing Sections 5.50.10, 5.50.012, 5.50.013, 5.50.014 and 5.50.015 of Chapter 5.50 of the Sierra County Code and replacing Section 5.50.010 pertaining to Departmental Fees and Master Fee Schedule. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The board moved to waive the second reading and adopt the ordinance repealing Sections 5.50.10, 5.50.012, 5.50.013, 5.50.014 and 5.50.015 of Chapter 5.50 of the Sierra County Code and replacing Section 5.50.010 pertaining to Departmental Fees and Master Fee Schedule.

ADOPTED, Ordinance No. 1082. Motion: Roen/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

10.C. Appointment to the Cemetery District #2. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The board moved to appoint Cheryl Durrett to the Cemetery District #2.

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

10.D. Appointments to the Sierra County (Calpine) Waterworks District #1. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

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The board moved to appoint James Murphy and Tim Butler to the Sierra County (Calpine) Waterworks District #1.

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

12. CLOSED SESSION

12.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 10:40 a.m. to 10:52 a.m. Deputy County Counsel reported that information was given to the Board.

CLERK NOTE: Supervisor Roen stepped down from the Board of Supervisors at 10:37 a.m. during the discussion under Item 12.A.

14. CORRESPONDENCE LOG

14.A. Letter from William Dunkelberger, Humboldt-Toiyabe Forest Supervisor regarding the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Carson Ranger District Draft Record of Decision (ROD) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Bordertown to California 120 k V Transmission Line Project.

No action taken.

ADJOURN

At 10:52 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