



**STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SIERRA  
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MINUTES  
SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

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The Sierra County Board of Supervisors met in special session commencing at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 via teleconference. 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, 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  
Jeff Bosworth, Chief Probation Officer  
Jeremy Miller, Chief Technology Officer  
Ann Mendez, Court Executive Officer

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## **APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

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

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

At 1:38 p.m. Chair Beard opened and closed the public comment opportunity with no persons addressing the Board.

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

3.A. Approval of Sierra County Emergency Short-Term Telecommuting Agreement form.

Deputy County Counsel briefly commented on the proposed agreement.

In response to Supervisor Dryden's concerns with respect to allowing access to employee's residences, the Auditor explained the County has a responsibility under workers' compensation to inspect and ensure the area is not unsafe.

Deputy County Counsel clarified that if an employee doesn't want someone to assess the security and safety of their telecommuting location then they are not going to be able to telecommute.

Discussion ensued with the Board and staff with respect to the proposed agreement.

Following discussion, the Board moved to approve the Sierra County Emergency Short-Term Telecommuting Agreement form.

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

### **4. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

The Director of Health and Social Services provided an update on COVID-19 activities in the County and the department's readiness to address a positive case of COVID-19.

Board questioning ensued.

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The Sheriff provide an update on law enforcement operations.

School Superintendent James Berardi commented on receiving notice from State Superintendent that all schools will be closed through the school year. Superintendent Berardi continued to provide an update on the status of the schools and working on distance learning programs.

The Director of Public Works commented on stopping the snow grooming programs on the east and west side of the County and the continued access to the trailheads at Little Truckee Summit, Yuba Pass and Bassets.

In response to the Director's inquiry, Sierraville District Ranger Quinten Youngblood clarified that the restrooms at Little Truckee Summit and Yuba Pass are closed and there are portable restrooms available for public use.

The Director commented that the restroom at Bassetts is currently locked and requested direction on whether to unlock the restroom or install a portable restroom.

Discussion ensued regarding continuing to allow access to trailheads; keeping campgrounds closed until the state is on a path to recovery; concerns with the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) and reaching out the postal service in Reno to request refusal of delivery of PCT hiker's packages to the Sierra City Post Office; and what the Foret Service's plans/priorities are with respect to the upcoming fire season on the east and west side of the County.

The Director of Public Works continued to provide an update on the closure of county buildings and facilities; the Sierra Brooks Water System project; the Solid Waste transfer stations; and transit services on east and west side of the County.

Additional reports were given by the Director of Public Works/Planning, Clerk-Recorder, Auditor/Treasurer/Tax Collector, Assessor, Chief Technology Officer, Chief Probation Officer, Director of Behavioral Health, Director of Health and Social Services Laura, and the Court Executive Officer on County office operations.

## **ADJOURN**

At 3:19 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