



**STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SIERRA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
REGULAR TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

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The Sierra County Board of Supervisors met in regular session commencing at 9:00 a.m. on April 21, 2020 via teleconference. This meeting was recorded for posting on the Board of Supervisors' website at www.sierracounty.ca.gov.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Supervisor Roen

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
Celia Sutton-Pado, County Health Officer
Mike Fisher, Sheriff-Coroner

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APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

11. CONSENT AGENDA

11.A. Approval of an invoice by Sierra County Fire Protection District No. 1 for Title III funds for services rendered on Federal land. (AUDITOR)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2020-048

11.B. Agreement for Indemnification and Reimbursement for Extraordinary Costs for Linda Sanford, applicant and landowner. Consideration of a Certificate of Compliance, Assessor's Parcel Number 013-070-011 located at T20N, R14E, S9, near Sattley. (PLANNING)

APPROVED, Agreement 2020-028

11.C. Resolution certifying County roads contained in maintained mileage system for submittal to the State of California. (PUBLIC WORKS)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2020-049

11.D. Resolution approving the California Department of Public Health Infectious Disease Prevention and Control Local - Infrastructure Grant Agreement Number 19-10854 and authorizing Vickie Clark, Director to sign the agreement. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2020-050

APPROVED, Agreement 2020-029

11.E. Amendment to Professional Services Agreement 2019-005 between The Regents of the University of California on behalf of its Davis campus, UC Davis Continuing and Professional Education and the County of Sierra. (SOCIAL SERVICES)

APPROVED, Agreement 2020-030

11.F. Resolution of Appreciation to Chief Probation Officer Jeff Bosworth. (SUPERVISOR ADAMS).

11.G. Authorization to advertise and fill the vacant position in the Clerk-Recorder's office at the level of Chief Deputy Clerk-Recorder, A through E Step. (CLERK-RECORDER)

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11.H. Minutes from the regular meeting held on March 17, 2020. (CLERK-RECORDER)

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

At 9:06 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 a conference call with the Chair, OES Director, Sheriff, County Health Officer and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Director of Behavioral Health reported on the foundation work for the Wellness Center beginning mid-May and the substance abuse block grant.

The Director of Health and Social Services reported on the second installment of COVID-19 funding received; Social Service workers are now fitted out with PPE; the first virtual state audit starting next week; an increase in Cal Fresh for the months of March and April; and the recent resignation of the Social Services Health Assistant.

Personnel Analyst Judi Behlke reported on the number of vacant positions and recruitment efforts in the County.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

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

The Director of Planning informed District Rangers Youngblood and Henderson that he would be sending them the original nomination papers for the Highway 49/89/20 Scenic Byway program and requesting support of the districts to revive the program. The Director also requested a future meeting with Yuba River District Ranger Henderson to discuss the Greene Acres planning grant funded by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.

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6. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES - VICKIE CLARK

- 6.A. Approval of a Financial Officer - Behavioral Health, Health and Social Services position to replace the vacant position of Interdepartmental Fiscal Officer and authorization to recruit and hire said position.

The Director of Health and Social Services provided background on the Financial Officer position, which came about from the Auditor's concerns with hiring at the 35 level. The Director also commented on having received confirmation from CDSS to perform a full fiscal review of Social Services.

Supervisor Adams commented on the Finance Committee's unanimous recommendation to hire a Financial Officer position in order to protect the general fund from being subject to disallowances from the state.

The Board moved to approve a Financial Officer – Behavioral Health, Health and Social Services position to replace the vacant position of Interdepartmental Fiscal officer and authorized recruiting and hiring said position.

Supervisor Huebner expressed concerns with the salary and the public's perception of growth in personnel in the County.

The Auditor clarified this is not a new position, rather this is hiring at a different level. The Auditor further expressed the need to hire someone with the proper background in account and finance.

Supervisor Adams indicated that he shares Supervisor Huebner's concerns with respect to growing numbers in Health and Human Services, but also agrees with the Auditor with respect to the importance of this position.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

APPROVED. Motion: Adams/Roen/Majority Roll Call Vote: 3/2 (Supervisors Huebner and Beard NO)

7. AUDITOR / TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR - VAN MADDOX

- 7.A. Discussion/direction to staff regarding request from Sierra County Fire Protection District No. 1 for reimbursement of funds paid to Truckee Meadow Fire Protection District.

The Auditor provided background on the District's request for reimbursement of \$13,000 paid to the Truckee Meadow Fire Protection District, which funds will eventually come from the property owners in Verdi and Long Valley once the County Service Area zone has been formed.

The Director of Public Works commented on the \$13,000 request, which represents the balance and commitment made by the property tax agreement from the Sierra County Fire Protection District's annexation of Verdi and Long Valley. The balance

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was to be backfilled by the fee created through the formation of a county service area zone and assessed to the properties in Verdi and Long Valley for future services. The county service area zone and assessment have not been created as proposed, so the County needs to provide a short-term loan to the District to cover their costs and then immediately move forward with the creation of the zone and assessment.

Discussion ensued regarding which fund to pay the \$13,000 out of.

Comments were received by Bill Copren on behalf of the Sierra County Fire Protection District No. 1.

Following discussion and by consensus, the Board directed staff to bringing this matter back to the May 5, 2020 Board meeting.

7.B. Resolution approving amendment of CSAC Excess Insurance Authority Joint Powers Agreement.

The Auditor and Deputy County Counsel provided background on the proposed amendment to agreement.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution approving amendment of CSAC Excess Insurance Authority Joint Powers Agreement.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2020-051 and **APPROVED**, Agreement 2020-031. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

8. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - TIM BEALS

8.A. Agreement with Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) for continued use of Plum Valley County Park.

The Board moved to approve the agreement with Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) for continued use of Plum Valley County Park.

APPROVED, Agreement 2020-032. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

8.B. Agreement with Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) for temporary storage of brush on property at Our House Dam-Pliocene Ridge area.

The Board moved to approve the agreement with Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) for temporary storage of brush on property at Our House Dam-Pliocene Ridge area.

APPROVED, Agreement 2020-033. Motion: Huebner/Adams/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

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9. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 9.A. CONTINUED COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY UPDATE: Report from Sierra County Public Health, County Office of Emergency Services, County Department Managers, Forest Service Representatives, and other local agencies on recent developments relating to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and possible action/direction to staff.

The County Health Officer provided an update on the surveillance of COVID activity in Sierra County and surrounding counties, and the upcoming public health order pertaining to face coverings

Considerable discussion ensued regarding the requirements for wearing face coverings when adequate distancing cannot be maintained.

The Director of Public Works commented on the west side communities concerns regarding the number of outside visitors; the National Forest recreation sites remaining closed with the exception of the trailheads; making a formal request to the Region 5 Forest Supervisor and the PCTA to make it clear that the PCT is closed; the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's request regarding the County's position on the opening of the regular fishing season; and the need for Board direction on the closure of public facilities, parking lots and removal of park benches.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

The Sheriff suggested limiting parking and access to parks in Downieville, and if the Board decides to reduce or delay the opening of fishing season in the County, to do a narrow surgical approach and close only the areas near the communities.

The Board moved to direct the Director of Public Works to close all County owned properties and parks, and to reduce parking in Downieville and Sierra City, and direct the Health Department to request the Pizza Parlor in Downieville to only serve patrons in their vehicles on the weekends.

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

Supervisor Adams commented on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's request for more specific information on the Board's letter requesting postponement of the regular fishing season.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

Following discussion, the Board moved to revise the letter to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife recommending postponement of the regular fishing season on the North Yuba River north of Goodyears Bar to its point of origin at the Yuba Pass and the entire length of the Downie River until further notice.

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

CLOSED SESSION STATEMENT

Deputy County Counsel reported out for the March 20, 2020 and April 7, 2020 Board meetings.

March 20, 2020 - 5.A. Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) - conference with counsel regarding the following litigation: ARP - Loylton Cogen LLC Chapter 11 Bankruptcy - United States Bankruptcy Court Central District Case No. 8:20-bk-10535-ES.

Deputy County Counsel reported that direction was given to staff.

April 7, 2020 - 13.A. Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) - conference with legal counsel regarding the following litigation: ARP - Loylton Cogen LLC Chapter 11 Bankruptcy - United States Bankruptcy Court Central District Case No. 8:20-bk-10535-ES.

Deputy County Counsel reported that no action was taken that was required to report out.

10. CLOSED SESSION

10.A. Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) - conference with legal counsel regarding the following litigation: ARP - Loylton Cogen LLC Chapter 11 Bankruptcy - United States Bankruptcy Court Central District Case No. 8:20-bk-10535-ES.

10.B. Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 - performance review regarding Personnel Director.

The Board met in closed session from 11:41 a.m. to 12:35 p.m.

12. CORRESPONDENCE LOG

12.A. Application for Alcoholic Beverage License submitted by Bassett's Station LLC.

No action taken.

12. Notice of Intent to Harvest Timber submitted by Sierra Pacific Industries and located in Sierra County in portions of Sections 19, 21, 29, and 31, T20N, R11E, MDBM.

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No action taken.

12.C. Notice of Intent to Harvest Timber submitted by Soper Wheeler Company LLC and located in Plumas and Sierra Counties in portions of Sections 2,4,5,6,8,9,10,16,20,29,30, T21N, R9E, and Section 30, T22N, R10E all MDB&M.

No action taken.

ADJOURN

At 12:35 p.m., with no further business, Chair Beard adjourned the meeting.

JIM BEARD, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD