



**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 May 5, 2020. 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, Vice-Chair, Supervisor, 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

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## **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

### **13. CONSENT AGENDA**

13.A. Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding between California Health and Wellness Plan (CHWP) and the County of Sierra for coordination of services for screening, referral, coordination and delivery of alcohol and other drug services for Medi-Cal beneficiaries. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2020-034

13.B. Memorandum of Understanding between California Health and Wellness Plan and County of Sierra for coordination of services for delivery of specialty mental health services to members served by both parties. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2020-035

13.C. Resolution authorizing the Sierra County Auditor to make certain changes to the 2019-2020 Final Budget - Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act funding. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

**ADOPTED,** Resolution 2020-052

13.D. Resolution rescinding Resolution 2020-049 and certifying County roads contained in maintained mileage system for submittal to the State of California. (PUBLIC WORKS)

**ADOPTED,** Resolution 2020-053

13.E. Resolution rescinding Resolution 2020-039 and Agreement 2020-025 and approving revised Lease Option Renewal, Fifth Amendment with Pacific Bell for use of property at Sierra City Community Park. (PUBLIC WORKS)

**ADOPTED,** Resolution 2020-054

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2020-036

13.F. Resolution rescinding Agreement 2020-032 and approving revised agreement with SPI for continued use of Plum Valley Park as a county facility. (PUBLIC WORKS)

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**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2020-055

**APPROVED**, Agreement 2020-037

- 13.G. Approval of expenditure in the amount of \$8,568.79 to Light Foot Truck Repair, Inc. for radiator replacement and and related parts and labor for Road Department vehicle #279, a water truck. (PUBLIC WORKS)
- 13.H. Minutes from the special meeting held on March 20, 2020. (CLERK-RECORDER)
- 13.I. Minutes from the special meeting held on March 31, 2020. (CLERK-RECORDER)

### **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 9:07 a.m., Chair Beard opened the public comment opportunity.

Comments were received from Glenn Haubl, Sierra Pines Resort requesting the County reform the Economic Development Committee for the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year.

Following brief discussion and by consensus, the Board directed adding this discussion to the next meeting agenda.

At 9:09 a.m. Chair Beard closed the public comment opportunity with no other persons addressing the Board.

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

Supervisor Adams reported on CSAC and RCRC holding meetings telephonically due to COVID. Supervisor Adams also reported on the California Counties CAO Association's request to all RCRC counties to sign onto a letter regarding the CARES Act and having a carve out for smaller counties, and as the County's RCRC delegate he agreed to sign onto the letter.

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

The Director of Behavioral Health reported on an upcoming vacancy in the Downieville office for the office manager position.

## **5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE**

Yuba River District Ranger Lon Henderson reported on various matters going on in the district.

The Director of Planning requested a meeting with Ranger Henderson to discuss the scenic byway program nomination as the deadline has been extended, and the \$100,000 planning agreement for the Greene Acres project. The Director also requested Ranger Henderson help the County obtain a burn permit for the transfer stations prior to the burn ban in the near future.

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

Supervisor Adams commented on the upcoming fire season and recommended the Forest Service take advantage of reducing fire danger with prescribed burns as it is critical now more than ever.

## **6. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - LEA SALAS**

- 6.A. Professional Services Agreement between North American Mental Health Services (NAMHS) and County of Sierra for telepsychiatry services.

The Director of Behavioral Health provided background on the agreement with North American Mental Health Services for telepsychiatry services.

The Board moved to approve the professional services agreement Between North American Mental Health Services (NAMHS) and County of Sierra for telepsychiatry services.

**APPROVED**, Agreement 2020-038. Motion: Adams/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

## **7. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES - VICKIE CLARK**

- 7.A. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of additional COVID-19 Crisis Response Funding.

The Director of Health and Social Services briefly explained that this is a second round of the COVID-19 Crisis Response Funding.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution authorizing the acceptance of additional COVID-19 Crisis Response Funding.

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**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2020-056. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

- 7.B. Approval of the County Medical Services Program (CMSP) COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant (CERG) Program Application.

The Director of Health and Social Services provided background on the County Medical Services Program (CMSP) COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant (CERG) Program funding.

The Board moved to approve the County Medical Services Program (CMSP) COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant (CERG) Program Application.

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

## **8. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - TIM BEALS**

- 8.A. License Agreement (Public Safety Power Shutoff) with Pacific Gas and Electric Company for use of the Nevada Street Parking Lot located at Highway 49 and Nevada Street as a customer resource center during public safety power shutoff events.

Following a brief overview of the agreement by the Director of Public Works, the Board moved to approve the license agreement (Public Safety Power Shutoff) with Pacific Gas and Electric Company for use of the Nevada Street Parking Lot located at Highway 49 and Nevada Street as a customer resource center during the public safety power shutoff events.

**APPROVED**, Agreement 2020-039. Motion: Adams/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

## **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.  
(CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Director of Health and Social Services commented on moving from stage 1 to stage 2 which is a soft reopening and only allows for the opening of some retail businesses for curbside pickup and the Governor's decision to allow counties to provide a county readiness plan. The Director continued to review in detail the proposed Sierra County Phased Opening Plan.

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The County Health Officer commented on the proposed plan and the required 30-day waiting period before moving into stage 3.

Considerable discussion ensued pertaining to the proposed plan to reopen the County.

Public comments were received by Lee Kirby, Sardine Lake Resort; Jesse Passafiume, the Lure Resort; and Glen Haubl, Sierra Pines Resort.

In response to public inquiry, the Director of Health and Social Services clarified that the department will be holding a presentation on May 12, 2020 regarding personal protection equipment (PPE) and would be adding this information to the County's website in both English and Spanish.

The Board moved to approve the Sierra County Phased Opening Plan and Attestation Statement.

Additional public comment was received by Sabrina Smith, Downieville Outfitters.

**APPROVED.** Motion: Roen/Huebner/Majority Roll Call Vote: 4/1 (Chair Beard NO)

Additional reports were given by Lee Brown, OES Coordinator, the Sheriff and Director of Public Works.

## **12. TIMED ITEMS**

### **12.A. 10:00 A.M. INCORPORATED SENIOR CITIZENS**

Presentation by Carolyn Widman, Executive Director of Incorporated Senior Citizens, on the Loyalton Senior Center's efforts to meet the needs of the community during the COVID-19 pandemic. (SUPERVISOR DRYDEN)

This item was continued to the May 19, 2020 Board meeting.

9.B. Declaration of vacancy on the Sierra County Fish and Wildlife Commission and direction to Clerk to advertise said vacancy. (SUPERVISOR HUEBNER)

Following a brief overview by Supervisor Huebner, the Board moved to declare Gale Dupree's position on the Sierra County Fish and Wildlife Commission vacant and directed the Clerk to advertise said vacancy.

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

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- 9.C. Discussion/action on letter from the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) proposing land acquisition adjacent to the Smithneck Creek Wildlife Area. (SUPERVISOR ROEN)

Supervisor Roen provided background on the proposed land acquisition and requested a letter from the Board expressing concerns with respect to the impacts to the County's PILT payments and encouraging continued historical grazing practices on the land.

The Board moved to authorize the Director of Public Works and Supervisor Roen to draft and submit a letter to the Wildlife Conservation Board expressing the County's concerns with respect to the impacts to the County's PILT payments and encouraging continued grazing on the land.

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

## **10. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND COUNTY SERVICE AREAS JOINT MEETING**

At 11:42 a.m. Chair Beard convened as the County Board of Supervisors and County Service Area joint meeting.

- 10.A. Discussion/adoption of resolution commencing proceedings under the County Service Area Law to create a County service area zone within existing County Service Area 4 for the creation of an assessment on improved property for an emergency services assessment to partially fund a professional services agreement between the Sierra County Fire Protection District #1, Sierra County, and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District to include the unincorporated communities of Long Valley, Verdi, and other individual properties located within the portions of Sierra County located within the extreme eastern region of Sierra County as described by map included within the resolution proposed for consideration.

The Director of Planning reviewed in detail the necessary steps outlined in the new County Service Area law to create or expand a county service area zone within County Service Area 4 for the creation of an assessment on improved property for an emergency services assessment to partially fund a professional services agreement between the Sierra County Fire Protection District #1, Sierra County, and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District.

Following considerable discussion, the Board directed staff to draft the proposed resolution commencing the proceedings under the County Service Area Law to expand the County service area zone within existing County Service Area 4 for adoption at the May 19, 2020 Board meeting.

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Brief discussion ensued with the Board.

At 12:19 p.m. Chair Beard adjourned as the joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors and County Service Area Board of Directors and reconvened as the Board of Supervisors.

## **CLOSED SESSION STATEMENT**

Deputy County Counsel reported out for the April 21, 2020 Board meeting.

**April 21, 2020** - 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.

Deputy County Counsel reported that direction to staff was given.

## **11. CLOSED SESSION**

11.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.

The Board met in closed session from 12:25 p.m. to 12:33 p.m.

## **ADJOURN**

At 12:33 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