



**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 2:00 p.m. on July 5, 2023, in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, Courthouse, Downieville, 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
Lila Heuer, Supervisor, District #2
Paul Roen, Supervisor, District #3
Terry LeBlanc, Supervisor, District #4
Sharon Dryden, Supervisor, Chair, District #5

Staff: Heather Foster, County Clerk-Recorder
David Prentice, County Counsel
Van Maddox, Auditor/Treasurer Tax Collector
Bryan Davey, Director of Public Works/Transportation
Mike Fisher, Sheriff/Coroner/OES Coordinator
Jeremy Miller, Chief Technology Officer
Rhonda Grandi, Interim Director of Public Health
Chuck Henson, Chief Probation Officer

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APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

At the request of the Clerk, Consent Item 12.L. was pulled from the agenda.

12.L. Minutes from the regular meeting held on June 6, 2023. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

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

12. CONSENT AGENDA

12.A. Amendment to Agreement 2020-087 between Nevada County and Sierra County for the booking and housing of inmates. (SHERIFF)

APPROVED, Agreement 2023-083

12.B. Governing Body Resolution naming authorizing agents for Sierra County Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSG). (OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2023-078

12.C. Professional Services Agreement between Nevada County Department of Health and Human Services and Sierra County for Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) Services. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2023-084

12.D. Professional Services Agreement between County of Nevada, Department of Behavioral Health and County of Sierra for after hour Telephone Triage Line Services. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2023-085

12.E. Professional Services Agreement between Nevada County Department of Health and Human Services and Sierra County for Respite Services. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2023-086

12.F. Professional Services Agreement between Sierra County Office of Education and Sierra County Behavioral Health for Substance Abuse Prevention programs. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2023-087

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- 12.G. Professional Services Agreement between Granite Wellness Centers and Sierra County for Substance Use Disorder Services. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2023-088

- 12.H. Resolution approving the California Department of Public Health CalFresh Healthy Living Program and authorizing the Interim Director of Public Health to sign the agreement. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2023-079 and **APPROVED**, Agreement 2023-089

- 12.I. Resolution authorizing the purchase of rapid dry paint for the Road Department paint striper machine. (PUBLIC WORKS)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2023-080

- 12.J. Renewal of Contract between Cadence Team, Inc. and the County of Sierra for network support services. (INFORMATION SYSTEMS)

APPROVED, Agreement 2023-090

- 12.K. Maintenance Agreement between Ubeo Business Services and the County of Sierra for digital fax services. (INFORMATION SYSTEMS)

APPROVED, Agreement 2023-091

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

At 2:04 p.m. Chair Dryden opened and closed the public comment opportunity with no members of the public addressing the Board.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Adams acknowledged the hanging of Juanita on this day back in 1851.

Supervisor Roen reported that several contractors attended the mandatory bid walk for the North Yuba Highway 49 project the other day.

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Supervisor Heuer reported on the upcoming Packer Lake Fishing Derby in July and the bats having returned to the Kentucky Mine.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sheriff reported on no major incidences occurring over the 4th of July weekend and two new deputies starting the academy today.

The Director of Transportation reported on the status of striping projects now that they have the new machine and working on road openings.

The Chief Probation Office introduced the new Pretrial Deputy Probation Officer Katrina Duncan from Beckwourth, CA.

Ms. Duncan introduced herself to the Board.

Behavioral Health Clinical Director Kathryn Hill brought to the Board's attention the recent event in cooperation with law enforcement and the lack of capacity to provide mental health crisis services, so they will be meeting with the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee tomorrow to see what resources they can pull together.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Yuba River Acting District Ranger John Brokaw provided an update on the status of the record of decision for the North Yuba Landscape Resilience Project which should be signed by next week; prescribed burning; prep work for the first subproject area on the North Yuba; the new District Ranger, Tom Parrack will be arriving early August; and the status of hiring new recreation technicians.

Acting Ranger Brokaw continued to comment on the recent forest order closures at Canyon Creek, Sand Pond, and Jackson Creek and indicated he is happy to have conversations regarding the Board's concerns and relay the information to Deputy District Ranger Mishler.

Supervisor Heuer expressed concerns with no rangers having been sighted in any of the campgrounds working on hazardous trees; more than half of the campgrounds still being closed and the impacts to tourism; and the Loganville dump station still not working and overgrowth of blackberries at the site.

Supervisor Adams expressed his appreciation of the North Yuba project moving forward. Supervisor Adams further expressed frustration with the Yuba River Ranger District management, specifically with the recent lack of notice of the Sand Pond closure and suggested the Board send a letter to the Chief of the Forest Service, Secretary of Agriculture and the county's congressional delegation recommending they split the district and all lands within Sierra County be managed by the Sierraville Ranger District.

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Supervisor LeBlanc concurred with Supervisor Adams' comments.

Supervisor Roen commented on a discussion with the County Forester Danielle Bradfield about possibly having the county review the hazardous trees in the campgrounds and work with the Forest Service to obtain a contractor to do the tree removal.

Supervisor Adams also expressed concerns about people not being able to use public lands and closing the only safe swimming area for little children.

The Director of Transportation also recommended opening the dump station at Loganville to prevent pollution from being dumped in the forest.

Sierraville District Ranger Rachel Hutchinson responded to the concerns regarding the messaging of the closure of Sand Pond over the weekend and working on the hazardous trees on the forest.

Ranger Hutchinson continued to report on a small lightening fire above the Sierra Valley over the weekend and the status of campground openings.

Carson District Ranger Matt Zumstein reported on fuel contracts starting out in Dog Valley.

6. AUDITOR / TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR - VAN MADDOX

6.A. Approval of letter in opposition to Senate Bill 584 (Limón) which proposes to add a 15% tax on short-term rentals to fund affordable housing projects.

The Treasurer/Tax Collector provided background on the proposed letter in opposition to Senate Bill 584 (Limón) which proposes to add a 15% tax on short-term rentals to fund affordable housing projects.

Supervisor Heuer indicated she is in favor of the proposed letter.

Supervisor Adams commented on the county's action to calm down the number of short-term rentals countywide and feeling the letter that prompted this was a bit self-serving from people who want to buy a second home but can't afford it unless they can rent it out. Supervisor Adams continued to explain that while he is not in favor of the state dumping a 15% tax on these folks, he would feel hypocritical of voting in favor of this, so he intends on abstaining on this issue.

Chair Dryden read a portion of the letter into the record pertaining to the impacts to Sierra County.

The Board moved to approve the letter in opposition to Senate Bill 584 (Limón) which proposes to add a 15% tax on short-term rentals to fund affordable housing projects.

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APPROVED. Motion: LeBlanc/Heuer/Majority Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Adams ABSTAINED)

7. PUBLIC HEALTH / SOCIAL SERVICES

- 7.B. Professional Services Agreement between Child Advocates of Nevada County and Sierra County for implementation of a Parents as Teachers Home Visiting model for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

The Interim Director of Public Health provided background on the proposed agreement between Child Advocates of Nevada County and Sierra County for implementation of a Parents as Teachers Home Visiting model for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and the reason behind not being able to run the program in-house due to not having the proper resources within the county.

In response to Supervisor Adams' inquiry, the Interim Director clarified that this is a year to year contract should things not go as expected.

The Board moved to approve the agreement between Child Advocates of Nevada County and Sierra County for implementation of a Parents as Teachers Home Visiting model for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

APPROVED, Agreement 2023-092. Motion: Adams/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

- 7.A. Resolution authorizing the submittal of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) California Home Visitation Program (CHVP) application and authorizing Rhonda Grandi, Interim Director to sign the application.

The Interim Director of Public Health briefly explained that the proposed resolution is the authorization to proceed with the application and budgeting for the previously approved agreement with Child Advocates of Nevada County.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution authorizing the submittal of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) California Home Visitation Program (CHVP) application and authoring Rhonda Grandi, Interim Director to sign the application.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2023-081. Motion: Adams/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

8. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 8.B. Resolution approving the transfer of historic records to the California State Archives for secure and safe storage. (SUPERVISOR ADAMS)

Supervisor Adams provided background on the courts who are prepared to move a number of records to the California State Archives in Sacramento which has a state of

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the art facility and has agreed to accept the records. Supervisor Adams added that the courts in the form of the Presiding Judge wanted to make sure the county agreed with the transfer as some of the records are the county's records.

Supervisor Adams further clarified that the county is not relinquishing ownership of the records and will still be available to the public.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution approving the transfer of historic records to the California State Archives for secure and safe storage.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2023-082. Motion: Adams/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

8.C. Appointment to the Sierra County (Calpine) Waterworks District to fill an unexpired term ending March 31, 2026. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to appoint Bob Busse to the Sierra County (Calpine) Waterworks District to fill an unexpired term ending March 31, 2026.

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

11. TIMED ITEMS

11.A. 3:00 PM CAL FIRE UPDATE

Presentation by Brian Estes, Unit Chief, CAL FIRE - Nevada Yuba Placer Unit, providing a general fire season and Unit update as related to Sierra County.

Brian Estes, Unit Chief, CAL FIRE presented the CAL FIRE Situation Report for 2023 Power Point to the Board.

Steve Garcia, Forester II, CAL FIRE reviewed grant opportunities and fuel reduction efforts in Sierra County.

8.A. Resolution appointing the Director of Behavioral Health and adopting the salary for the position. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

Sheryll Prinz-McMillan thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as the Director of Behavioral Health.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution appointing the Director of Behavioral Health and adopting the salary for the position.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2023-083. Motion: Adams/LeBlanc/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Roen ABSENT)

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11.B. 4:00 PM RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Presentation of Resolution of Appreciation and recognition of retirement for Tim H. Beals, Sierra County Director of Transportation and Planning.

Chair Dryden presented the resolution of appreciation and recognition of retirement to Tim H. Beals, Sierra County Director of Transportation and Planning.

Comments were received by Supervisor Heuer on behalf of retired Supervisor Peter Heubner, Supervisor LeBlanc and Supervisor Adams.

Mr. Beals thanked the Board and expressed his appreciation for Sierra County, the opportunity to serve the people of the county, and the privilege to work with so many great people over the years.

9. CLOSED SESSION

9.A. Closed session pursuant to Government Code section 54957 – Public Employment – County Counsel.

CLOSED SESSION STATEMENT

The Board met in closed session from 4:35 p.m. to 4:47 p.m. County Counsel reported that no actions were taken in closed session.

10. COUNTY COUNSEL/PERSONNEL - DAVID PRENTICE

10.A. Discussion/rescission of Agreement 2022-046 and approval of revised contract between Prentice/Long PC and Sierra County for County Counsel Services.

County Counsel explained that the current contract with Prentice/Long PC expires on December 31, 2023 and he believes it is best to move forward with the change in County Counsel now, which will be a one year contract. After the first year, the Board can either move on or continue the contract for an additional four years. County Counsel further reviewed the portion of the contract which states that Rhetta Vander Ploeg is the primary counsel for Sierra County and that she will not be assigned to any other public agency as general counsel.

The Board moved to rescind Agreement 2022-046 and approve the revised contract between Prentice/Long PC and Sierra County for County Counsel Services effective August 1, 2023.

APPROVED, Agreement 2023-093. Motion: Adams/LeBlanc/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Roen ABSENT)

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ADJOURN

At 4:52 p.m., with no further business, Chair Dryden adjourned the meeting.



SHARON DRYDEN, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:



HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD