The Sierra County Board of Supervisors met in regular session commencing at 9:00 a.m. on September 19, 2017 at 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 Schlefstein

ROLL CALL

Present: Lee Adams, Supervisor, District #1
Peter W. Huebner, Supervisor, Chair, District #2
Paul Roen, Supervisor, District #3
Jim Beard, Supervisor, District #4
Scott A. Schlefstein, Supervisor, Vice-Chair, District #5

Staff: Heather Foster, County Clerk-Recorder
Joe Larmour, 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
Tim Standley, Sheriff/Coroner
APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

At the request of Supervisor Schleifstein, Consent Item 14.D. was moved to the Regular Agenda as Item 6.C.

14.D. Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement 2015-038 between the Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance and the Sierra County Department of Social Services in regards to the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) and adoption of resolution authorizing the Director of Social Services to sign the Amended Memorandum of Agreement. (SOCIAL SERVICES)

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

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

14. CONSENT AGENDA

14.A. Resolution approving amendment to Agreement No. 2012-072 between Nevada County and Sierra County for the housing of Sierra County inmates and authorizing the Sheriff to sign the amendment. (SHERIFF)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2017-112
APPROVED, Agreement 2017-110


ADOPTED, Resolution 2017-113
APPROVED, Agreement 2017-111

14.C. Resolution approving Boating Safety and Waterways Financial Aid Program Agreement for 2017-2018 between Sierra County and California State Parks Boating and Waterways. (SHERIFF)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2017-114
APPROVED, Agreement 2017-112

14.E. Professional services agreement between Rennie Smith, LMFT, and Sierra County for behavioral health services. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2017-113
14.F. Minutes from the regular meeting held on September 5, 2017. (CLERK-RECORDER)

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

At the request of Supervisor Adams, Correspondence Item 15.A. was continued to the next agenda for discussion.

15.A. Letter from J. Lon Cooper, Sierra County Public Defender regarding conflict of interest in People v. Hood (CR03609X).

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda as amended.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

At 9:04 a.m. Chair Huebner opened the public comment opportunity.

Dr. Merrill Grant, Superintendent of Schools shared the latest enrollment number which indicated a growth in the Loyalton Elementary.

In response to Supervisor Adams’ inquiry in regards to the impact of the loss of the Secured Rural Schools funding, Dr. Grant responded that this is a huge loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars, and they have taken this funding out of their budget.

At 9:07 a.m. Chair Huebner closed the public comment opportunity with no further persons addressing the Board.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Roen reported on the Sierra Nevada Conservancy meeting held last week.

Supervisor Adams and Chair Huebner commented on the Sierra Nevada Conservancy meeting and the hospitality shown by Supervisor Roen.

Supervisor Roen reported that the Alliance for Workforce Development is holding a job fair tomorrow in Sierraville and Loyalton and will start taking applications for the mill on Wednesday.
4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS’ REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Director of Health and Social Services provided an update on the drive-up flu clinics this month in Downieville and Loyalton. She also reported on the recruitment efforts for the four vacancies in her department and the purchase of the property located at 202 Front Street in Loyalton.

The Director of Planning reported on the Yuba Project; the annual meeting with Chief Moore regarding fire protection in Verdi and Long Valley to be held on Friday in Reno; the new FEMA maps will be on the agenda in the near future to review the impacts to the unincorporated areas of the county; and the recent Sierra Nevada Conservancy meeting.

The Director also reported on an issue in Verdi pertaining to Hill Lane and whether the county should consider taking responsibility for the road. The Director added that he will either request a committee meeting or update the Board in the near future with respect to this issue along with a status update on the flood damage restoration.

The Sheriff reported his department working with the Forest Service and Fish and Game on the eradication of marijuana on Forest Service land and a private property marijuana eradication effort done last week. The Sheriff also reported on low staffing levels in the department and the difficulty in attracting applicants for the positions.

Board discussion ensued.

In response to Supervisor Adams, Deputy County Counsel provided an update on the Loyalton Mobilehome Park.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Sierraville District Ranger Quentin Youngblood provided an update on activities going on in the district.

Comments were received by Supervisor Adams in regards to marijuana enforcement by the federal government.

13. TIMED ITEMS

13.A. 10:00 A.M. STATE WATERMASTER SERVICES FOR PLUMAS AND SIERRA COUNTIES
Continued discussion/direction regarding the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year Statement of State Watermaster Services for Plumas and Sierra Counties for the Middle Fork Feather River service area. (SUPERVISOR ROEN)

Supervisor Roen briefly introduced the item.
The Director of Planning commented on the formula for the distribution of costs being unfair to the participants and the state not taking any responsibility for the costs for litigation, rather the costs is spread amongst the property owners. The Director continued to provide background on prior conversations with the representatives of the Department of Water Resources and recommended proceeding with a demand for a meeting with the Director of the Department of Water Resources to vet this issue and show the burden being placed on these property owners.

Supervisor Roen indicated that the Sierra Valley Groundwater District would also like to attend a meeting.

Discussion ensued.

Comments were received by Einen Grandi, Chairman of the Sierra Valley Groundwater District and Rick Roberti, Sierra Valley rancher and president of the Last Chance Creek Water District in Plumas County.

By consensus, the Board directed the Director of Planning and Supervisor Roen to organize a meeting with the Director of the State Department of Water Resources.

6. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES - Vickie Clark

6.A. Professional services agreement between Sierra County Child Abuse Council and Sierra County Social Services.

The Director of Health and Social Services briefly introduced the item.

Ms. Tammy Muldoon, Family Resource Center Director commented on the continuing efforts to update the contract and also provided background on the how they differ from county offices with respect to providing services.

Supervisor Schlefstein also reviewed the purpose of the Family Resource Center which is to prevent child abuse in Sierra County.

The Board moved to approve the professional services agreement between Sierra County Child Abuse Council and Sierra County Social Services.

APPROVED, Agreement 2017-114. Motion: Schlefstein/Beard/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0


The Director of Health and Social Services provided background on Proposition 56 and requested adding a placeholder in the 2017-2018 budget for the required position under the new initiative. The Director also explained that the required preliminary plan
has been submitted to the state and will come back before the Board for approval, and they do not intend on hiring the position until December of January.

Board discussion ensued.

The Board moved to approve the new position in the Public Health 2017-2018 budget for the Tobacco Program.

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

6.C. Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement 2015-038 between the Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance and the Sierra County Department of Social Services in regards to the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) and adoption of resolution authorizing the Director of Social Services to sign the Amended Memorandum of Agreement. (SOCIAL SERVICES) (Correspondence Item 14.D.)

Supervisor Schlefstein requested clarification on what the County’s compliance is with respect to the memorandum.

The Director of Health and Social Services explained that under public assistance they are required to serve legal immigrants and they have added some additional requirements onto the county in order to make certain accommodations to people with over the phone applications, language barriers, etc.

Board questioning and discussion ensued.

**ADOPTED,** Resolution 2017-115 and **APPROVED,** Agreement 2017-115. Motion: Roen/Adams/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

7. **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - Lea Salas**

7.A. Resolution authorizing application for, and receipt of, No Place Like Home Program Technical Assistance grant funds.

The Director of Behavioral Health provided background on the program which is optional and would allocate $75,000 to the county to develop a homeless plan. If the plan was implemented it would provide access to $500,000 which comes with a lot of restrictions and strings. The Director continued to explain this is the application process for the technical assistance grant, it does not require the development of a homeless shelter and is an opportunity to partner with Plumas County to develop a county homeless plan.

The Board move to adopt the resolution authorizing application for, and receipt of, No Place Like Home Program Technical Assistance grant funds.
Supervisor Adams expressed concerns regarding the program.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2017-116. Motion: Schleifstein/Beard/Majority Roll Call Vote: 3/2 (Supervisor Adams and Chair Huebner NO)

8. INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER - Laura A. Marshall

8.A. Resolution updating the Sierra County Information Technology (IT) Policy.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution updating the Sierra County Information Technology (IT) Policy.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2017-117. Motion: Adams/Schleifstein/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

8.B. Resolution adopting Sierra County Public Records Act Policy for private devices and accounts.

The IS Manager introduced the item which limits the use of personal devices by county employees and appointed/elected officials.

The Auditor commented that this policy is protecting both the county and employee.

Board discussion ensued.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution Sierra County Public Records Act Policy for private devices and accounts.

Board questioning and discussion ensued regarding the use of Samsung Galaxy phones versus Apple IPhones.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2017-118. Motion: Adams/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

9. PLANNING / BUILDING - Tim Beals

9.A. Resolution appointing the County Planning Director as the authorized designee to ensure land uses conform to County regulatory requirements.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution appointing the County Planning Director as the authorized designee to ensure land uses conform to County regulatory requirements.

Brief discussion ensued.
ADOPTED, Resolution 2017-119. Motion: Adams/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

10. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

10.A. Discussion/direction regarding letter from Scott McFarland, Western Sierra Medical Clinic explaining Community Health Centers potential cut in federal funding for low-income residents. (SUPERVISOR ADAMS)

Supervisor Adams introduced the item and clarified that both CSAC and RCRC have language in their policy platforms to support this kind of funding with congress and recommended reaching out to Mr. McFarland to determine if he would like a letter of support from the Board.

By consensus the Board directed Supervisor Adams to reach out to Mr. McFarland to determine if there is anything he would like the county to do in support of funding for Community Health Centers.

11. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND COUNTY SERVICE AREAS JOINT MEETING

Board of Supervisors to convene as Board of Directors for County Service Area (CSA) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 4A5A (Sierra Brooks Water) and to hold joint meetings as both the County Board of Supervisors and the CSA Board of Directors.

At 11:03 a.m. Chair Huebner recessed the Regular Board meeting and convened the joint meeting of the County Board of Supervisors and the CSA Board of Directors.

11.A. Resolution adopting appropriation limits for the 2017-2018 fiscal year for the County Service Areas, 2, 3 and Sierra Brooks 4A5A.

11.B. Resolution adopting appropriation limits for the 2017-2018 fiscal year for the County of Sierra.

11.C. Resolution adopting the 2017-2018 Final Budget for the County Service Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 4A5A.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution adopting appropriation limits for the 2017-2018 fiscal year for the County Service Areas, 2, 3 and Sierra Brooks 4A5A; the resolution adopting appropriation limits for the 2017-2018 fiscal year for the County of Sierra; and the resolution adopting the 2017-2018 Final Budget for the County Service Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 4A5A.

ADOPTED, CSA Resolution 2017-002; ADOPTED, Resolution 2017-120; and ADOPTED, CSA Resolution 2017-003. Motion: Schlefstein/Beard/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

11.D. Resolution adopting the 2017-2018 Final Budget for the County of Sierra.
The Auditor reviewed the background provided to the Board and the requirement to attach the local streets and road program project list to the budget in order for the road fund to use the HUTA funding. The Auditor further reviewed the list of requests and recommendations by the Finance Committee including $40,000 set aside for a new property tax system, $4,000 for the aviation grant match, and an increase of $3,950 to the Sierra County Chamber of Commerce’s budget, $12,500 for a server which is to be paid by law enforcement grant funding, $200,000 for Health and Social Services for the purchase of land and improvements, $648,803 for Behavioral Health for the Mental Health building, and $60,000 for vehicles. The Auditor clarified the budget currently only shows $500,000 for Behavioral Health and needs to be corrected to $648,803.

The Auditor continued to review the requests for new positions for Health and Social Services and Behavioral Health which the Finance Committee has left to the Board to decide whether to include in the budget.

Supervisor Adams indicated that the Finance Committee’s goal is to review the budget again at the beginning of the year to determine where the road fund is and whether there is money available to pay for the additional requests not in the budget.

Board discussion ensued.

Comments were received by the Director of Transportation with respect to the letter authorized by the Board to the Forest Service regarding how they determine the forest receipts; the constitutional challenge against SB 1; and the need to set up meetings with individual members of the Board and committees to establish budgets for the Tree Mortality grant, the AIS grant, the Yuba Project grant, and the completion of the general plan.

Board discussion ensued.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution adopting the 2017-2018 Final Budget for the County of Sierra as amended to increase the Behavioral Health budget by $148,803 (total of $648,803 of MHSA funding) and to include the SB 1 project list/local streets and roads program.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2017-121. Motion: Schleefstein/Beard/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

At 11:30 a.m. Chair Huebner adjourned the joint meeting as the County Board of Supervisors and the CSA Board of Directors and reconvened as the County Board of Supervisors with all members present.
12. CLOSED SESSION

12.A. Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (c) - initiation of litigation - 1 case.

12.B. Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2) - conference with legal counsel - anticipated litigation - 2 cases.

The Board held closed session from 11:40 a.m. to 12:32 p.m. Deputy County Counsel reported that information and direction was given with respect to the cases listed under Item 12.A. and 12.B.

ADJOURN

At 12:34 p.m., with no further business, Chair Huebner adjourned the meeting.

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PETER HUEBNER, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

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HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD