The Sierra County Board of Supervisors met in regular session commencing at 9:00 a.m. on October 4, 2022 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 Huebner

ROLL CALL

Present:  
Lee Adams, Supervisor, District #1  
Peter W. Huebner, Supervisor, District #2  
Paul Roen, Supervisor, Chair, District #3  
Terry LeBlanc, Supervisor, District #4  
Sharon Dryden, Supervisor, Vice Chair, District #5

Staff:  
Heather Foster, County Clerk-Recorder  
David Prentice, County Counsel  
Van Maddox, Auditor/Treasurer Tax Collector  
Tim Beals, Director of Planning/Public Works/Transportation/OES  
Lea Salas, Director of Behavioral Health  
Vickie Clark, Director of Health and Social Services
APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

At the request of Chair Roen, Consent Item 10.B. was moved to the regular agenda as Item 7.D.

10.B. Consent of the Board of Supervisors for the Auditor/Controller – Treasurer/Tax Collector to be absent from the county for more than 30 days but less than 60 days pursuant to Government Code Section 1063. (AUDITOR/TREASURE/TAX COLLECTOR)

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

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

10. CONSENT AGENDA

10.A. Resolution approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for California Assessors’ Application of the State of California Information Technology Grant Funding and authorizing the Assessor to sign the MOU. (ASSESSOR)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-124
APPROVED, Agreement 2022-121

10.C. Resolution authorizing the Auditor to make certain changes to the 2022/23 Budget to transfer PSPS funds to reimburse the Road budget for the Tesla project. (PUBLIC WORKS)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-125

10.D. Resolution approving the Addendum to Memorandum of Understanding 2020-035 and Addendums 2020-034 and 2022-036 between the County of Sierra and California Health and Wellness and authorizing the Administrative Director of Behavioral Health to sign the Addendum. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-126
APPROVED, Agreement 2022-122

10.E. Professional Services Agreement between the County of Sierra and Downieville Fire Protection District (DFPD) for the provision of medical response/intervention as requested by the Sierra County Public Health Department beginning October 4, 2022 through June 30, 2023 in the amount not to exceed $12,000. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2022-123
10F. Professional Services Agreement between Kathryn J. Dyrr and Sierra County Public Health to provide nutrition services in the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Program. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2022-124

10.G. Minutes from the regular meeting held on September 6, 2022. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

10.H. Amendment to Agreement 2016-024 between the County of Sierra and Airespring for managed redundant phone connectivity for a three year renewal. (INFORMATION SYSTEMS)

APPROVED, Agreement 2022-125

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda as amended.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

Mr. Greg Johnson requested an update on the Downieville Community Hall renovation project as there are concerns over losing the grant funding for the project.

At 9:05 a.m. Chair Roen closed the public comment opportunity with no further persons addressing the Board.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Roen reported on the Governor's Wildfire Task Force meeting and tour held last week.

Supervisor Dryden reported on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife sending out a poll to come up with a date for the Fire Resiliency Task Force with respect to the Sierra Brooks project.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS’ REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Director of Planning reported on the Community Wildfire Protection Grant program and a field review conducted last week with Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) staff on the application filed by the county for the Greene Acres project which application
is due by the end of the month, and a parallel project proposed by the Forest Service focusing on the Greene Acres implementation project using bill funds through the Master Stewardship Agreement.

The Director further expressed concerns with the NEPA process not being completed under the planning grant for the Greene Acres project and whether the project deadlines can be met under the grant agreement.

Supervisor Dryden commented on the Greene Acres project and expressed frustration with being so close to having an application and not having NEPA completed.

The Director continued to report that the State Fire Safe Council announced the availability of Fire Safe Coordinator funds in an amount not to exceed $20,000 to fire safe councils who received funds in a prior round of funding. The Director further indicated the county may be able to qualify for a $20,000 supplement to the Sierra County Fire Safe Council through this program.

Supervisor Dryden encouraged filing for the State Fire Safe Coordinator funds.

The Director continued to report that bids have been received for the Salmon Creek and Packer Lake bridge projects which will be presented at the next meeting along with a discussion regarding the final distribution of Proposition 68 funding for the Sierraville School and Downieville Community Hall projects.

In response to Mr. Johnson’s concerns, Deputy Director of Transportation Bryan Davey explained that the Proposition 68 funds must be expended by June 30, 2024 and they are ready to go to bid in the next few months on the Downieville Community Hall project.

Deputy Director of Planning Brandon Pangman provided brief background on the FEMA flood plain mapping program with respect to the Sierra Valley, and finally receiving an email from FEMA acknowledging the serious issues with the maps and the county likely receiving revised maps in the next 6 to 12 months.

Supervisor Dryden thanked staff for their efforts on this issue.

The Director of Behavioral Health provided an update on submitting the Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Plan on time to the state and the first external quality review regarding Medi-Cal billing for the Mental Health side of the department.

The Director continued to report on a meeting with the Rural Communities Housing Development, the filing of a letter of intent on a piece of property in Plumas County for housing, and potentially submitting a revision to the Permanent Local Housing Allocation grant for the housing project.
The Director of Health and Social Services reported on the Emergency Preparedness audit for the year 2020; initiating the Community Health Assessment project and working to get an extra-help position for a paid UNR student who can only work remotely; flu and COVID vaccine availability; the status of the housing funding available through the Home Safe and Bringing Families Home programs; the status of hiring and recruitment in the department; and the status of interviews for her position.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Tahoe National Forest Supervisor Eli Ilano reported on working the last five months in Colorado and Wyoming; his disappointment that they are behind on the NEPA process for the Greene Acres projects and his plan to remedy the situation and actively pursue federal funds for the project; an update on the burn severity with respect to the Mosquito fire; working with Greg Williams to bring back the Downieville Downhill race next summer; and the status of fuel work around Loyalton.

Acting Yuba River District Ranger Stephanie Coppeto provided an update on the recruitment and hiring of positions in the district; working with mining staff on the request for information for parking permits so they can get an idea of how many claims are occupied and for how long; campgrounds closing mid-October; the status of hazard tree removal work at the Chapman, Ramshorn, Sierra, and Yuba pass campgrounds; working on reconstruction of the parking pad at the Sardine campground; committing to moving the Greene Acres project forward; meeting with staff to develop an implementation check list for projects; the status of the Yuba Meadows and Trapper implementation projects; and working to get a point of contact at Caltrans regarding the Highway 49 Corridor project in order to help move this project forward.

Supervisor Adams expressed his appreciation to Supervisor Ilano for the posting of his national teams while he was gone. Supervisor Adams also commented on an inquiry he received regarding campground availability in both Plumas and Tahoe as everything on the agency’s website states campgrounds are closed effective October 16th and would suggest updating the website to clarify which public campgrounds will still be accessible without services.

Sierraville District Ranger Rachel Hutchinson reported on Jackson Meadows and Little Truckee campgrounds being open through the end of October for hunting; a meeting held last Friday with Chair Roen, and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy regarding the Antelope Creek fuels reduction project; the planning grant submitted in partnership with the county for work in and around Jackson Meadows; range season wrapping up; and issues with the water system at Jackson Meadows campgrounds.
8. TIMED ITEMS

8.A. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Presentation of Resolution of Appreciation to Vickie Clark, Sierra County Health and Social Services Director, recognizing her service to Sierra County.

Supervisor Dryden presented the resolution of appreciation to Vickie Clark, Director of Health and Social Services recognizing her service to Sierra County.

Comments were received by the Director of Planning, County Health Officer Celia Sutton-Pado, Program Manager Rhonda Grandi, Auditor/Treasurer-Tax Collector Van Maddox, Deputy Director of Transportation Bryan Davey, and Supervisor Adams.

6. PLANNING / BUILDING - TIM BEALS

6.A. Resolution supporting application of the Sierra County Fire Safe Counsel for implementation of projects identified in the Count's fire plan under the Community Wildfire Protection Grant.

The Director of Planning provided background on the supporting application of the Sierra County Fire Safe Counsel for implementation of projects identified in the Count's fire plan under the Community Wildfire Protection Grant and clarified that the comments regarding a possible change in scope of the applicant won’t change the proposed resolution.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution supporting application of the Sierra County Fire Safe Counsel for implementation of projects identified in the Count's fire plan under the Community Wildfire Protection Grant.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-127. Motion: Huebner/LeBlanc/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

6.B. Resolution supporting application of the Sierra County Fire Safe Counsel under the Community Wildfire Protection Grant program for a Planning Grant to update the County's fire plan.

Chair Roen indicated that the County Forester has recommended the county submit the grant application as the county fire plan is a county document.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution as amended supporting an application of the County of Sierra under the Community Wildfire Protection Grant program for a Planning Grant to update the County's fire plan. The resolution was amended to reflect the County of Sierra as the applicant.
ADMITTED as amended, Resolution 2022-128.  Motion: Huebner /LeBlanc/Unanimous  
Roll Call Vote:  5/0

6.C.  Introduction and waive first reading of an ordinance amending Part 15 of  
the Sierra County Code implementing regulations for Short-Term Rentals in  
Sierra County.

The Director of Planning commented on the highlighted document provided in the  
background which reflects the requested changes to the policy. The Director further  
clarified that none of the comments the Board directed were significant changes in his  
opinion to require remanding the ordinance back to the Planning Commission.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the ordinance effective date of January 1, 2023.

The Director indicated that he expects this to be a living document with revisions  
going forward for a few years.

The Board moved to waive the first reading of an ordinance amending Part 1 of  
the Sierra County Code implementing regulations for Short-Term Rentals in Sierra  
County.

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

7.  BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

7.A.  Discussion/action regarding conducting meetings of the Sierra County  
Board of Supervisors in accordance with AB 361 and Sierra County  
Resolution 2021-140.

By consensus, the Board directed continuing to conduct hybrid meetings of the  
Sierra County Board of Supervisors in accordance with AB 361 and Sierra County  
Resolution 2021-140.

7.B.  Resolution authorizing the appointment of interim directors to the Sierra  
County Department of Health and Social Services. (CLERK OF THE  
BOARD)

Following a brief introduction by the Clerk, the Board moved to adopt the resolution  
authorizing the appointment of interim directors to the Sierra County Department of Health  
and Social Services.

ADMITTED, Resolution 2022-129.  Motion:  Dryden/Huebner/Unanimous  Roll Call Vote:  
5/0

7.C.  Discussion and direction to staff on the acceptance of Local Assistance and  
Tribal Consistency Funds. (CLERK OF THE BOARD/AUDITOR)
The Auditor provided background on the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency funding, which funds are open to use except for lobbying.

In response to Supervisor Dryden’s concerns, the Auditor clarified that the Tribal Consistency funding doesn’t apply to the county, only the Local Assistance funding.

Following brief discussion and by consensus, the Board directed the Auditor to apply for the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds on behalf of the county.

7.D. Consent of the Board of Supervisors for the Auditor/Controller – Treasurer/Tax Collector to be absent from the county for more than 30 days but less than 60 days pursuant to Government Code Section 1063. (AUDITOR/TREASURE/TAX COLLECTOR)

Chair Roen requested clarification that both offices will be covered with the Auditor is out of state.

The Auditor clarified that he will be available by phone and computer and will be attending the Board meetings remotely while is absent from the state.

By consensus, the Board consented to the Auditor/Controller-Treasurer/Tax Collector to be absent from the county for more than 30 days but less than 60 days.

9. CLOSED SESSION


This item was pulled from the agenda.

ADJOURN

At 10:33 a.m., with no further business, Chair Roen adjourned the meeting.

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PAUL ROEN, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

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HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD