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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

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The Sierra County Board of Supervisors met in regular session commencing at 9:00 a.m. on October 18, 2022 at 105 Beckwith Street, Loyalton Social Hall, Loyalton, CA. This meeting was recorded for posting on the Board of Supervisors' website at www.sierracounty.ca.gov.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:   Led by the Echo 4-H Club

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
          Mike Fisher, Sheriff/Coroner
          Lori McGee, Interim Director of Social Services
          Rhonda Grandi, Interim Director of Public Health
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APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

10. CONSENT AGENDA

10.A. Resolution authorizing the Auditor to make changes to the 2022/2023 Final Budget to correct transfers in Health and Human Services funding. (AUDITOR)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-130

10.B. Amendment to Employment Contracts 2022-033 and 2022-086 between the County of Sierra and Celia Sutton-Pado, MD effective September 25th, 2022. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2022-126

10.C. Resolution authorizing the Sierra County Auditor to make certain changes to the 2022-2023 Final Budget to include overtime in Public Health. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-131

10.D. Approve special circumstances remote work for Public Health extra help intern. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

10.E. Professional Services Agreement between the County of Sierra and Anna Hanlon, RDH, for Registered Dental Hygienist services. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2022-127

10.F. Professional Services Agreement between Sierra County Child Abuse Council and Sierra County Behavioral Health to conduct the Nurturing Parenting Program through Mental Health Services Act Prevention/Early Intervention funding. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2022-128

10.G. Professional Services Agreement between Well Space Health and Sierra County for substance use disorder services. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2022-129
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10.H. Resolution approving USDA Community Facilities Program Grant to purchase law enforcement vehicles and equipment. (SHERIFF)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-132

10.I. Resolution approving the Sierra County Sheriff’s Office to apply for Boating Safety and Waterways Financial Aid Program Agreement for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. (SHERIFF)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-133

10.J. Resolution rescinding Resolutions 1998-192 and 2001-048 and approving a records retention schedule for the Sierra County Clerk-Recorder's office. (CLERK-RECORDER)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-134

10.K. Review and approval of applications for reappointment to the Nevada County Resource Conservation District. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

10.L. Minutes from the special meeting held on September 28, 2022. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

10.M. Minutes from the regular meeting held on September 20, 2022. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

10.N. Minutes from the regular meeting held on October 4, 2022. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

At 9:03 a.m. Chair Roen opened the public comment opportunity.

The Echo 4-H Club introduced themselves to the Board and reviewed the 4-H pledge – Head, Heart, Hands and Health, how 4-H works and the three clubs in the area - Echo, Treasure Mountain, and Sierra Valley.

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

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS
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Supervisor Adams reported a joint meeting of the Golden State Finance Authority and Golden State Natural Resources, both affiliates of RCRC, this Thursday to discuss their biomass plants in Northern California.

Supervisor Dryden reported on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Resilience Team upcoming meeting on November 10, 2022 and participating in the Antelope project site visit.

Supervisor LeBlanc reported on working on the date for next year’s Timberfest.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS’ REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Director of Behavioral Health reported on Sierra County’s $250,000 Care Court allocation for implementation of the program.

The Interim Director of Health and Social Services provided an update on the Public Health Emergency Preparedness audit; flu and vaccine clinics; and the COVID state of emergency being lifted by the Governor in February 2023.

Supervisor Adams thanked Rhonda Grandi and Lori McGee for agreeing to serve as interim directors.

The Director of Planning commented on the CPUC’s decision to terminate the Rule 20A program due to rural counties not able to produce projects. The Director added that Sierra County’s Underground Utility Program has a balance of $480,000 and the County will either need to use these funds or be forced to forfeit them.

The Director continued to report on the Loyalton Fire Road Restoration project funded by FEMA; the final application for the Greene Acres project which is due by the end of the month; focusing on the PSPS funds for the courthouse generator project; the status of the Downieville Community Hall and Sierraville School projects; water issues at Sierra Brooks; closing out all of our small FEMA projects and FEMA reimbursing the county for its costs; the City of Loyalton’s recent water emergency and the potential of the City asking for assistance for staff support or alternative financing to the water system; pursuing a second pot of funding from the State Fire Safe Council Coordinator grant in the amount of $20,000 to go towards the County’s Fire Safe Council’s operational program; and the delivery of the new county pickup trucks.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Sierraville District Ranger Rachel Hutchinson provided an update on reoffering the timber sale near the Yuba Pass as they didn’t receive any bids; a meeting with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and the State Fish and Wildlife Commission regarding the Antelope project; wrapping up fuels work for the season; prescribed burning; working on launching the Christmas Tree permit program; status of campground closures; and several staffing changes on the Sierraville District.
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Acting Yuba River District Ranger Stephanie Coppeto provided an update on the North Yuba Landscape Resilience project draft EIS which should be posted by November 4th; they are back on track with the Greene Acres project and working to complete the NEPA process; the status of recruitments and hiring on the district; the status of campground closures and updates to their website indicating which sites are open to the public without fees or services; starting an improvement project at the Cal Idia Campground to improve the trailhead and OHV access; the status of the completion of the hazard tree removal at Chapman Campground and the availability of wood to the public; having received the bids for tree removal at the Yuba Pass, Ramshorn and Sierra campgrounds; having sent Chair Roen and the Assessor a spreadsheet showing the occupancy at the mines located in Sierra County; and the status of recruiting and hiring of the Deputy District Ranger position and the Recreation Staff Officer position.

6. SHERIFF/CORONER - MIKE FISHER

6.A. Resolution approving the Boating Safety and Enforcement Equipment Grant Agreement for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 and authorizing the Auditor to make changes to the 2022/2023 Final Budget.

The Sheriff provided background on the request for two jet skis under the Boating Safety and Enforcement Equipment Grant which will provide for quick emergency responses, will be housed in the Sierra Valley for quick access, and can also be made available to other agencies for search and rescue operations.

The Sheriff continued to explain that these vessels would be operated solo during an emergency response and would be a double operation for normal marine patrol.

In response to Supervisor Adams’ inquiry, the Sheriff explained that the vessels are equipped with a dead man’s switch attached by a lanyard, so if a deputy falls off the vessel it immediately turns off.

Following brief discussion, the Board moved to adopt the resolution approving the Boating Safety and Enforcement Equipment Grant Agreement for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 and authorizing the Auditor to make changes to the 2022/2023 Final Budget.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-135 and APPROVED, Agreement 2022-130. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

7. PLANNING / BUILDING - TIM BEALS

7.A. Resolution approving a county-wide ordinance pertaining to Short-Term Rentals and determination that the project is exempt under CEQA; and waive second reading and adoption of an ordinance amending Chapters 15.08 and 15.10 of the Sierra County Code implementing regulations for Short-Term Rentals in Sierra County.
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Following a brief overview by the Director of Planning, the Board moved to adopt the resolution approving a county-wide ordinance pertaining to Short-Term Rentals and determination that the project is exempt under CEQA and waived the second reading and adopt the ordinance amending Chapters 15.08 and 15.10 of the Sierra County Code implementing regulations for Short-Term Rentals in Sierra County.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-136 and ADOPTED, Ordinance No. 1117. Motion: Huebner/Adams/Unanimous Roll call Vote: 5/0

8. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - TIM BEALS

8.A. Presentation of bids and adoption of resolution awarding contract to Bridgeway Civil Constructors, Inc. for the Packer Lake Road Bridge Replacement over Salmon Creek.

The Director of Public Works briefly reviewed the bids received for the Packer Lake Road Bridge Replacement project and recommended awarding the contract to the lowest qualified bidder, Bridgeway Civil Constructors, Inc in the amount of $3,695,539.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution awarding contract to Bridgeway Civil Constructors, Inc. for the Packer Lake Road Bridge Replacement over Salmon Creek.

In response to Supervisor Adams’ inquiry, the Director clarified this project will make the turning radius of the bridge better.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-137 and APPROVED, Agreement 2022-131. Motion: Huebner/Adams/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

8.B. Presentation of bids and adoption of resolution awarding contract to Hat Creek Construction & Materials, Inc. for the Salmon Lake Road Bridge Replacement over Church Creek.

The Director of Public Works briefly reviewed the bids received for the Salmon Lake Road Bridge Replacement project and recommended awarding the contract to Hat Creek Construction & Materials Inc. in the amount of $1,642,989.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution awarding contract to Hat Creek Construction & Materials, Inc. for the Salmon Lake Road Bridge Replacement over Church Creek.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-138 and APPROVED, Agreement 2022-132. Motion: Huebner/Adams/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

9. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

9.A. Introduction and waive first reading of an ordinance amending section 2.04.010 of the Sierra County Code pertaining to meetings of the Sierra County Board of Supervisors. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)
The Clerk provided brief background on the proposed ordinance which adds the meetings held on the third Tuesday in Loyalton to the county code as regular meetings of a board of supervisors no longer require being held in the county seat.

The Board moved to waive the first reading of an ordinance amending section 2.04.010 of the Sierra County Code pertaining to meetings of the Sierra County Board of Supervisors.

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

9.B. Introduction and waive first reading of an ordinance amending section 2.44.010 of the Sierra County Code pertaining to the office of Public Guardian. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Clerk provided brief background on the proposed ordinance which designates the Director of Health and Social Services as the Public Guardian and authorizes contracting with an outside agency to perform the duties of the Deputy Public Guardian.

The Board moved to waive the first reading of an ordinance amending section 2.44.010 of the Sierra County Code pertaining to the office of Public Guardian.

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

9.C. Designation of the 2023 Rural County Representative of California (RCRC), Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA), Environmental Services Joint Power (ESJPA) Authority and Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) Delegates and Alternates. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

Following a brief overview by the Clerk, the Board moved to appoint Supervisor Adams as the Delegate and Supervisor Roen as the Alternate to the 2023 RCRC, GSFA, GSCA and ESJPA and the Director of Planning Tim Beals as the second Alternate to the ESJPA.

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

9.D. Appointment to the Sierra County Children and Families Commission (First 5). (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to appoint Sally Easley to the Sierra County Children and Families Commission (First 5).

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

9.E. Discussion/action regarding conducting meetings of the Sierra County Board of Supervisors in accordance with AB 361 and Sierra County Resolution 2021-140. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)
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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.

9.F. Approval of letter of support of the Sierra County Fire Safe Council's grant application to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for the Antelope Creek fuels reduction project. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

At 10:10 a.m. Chair Roen stepped down from the Board.

Vice Chair Dryden and Sierraville District Ranger Rachel Hutchinson briefly commented on the Antelope Creek fuels reduction project.

The Board moved to approve of letter of support of the Sierra County Fire Safe Council's grant application to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for the Antelope Creek fuels reduction project.

APPROVED. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Roen ABSENT)

At 10:12 a.m. Chair Roen reconvened with the Board.

11. CORRESPONDENCE LOG

11.A. Letter from Senator Brian Dahle regarding Assembly Bill (AB) 2120 (Ward): Investing Federal Funding in Local Bridges.

No action taken.

ADJOURN

At 10:12 a.m., with no further business, Chair Roen adjourned the meeting.

[Signature]
PAUL ROEN, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

[Signature]
HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD