



**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 9:00 a.m. on October 20, 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, Supervisor, Vice-Chair, 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

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## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

### **9. CONSENT AGENDA**

9.A. Resolution authorizing Auditor to amend 2020-2021 Solid Waste Budget to include a fixed asset (baler) and amending budget allocations outlined in Resolution 2019-078, under the 2018-2019 City/County Award which will be expended in Fiscal Year 2020-21 to clearly define purchase of a fixed asset. (PUBLIC WORKS)

**ADOPTED,** Resolution 2020-115

9.B. Resolution approving Utility Agreement 1, Caltrans Local Assistance Procedure Manual Exhibit 14 F, with AT&T for relocation of an aerial pole guy wire and communication wire as necessary to the Federal Aid Bridge Replacement Project identified as Salmon Creek Bridge at Packer Lake Road. (PUBLIC WORKS)

**ADOPTED,** Resolution 2020-115

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2020-126

9.C. Minutes from the regular meeting held on September 15, 2020. (CLERK)

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

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

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

At 9:02 a.m. Chair Beard opened and closed the public comment opportunity with no persons addressing the Board.

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

No reports given.

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

No reports given.

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**5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE**

Acting Beckworth District Ranger Stephanie Capetto provided an update on the North Complex Fire, which is 95% contained; projects going on in the district; and the Regional Office extending the fire prohibition through this week.

**6. ASSESSOR / SOLID WASTE ADMINISTRATOR - LAURA A. MARSHALL**

6.A. Discussion/direction to staff regarding historical document preservation and funding of supplies.

The Assessor briefly reviewed the supplies needed to move forward with the preservation of the maps moved to the Sierraville School.

The Board moved to approve the purchasing of the requested supplies.

Supervisor Adams commented on the Superior Court wanting to be part of this preservation effort and having reached out to the State archives staff regarding moving their records that are prior to 1900.

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

**7. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - TIM BEALS**

7.A. Discussion and direction to staff with regard to an invoice from The Resources Agency of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Code Enforcement and Plan Checking for the annual inspection of the Sierra County Jail.

The Director of Public works provided brief background on the invoice and indicated that this be covered through the existing Plant Maintenance budget, therefore no action is necessary.

7.B. Discussion and direction with regard to the notice of impending retirement of Tim Gibson as Agricultural Commissioner Sealer of Weights and Measures on December 30, 2020.

The Director of Public Works commented on the Agricultural Commissioner's retirement at the end of the year and Gabriel Hydrick, Plumas County CAO, having reached out to see how the Board wants to move forward with filling the position.

Supervisor Roen commented on the need for the County to have some input in this process.

By consensus, the Board appointed Supervisor Roen as the Board of Supervisors' representative and the Director of Public Works as the alternate, to work

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with Plumas County on the recruitment/interview process for the Plumas Sierra County Agricultural Commissioner position.

In response to Supervisor Dryden's inquiry, the Director reviewed Plumas County's recruitment and interview process for the Agricultural Commissioner position.

## **8. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- 8.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 developments to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and possible action/direction to staff. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Director of Health provided an update on COVID cases and testing numbers throughout the state and within the County.

In response to Chair Beard's inquiry, the Director of Health reviewed the "hello yellow" tier, which means most businesses are open and operating with modifications. The Director further clarified that large gathering businesses still cannot open in this tier and she does not believe the state will allow opening until there is a vaccine or a significant drop in positive cases.

The Director continued to report on the vaccine survey performed by the department; the upcoming presentation by the County Health Officer; recruitments for the public health nurse; replacement COVID signs for the highway; two appointments regarding the ELC grant funding in regards to utilizing Jessie for epidemiology and also engineering contract for the building 0.40;

The Director of OES reported on the OES Coordinator being out on extended leave; replacement COVID signs for the highway; distribution of remaining PPE supplies; the installation of a phone out front of the Courthouse to replace the doorbell; and needing direction from the Board with respect to proceeding with additional COVID expenses or curtail them.

The Auditor clarified that the COVID funding has freed up general fund money that can cover some of these costs.

The Director further recommended the Finance Committee meet to determine the effort to reimburse businesses for solid waste costs.

By consensus, the Board referred the discussion regarding reimbursement to businesses for solid waste costs to the Finance Committee.

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Chair Beard referred to the letter previously transmitted to the Board from Assemblymember Gallagher, Senator Nielsen, Assemblymember Kiley, Senator Dahle and Assemblymember Dahle and requested the Board appoint him to attend the October 29, 2020 conference with the North State Representatives.

Supervisor Adams expressed concerns with the tone of the letter and indicated he would prefer the Board do not be part of this effort.

Supervisor Dryden recommended appointing Supervisor Roen as this might be an ongoing issue.

Following discussion, the Board moved to appoint Supervisor Roen as the Board representative and Supervisor Dryden as the alternate to attend the October 29, 2020 conference with the North State Representatives.

**FAILED.** Motion: Dryden/Huebner/Failed Roll Call Vote: 2/2/1 (Supervisors Adams and Beard NO, Supervisor Roen ABSENT)

- 8.B. Review/possible action regarding Urgency Ordinance 1095 prohibiting open fires on public and private property within the unincorporated areas of Sierra County due to extreme fire danger. (SUPERVISOR ADAMS)

Supervisor Adams commented on the Beckworth Ranger District and Tahoe National Forest still having fire restrictions and recommended continuing to prohibit fires on public and private property within the unincorporated areas of Sierra County due to extreme fire danger.

No action taken.

- 8.C. Discussion/action on the request from the California Forestry Association to join coalition with respect to court case involving the US Fish & Wildlife Service and the decision not to list the California Spotted Owl as endangered. (SUPERVISOR ROEN)

Supervisor Adams commented on the decision not to list the California Spotted Owl as endangered and recommended joining the coalition as it is not helpful to have the forest burn and burn spotted owl habitat and other habitats.

Supervisor Huebner recommended presenting this the Sierra County Fish and Wildlife Commission before making a decision.

The Board moved to table this item until the next Board meeting in order to present this issue to the Sierra County Fish and Wildlife Commission.

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

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- 8.D. Appointment to the Sierra County (Calpine) Waterworks District #1.  
(CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to appoint JoAnn Chesney to the Sierra County (Calpine) Waterworks District #1.

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

#### **DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

The Director of Planning reported on Sierra, Trinity and Tuolumne counties being placed in the Natural Disaster Declaration for the Loyalton Fire; the need for the ad hoc committee to meet to establish priorities for the PSPS grant funding; submitting an application for PSPS funding for CSA 5 to purchase a generator for the Sierra Brooks Water System; FEMA projects; the Sierra Plumas Joint Unified School District appointing an ad hoc committee to meet regarding the Sierraville School; the Planning Commission meeting held last Thursday regarding the Housing Development update and upcoming matters the Commission will take up in the future; the change in the North Yuba Forest Partnership project priorities to fuel reduction and fire protection; and reports due for SB 1 funding.

#### **ADJOURN**

At 10:17 a.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