The Sierra County Board of Supervisors met in regular session commencing at 9:00 a.m. on November 15, 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 Supervisor Dryden

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
Lori McGee, Interim Director of Social Services
Rhonda Grandi, Interim Director of Public Health
Chuck Henson, Chief Probation Officer
Mike Fisher, Sheriff/Coroner
November 15, 2022

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

At the request of Supervisor Dryden, Consent Item 12.J. was moved to the Regular Agenda as Item 10.F.

12.J. Agreement for services by the Sierra County Chamber of Commerce for promotion of Sierra County during the 2022-2023 fiscal year. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

APPROVED as amended. Motion: Huebner/Dryden/Unanimous Roll Call Vote:

12. CONSENT AGENDA

12.A. Cash audit report for the quarter ended September 30, 2022. (AUDITOR)

12.B. Treasurer’s investment report and statement of liquidity for the period ending September 30, 2022. (TREASURER)

12.C. Resolution approving the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division Grant for the Cooperative Agreement 2022-2023, Project Agreement Number G22-03-55-L01, between Sierra County and the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation - Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division. (SHERIFF)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-143

12.D. Resolution approving agreement AT-2223-46 between the California Department of Aging and Sierra County to provide services under the Access to Technology (ATT) Program. (SOCIAL SERVICES)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-144
APPROVED, Agreement 2022-134

12.E. Approval of Master Services Agreement with DUDEK for Planning and CEQA Consultation Services. (PLANNING)

APPROVED, Agreement 2022-135

12.F. Authorize payment of invoice 63725 to Freon Free, Inc. for hazardous waste removal from scrap metal at the Loyalton Transfer Station. (PUBLIC WORKS)
12.G. Resolution approving appointments in lieu of election to the Alleghany County Water District. (ELECTIONS)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-145

12.H. Resolution approving appointments in lieu of election to the Sierra City Fire District. (ELECTIONS)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-146

12.I. Resolution approving Merchant Processing Agreement between Automated Merchant Systems, LLC and the County of Sierra for credit card and debit card services in the County Clerk-Recorder's office and authorizing the County Clerk-Recorder as the responsible administrator. (CLERK-RECORDER)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-147
APPROVED, Agreement 2022-136

12.K. Minutes from the regular meeting held on October 18, 2022. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

At the request of the Clerk, Regular Agenda Item 10.A. was pulled from the agenda.

10.A. Discussion/approval of a Lease/Purchase Agreement between the City of Loyalton and the County of Sierra for 105 Beckwith Street, Loyalton, CA. (CHAIR ROEN)

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda as amended.

APPROVED as amended. Motion: Huebner/Dryden/Unanimous Roll Call Vote:

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

At 9:0 a.m. chair Roen opened and closed the public comment opportunity with no persons addressing the Board.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Dryden reported on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Forest Resiliency Task Force public meeting last Thursday regarding the Smithneck Project which was well attended, and she feels this was a good first step and CDFW has stepped back on the proposed barbed wire fencing.
November 15, 2022

Supervisor LeBlanc reported the Christmas Tree Lighting, Light Parade and Spaghetti Feed will be held December 3, 2022.

Supervisor Adams reported on the Local Agency Technical Assistance Grant for the broadband deployment, which is on today’s agenda, and reaching out to Barbara Hayes with the Golden State Connect Authority who clarified that it is better to utilize the County’s Department of Public Works rather than the IT Department.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS’ REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Plumas-Sierra Agriculture Commissioner Willow Villa presented the 2021 Agricultural Report to the Board.

The Director of Behavioral Health reported on the Rural Community Housing Development Group meeting regarding the upcoming deadlines for the allocation of the Permanent Housing Allocation Grant.

The Chief Probation Officer reported on several laws passed this year that affect the Probation Department.

The Interim Director of Public Health provided an update on the passage of Proposition 31 with respect to the ban of certain flavored tobacco and reaching out to local retailers to determine how to support them in this transition.

The Sheriff reported on the recent storm damage to the Sheriff’s radio system, which was down for almost a week, the Caltrans generator at the repeater site, and additional damage to equipment at the repeater site due to the PG&E brownout. The Sheriff further commented on looking to retrofitting the Sheriff’s Office radio system.

The Sheriff continued to report on the status of staffing in the department; bringing forward a request to authorize the continued accrual of vacation for employees who have reached the maximum accrual; and Tehama County no longer providing day shift parole due to critical staffing levels due to pay and Sierra County starting to see similar issues as the metro police departments pay much more.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the vacant Undersheriff and Sergeant positions.

The Interim Director of Social Services reported on the ATT grant; the Eligibility Team getting ready to review the General Relief Plan policies and procedures; and the two programs under the Home Safe and Bringing Families Home funding and the recent notification for a second round of funding.

The Director of Planning reported on Sierra Brooks water still testing readings of chlorine in the system; working on getting the STR policies in place for the January 1, 2023 implementation; the status of snow grooming on the east and west sides of the county; the Local Transportation Commission meeting to be held tomorrow; the plans, specifications and bidding for the Downieville Community Hall project will be on the next meeting for approval; working on an operation/maintenance agreement between the
November 15, 2022

Sierra County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, the Board of Supervisors and the Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District for the Sierraville Division Dam on Cold Stream; the intent to recommend the Board make the official order to abate the nuisance in Sierraville at the next meeting; continuing the management of two bridges; cleaning up a series of agreements with Feather River Forestry; and concerns with the AT&T’s lack of response to the Sheriff’s radio system and recommending a meeting with AT&T representatives to have a serious discussion regarding accountability and service.

Following brief discussion, the Board directed the Director and the Sheriff to reach out to AT&T for a meeting.

The Assistant Director of Personnel provided an update on county department staffing.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Acting Yuba River District Ranger Stephanie Coppeto provide an update on behalf of Sierraville District Ranger Hutchinson with respect to prescribed burning.

With respect to the Yuba River District, Ranger Coppeto continued to provide an update on staffing within the district; the release of the North Yuba Forest Partnership draft EIS this Friday; the Greene Acres and Forest City projects; Christmas Tree permits for sale; and the accidents that have occurred on Butcher Ranch Trail and working to rectify this issue.

Supervisors Dryden and Adams thanked Acting Ranger Coppeto for all the work she’s done in her short time as the Acting District Ranger.

Beckworth District Ranger Mike Rahe provide an update on staffing; the Community Protect Project; prescribed burning; the end of fire restrictions; Christmas Tree permits for sale; and starting the hazard tree removal project that was awarded last month.

6. AUDITOR / TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR - VAN MADDOX

6.A. Discussion and direction to staff on short-term rentals that are chronically out of compliance with Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT).

The Auditor provided background on the item and County Counsel needing direction from the Board to spend time on addressing short-term rentals that are out of compliance.

In response to Chair Roen’s inquiry, the Director of Planning clarified that new ordinance requires short-term rentals to be registered and in good standing to be eligible to rent.

Following brief discussion and by consensus, the Board authorized County Counsel to work on other enforcement options.
7. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - TIM BEALS

7.A. Discussion and approval of Second Amendment to Agreement 2021-026 for Professional Services with Feather River Forestry, LLC to increase the contract amount and term.

The Board moved to approve the Second Amendment to Agreement 2021-026 for Professional Services with Feather River Forestry, LLC to increase the contract amount and term.

APPROVED, Agreement 2022-137. Dryden/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

7.B. Discussion and approval of Amendment to Agreement 2021-058 for Professional Services with Feather River Forestry Services, LLC to increase the contract amount.

The Board moved to approve the Amendment to Agreement 2021-058 for Professional Services with Feather River Forestry Services, LLC to increase the contract amount.

APPROVED, Agreement 2022-138. Motion: Dryden/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

7.C. Professional Services Agreement with Bruce E. Boyd Architects and Planners, for architectural services for the Historic Sierraville School renovation project.

Following a brief overview by the Director of Public Works, the Board moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Bruce E. Boyd Architects and Planners, for architectural services for the Historic Sierraville School Renovation project.

APPROVED, Agreement 2022-139. Dryden/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

8. PLANNING / BUILDING - TIM BEALS

8.A. Continued discussion/direction for use of funds from the Local Agency Technical Assistance (LATA) Grant application.

The Director of Planning provided a status report on the Local Agency Technical Assistance Grant application and having assigned this to the Deputy Director of Planning.

In response to Supervisor Dryden’s inquiry, Supervisor Adams clarified that it was determined that this project should stay with Public Works.
8.B. Request for approval of promotion that was approved in the 2021-2022 budget but not carried over for implementation in the 2022-2023 budget for Building.

The Director of Planning provided background on the request for approval of a promotion.

The Auditor clarified that this is currently in the budget.

The Board moved to approve the promotion that was approved in the 2021-2022 budget but not carried over for implementation in the 2022-2023 budget for Building.

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

9. CLERK-RECORDER/ELECTIONS - HEATHER FOSTER

9.A. Appointment to the Sierra City Fire District. (ELECTIONS)

Following a brief explanation of the appointment process by the Clerk, the Board moved to appoint Glen Haubl to the Sierra City Fire District.

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

10. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

10.B. Approval of letter of support for the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District grant application to California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) implementation round 2. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

Following a brief overview by Chair Roen, the Board moved to approve the letter of support for the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District grant application to California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) implementation round 2.

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

10.C. Introduction and waive first reading of an ordinance amending section 2.04.070 of the Sierra County Code pertaining to compensation for County Supervisors. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Clerk provided brief background on the proposed ordinance which provides for an increase of 5% effective February 25, 2023 and 5% effective December 25, 2023.
The Board moved to introduce and waive the first reading of an ordinance amending section 2.04.070 of the Sierra County Code pertaining to compensation for County Supervisors.

The Clerk further clarified that the current Fiscal Year budget impact is approximately $3,400.

Supervisor Huebner indicated that he presented this twice this year and this should have been approved in June with the other departments, so he is not in favor of approving this.

Supervisor Dryden clarified that when this was previously discussed the Board had not settled the negotiations with the employees and she had indicated she would support looking at the Board’s salary following negotiations, which is why she brought it forward at this time.

APPROVED. Motion: Dryden/LeBlanc/Majority Roll Call Vote: 4/1 (Supervisor Huebner NO)

10.D. Appointment to the Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to appoint Annie Tipton to the Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District.

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

10.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)

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.

10.F. Agreement for services by the Sierra County Chamber of Commerce for promotion of Sierra County during the 2022-2023 fiscal year. (CLERK OF THE BOARD) (Consent Item 12.J.)

In response to Supervisor Dryden’s inquiry, the Sierra County Chamber of Commerce President, Linda Voracek clarified that they are still publishing the Visitor Guides in conjunction with the East Sierra Valley Chamber and the $1,000 budget increase is for the increased use of social and digital platforms.

In response to Supervisor LeBlanc’s inquiry, Ms. Voracek clarified they are in partnership with the East Sierra Valley Chamber and absolutely working with them.
November 15, 2022

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2022-140. Motion: Dryden/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

11. CLOSED SESSION

11.A. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 - performance review regarding County Counsel.

The Board met in closed session from 10:53 a.m. to 11:03 p.m. Chair Roen reported that direction was given to staff.

13. CORRESPONDENCE LOG

13.A. Application for Alcoholic Beverage License submitted by Robinson Bassett’s Adventure, LLC.

No action taken.

ADJOURN

At 11:03 a.m., with no further business, Chair Roen adjourned the meeting.

____________________________
SHARON DRYDEN, VICE CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

____________________________
HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD