



**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 February 2, 2021. 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, Chair, District #1
Peter W. Huebner, Supervisor, Vice Chair, District #2
Paul Roen, Supervisor, District #3
Terry LeBlanc, Supervisor, District #4
Sharon Dryden, Supervisor, 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
Mike Fisher, Sheriff/Coroner

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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

APPROVED. Motion: Roen/LeBlanc/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

11. CONSENT AGENDA

11.A. Amendment to Professional Services Agreement 2020-038 and Amendment 2020-127 between North American Mental Health Services (NAMHS) and County of Sierra for Telemedicine services. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-008

11.B. Amendment to Professional Services Agreement 2020-060 between Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc. and County of Sierra for Adult Residential Care Services. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-009

11.C. Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2021 Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Operating and Financial Plan between the USDA Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and the Sierra County Sheriff's Office. (SHERIFF)

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-010

ADOPTED, Resolution 2021-020

11.D. Interdepartmental vehicle transfer to Sierra County Assessor of a 2008 Honda CRV. (PUBLIC WORKS)

11.E. Governing Body Resolution authorizing actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance provided by the Federal Department of Emergency Management Performance Grant, Fiscal Year 20, and sub-granted through the State of California. (PUBLIC WORKS)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2021-021

11.F. Governing Body Resolution naming authorizing agents for Sierra County Emergency Management Performance Grant COVID Supplemental. (PUBLIC WORKS)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2021-022

11.G. Governing Body Resolution naming authorizing agents for Sierra County for the Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSG). (PUBLIC WORKS)

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ADOPTED, Resolution 2021-023

11.H. Minutes from the regular meeting held January 5, 2021. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

REGULAR AGENDA

Supervisor Roen requested adding the following item to the Regular Agenda as the matter came up after the close of the agenda and requires action before the next meeting.

8.D. Discussion/approval of letter in support of the North Yuba Forest Partnership's proposed North Yuba Forest Partnership Planning and Monitoring proposal.

The Board moved to add Item 8.D. to the Regular Agenda.

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

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda as amended.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

At 9:04 a.m. Chair Adams opened and closed the public comment opportunity with no persons addressing the Board.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Huebner expressed his appreciation to Deputy Director of Public Works Bryan Davey for his efforts in acquiring the new backhoe for the County through the Carl Moyer Grant program.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sheriff reported on search and rescue efforts as result of the recent snowstorms.

Brief discussion ensued with the Board.

The Director of Behavioral Health reported on Medi-Cal billing; applying for the extension of the \$500,000 No Place Like Home funding; and Plumas County applying for additional grant funding which may entitle Sierra County to an additional \$300,000 to use towards the required case management under the No Place Like Home program.

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In response to Supervisor Dryden's inquiry, the Director explained Sierra County would still be responsible for providing mental health services to Sierra County residents who are in a Plumas County facility and would do so through a memorandum of understanding.

Discussion ensued.

The Director continued to report on Wellness Center Modular cracking/separating due to damage when it was delivered.

The Director of Planning reported on the distribution of PPE to businesses and the filing of the REAP and LEAP grant applications. The Director further reported on issues with recreation vehicle users in Long Valley and Verdi and requested referring this issue to the Public Works Standing Committee or to hold an informal meeting with the Sheriff and CHP, as the County needs to be more responsive to some of the complaints they are receiving.

In response to Supervisor Huebner's inquiry regarding prohibiting parking on certain roads in Verdi and Long Valley, the Director clarified that the County could impose parking restrictions by ordinance on any County road and would suggest adding this to the next agenda for discussion.

By consensus, the Board directed County Counsel to work with the Director on the parking issues and bring a recommendation back to the Board at the next meeting.

The Director of Health and Social Services reported on working with the Sierra City and Downieville gas station owners and having to increase the CUPA contract with Plumas County due to the enormous amount of time dealing with these two projects.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Sierraville District Ranger Quentin Youngblood commented on the Director's and Supervisor Huebner's concerns regarding increased recreation and suggested a coordinated meeting with the County, himself, and the District Rangers in the Humboldt-Toiyabe, Truckee, and Yuba River Districts.

Ranger Youngblood continued to report on various matters going on in the district including timber sales; the Calpine lookout remaining closed until further notice due to COVID; struggles with finding housing for temporary employees; and opening campgrounds by the end of April so long as it is consistent with the State and County COVID protocols.

Supervisor Adams commented on the winter recreation issues and suggested the County-USFS Relations Ad Hoc Committee meet to come up with some recommendations to address the concerns.

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By consensus, the Board referred this matter to the County-USFS Relations Ad Hoc Committee.

6. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - LEA SALAS

- 6.A. Professional Services Agreement between Joseph S. Krzesni, LMFT and Sierra County Behavioral Health for psychiatric and clinical chart review.

The Director of Behavioral Health provided background on the agreement with Joseph S. Krzesni, LMFT for psychiatric and clinical chart review services, which services will be used to make sure they can move forward properly with Medi-Cal billing.

The Board moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement between Joseph S. Krzesni, LMFT and Sierra County Behavioral Health for psychiatric and clinical chart review.

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-011. Motion: Roen/LeBlanc/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

7. AUDITOR / TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR - VAN MADDOX

- 7.A. Resolution approving sale of tax defaulted property subject to the Tax Collector's power to sell.

The Auditor briefly explained there were originally three parcels subject to tax sale, however the first one was redeemed. The Auditor further reviewed the remaining two parcels subject to tax sale.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution approving sale of tax defaulted property subject to the Tax Collector's power to sell.

Brief discussion ensued with the Board pertaining to the two properties subject to sale.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2021-024. Motion: Roen/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

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)

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The Director of Health reported on new case numbers and the decrease in the number of deaths and hospitalizations throughout the State; new school guidance and how it affects Sierra County schools; status of vaccinations; and the new platform "My Turn" onboarding application which allows people to register online for an appointment for vaccination.

In response to Supervisor Huebner's inquiry regarding elderly citizens in Verdi who do not want to drive to Loyalton for the vaccination, the Director indicated the County will need to make some accommodations for people in remote communities including home visits.

The Director continued to report on testing dates and locations.

The OES Director reported on the PPE availability and the collective decision to terminate any public assistance request through FEMA as it would be easier to work through Public Health funding streams versus the FEMA Public Assistance application.

The Sheriff reported on working with OES to make sure the PPE can get distributed to the businesses on the east side of the County.

The Board continued this discussion to later in the meeting.

8.B. Waive second reading and adoption of an ordinance amending Section 12.06.050 of the Sierra County Code pertaining to the Sierra County Fire Protection District No. 1 Fire Development Impact Fee. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to waive the second reading and adopt the ordinance amending Section 12.06.050 of the Sierra County Code pertaining to the Sierra County Fire Protection District No. 1 Fire Development Impact Fee.

Supervisor Dryden commented that she has not had any negative feedback on the proposed fire development impact fee increase.

ADOPTED, Ordinance-1097. Roen/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

Continued – Item 8.A. CONTINUED COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY UPDATE

Sierraville District Ranger Youngblood reported on the continued closure of their buildings, and concerns with increased recreation at Little Truckee Summit and Yuba Pass and continuing to staff these areas.

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

Chair Adams clarified this request is to appoint Ms. Marsh to a different role with the Commission.

The Clerk commented that once this appointment is made, her office will advertise the vacancy of a representative a local organization for prevention.

The Board moved to appoint Laurie Marsh to the Sierra County Children and Families Commission (First 5) as a representative of management of County functions involving Behavioral Health Services.

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

8.D. Discussion/approval of letter in support of the North Yuba Forest Partnership's proposed North Yuba Forest Partnership Planning and Monitoring proposal.

Supervisor Roen commented on the proposed letter referring to the County committing to be the Lead Agency for CEQA.

The Clerk clarified the Board had previously indicated their support of being the Lead Agency and directed staff to return for final approval.

The Director of Planning referred to the proposed letter and the third paragraph pertaining to the County taking the Lead Agency role which he believes is critical to the grant application and is not concerned about the commitment to being the Lead Agency. The Director further requested making some edits to the proposed letter.

In response to Supervisor Dryden's inquiry regarding the County being the Lead Agency, County Counsel clarified that the financial impact is the main issue.

Supervisor Roen clarified that 90% of the projects are in Sierra County, so the County is already on the hook and the Partnership has agreed to pay for any costs associated with the County being the Lead Agency.

The Board moved to approve the proposed letter in support of the North Yuba Partnership's proposed North Yuba Forest Partnership Planning and Monitoring proposal and authorized the Director of Planning to make edits to the proposed letter prior to submission.

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

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9. TIMED ITEMS

9.A. 10:00AM SHERIFF'S OFFICE K-9 PROGRAM

Presentation and adoption of resolution authorizing funding generated through Sierra County District Attorney's office Consumer Protection Program, and acceptance of donations from the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office for the implementation and ongoing costs of the Sheriff's Office K-9 Program.

The Sheriff presented a PowerPoint on the proposed K-9 Program.

Supervisor Dryden expressed concerns with adding a program to the department if they are already struggling due to a shortfall in staffing. Supervisor Dryden further questioned what the current staffing in the department is and who is going to be the K-9 handler.

The Sheriff responded that there is one full-time position open and one position currently in field training. With respect to the handler, Deputy Scott Bailey has expressed interest and was instrumental in putting this program together. The Sheriff further clarified that there will not be any difference in patrol coverage and there will not be an impact on staffing.

In response to Supervisor Huebner's inquiry, the Sheriff explained that the K-9 handler will live in Loyalton.

Supervisor Adams commented that this will not be Sierra County's first K-9, Sam Doyle had one back in the 70's. He sees this as another tool for any Sheriff's Office and is in support of the program. Supervisor Adams further recommended getting the handler pay situation figured out before purchasing the dog.

In response to Supervisor Adams' inquiry regarding what happens to the dog if the program does not work out, the Sheriff explained this question is on his and County Counsel's radar and will be addressed before purchasing the dog. The Sheriff added that the biggest issue is the meet and confer requirements with the Deputy Sheriff's Association with respect to the handler's salary.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution authorizing funding generated through Sierra County District Attorney's office Consumer Protection Program, and acceptance of donations from the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office for the implementation and ongoing costs of the Sheriff's Office K-9 Program.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2021-. Huebner/Roen/Unanimous Motion: 5/0

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CLOSED SESSION STATEMENT

Chair Adams reported out for the January 5, 2021 and January 19, 2021 meetings.

January 5, 2021 - 9.A. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 - performance review regarding County Counsel.

January 19, 2021 - 14.A. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 - performance review regarding County Counsel.

Chair Adams reported the Board took no reportable action on the closed session items discussed on January 5, 2021 and January 19, 2021.

10. CLOSED SESSION

10.A. Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 - performance review regarding County Counsel.

The Board met in closed session from 11:25 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

12. CORRESPONDENCE LOG

12.A. Letter from Gabriel Hydrick, Plumas County CAO to the Department of Food and Agriculture regarding the Annual Financial Statements for Plumas and Sierra Counties as related to the Food and Agriculture Code 224(g).

No action taken.

ADJOURN

At 12:15 p.m., with no further business, Chair Beard adjourned the meeting.

LEE ADAMS, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD