



**STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SIERRA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

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The Sierra County Board of Supervisors met in special session commencing at 1:00 p.m. on March 20, 2020 via teleconference. This meeting was recorded for posting on the Board of Supervisors' website at www.sierracounty.ca.gov.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Chair Beard

ROLL CALL

Present: Lee Adams, Supervisor, District #1
Peter W. Huebner, Supervisor, District #2
Paul Roen, Supervisor, Chair, District #3
Jim Beard, Supervisor, Vice-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
Jeff Bosworth, Chief Probation Officer
Mike Fisher, Sheriff/Coroner
Ann Mendez, Court Executive Officer

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APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

At 1:01 p.m. Chair Beard opened and closed the public comment opportunity with no persons addressing the Board.

3. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - TIM BEALS

- 3.A. Resolution approving Agreement for Possession and Use between Sierra County and Joanna M. Wentz for compensation for acquisition of a portion of property identified as Sierra County Assessor's Parcel 007-110-012, required for construction a portion of the Salmon Lake Road Bridge Replacement Project and authorizing signatory.

The Director of Public Works commented on the need to have the proposed agreement executed as soon as possible in order to preserve and protect the entire project.

Deputy Director of Transportation Bryan Davey provided background on the agreement for possession and use which allows them to move forward with the right-of-way certification and continue the project. Deputy Director Davey further clarified that this needs to be completed before the end of month in order to secure federal funding for the project.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution Agreement for Possession and Use between Sierra County and Joanna M. Wentz for compensation for acquisition of a portion of property identified as Sierra County Assessor's Parcel 007-110-012, required for construction a portion of the Salmon Lake Road Bridge Replacement Project and authorizing signatory.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2020-033 and **APPROVED**, Agreement 2020-019. Motion: Adams/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

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4. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 4.A. Continued discussion/action in regards to the resolution establishing interim personnel policies and the proclamation of local emergency to respond to COVID-19 adopted by the Board of Supervisors on March 17, 2020 and possible adoption of new policies and procedures related to the continuation of essential county functions and employee safety. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Clerk provided brief background on the resolution establishing interim personnel policies and proclamation of local emergency.

The Director of Public Works referred to the Board's prior action to adopt a proclamation and his recommendation to adopt the proclamation effective today in order to make the record clear.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution proclaiming the existence of a local state of emergency in Sierra County as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic virus.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2020-034. Motion: Roen/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

The Board moved adopt a resolution ratifying the Declaration of local health emergency effective on March 20, 2020 by the Sierra County Public Health Officer.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2020-035. Motion: Roen/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

Discussion ensued with the Board and staff in regards to operations of County departments in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sierraville District Ranger Quentin Youngblood commented on the status of the agency's operations with respect to providing emergency services, law enforcement, and wildfire suppression.

Supervisor Roen requested Ranger Youngblood convey to his supervisors the need for continued support for wildfire suppression.

The Director of Public Works commented on providing resources to keep County sites and work stations sanitized and the status of existing contracts including FEMA projects, the Sierra Brooks Water System project, and various Sierra Nevada Conservancy grant projects.

Discussion ensued with respect to limiting public access to the courthouse and directing the public to call county offices directly or utilize the Sheriff's office intercom if they need assistance.

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The Director of Health and Social Services, Director of Behavioral Health, Chief Probation Officer, Sheriff and Chief Technology Officer provided updates on department operations.

Considerable discussion ensued regarding adding information to the County's website with respect to County department operations in response to COVID-19; closing county parks, county owned buildings, and public restrooms; Public Health's requirement to inventory all housing options in the County for anyone who is identified as homeless and are infected; County transit vans continuing to provide essential services to seniors; the recent power outages on the west side of the County; options to provide fuel at the Goodyears Bar Shop for residents on the west side of the County; and the proposed telecommuting agreement.

Following discussion and by consensus the Board directed department managers to review the proposed telecommuting agreement and return to the Board at a future meeting.

5. CLOSED SESSION

- 5.A. Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) - conference with counsel regarding the following litigation: ARP - Loyaltan Cogen LLC Chapter 11 Bankruptcy - United States Bankruptcy Court Central District Case No. 8:20-bk-10535-ES.

The Board met in closed session from 3:10 p.m. to 3:52 p.m.

ADJOURN

At 3:52 p.m., with no further business, Chair Beard adjourned the meeting.

JIM BEARD, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD