



**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 June 1, 2021. 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, 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
Scott McLeran, 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
Celia Sutton-Pado, County Health Officer

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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

At the request of the Clerk, Item 13.N. was pulled from the Consent Agenda.

13.N. Minutes from the regular meeting held on May 4, 2021. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

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

13. CONSENT AGENDA

13.A. Professional Services Agreement between Mary Lowe, LMFT, and Sierra County for behavioral health services. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-050

13.B. Professional Services Agreement between Thomas E. Bittker, M.D., and Sierra County for behavioral health services. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-051

13.C. 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 2021-052

13.D. Professional Services Agreement between Oliver Ocskay, Ph.D. and Sierra County for behavioral health services. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-053

13.E. Mutual Termination of Agreement 2005-153 and Amendments 2008-125, 2011-062, 2018-045, 2020-012, 2020-089 and 2021-015 between County of Plumas and County of Sierra for Certified Unified Program Agency services. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-054

13.F. Resolution adopting the updated Sierra County Injury and Illness Prevention Policy Resolution 2021-011. (PERSONNEL)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2021-082

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- 13.G. Resolution adopting the updated Sierra County Travel Policy Resolution 17-014. (PERSONNEL)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2021-083

- 13.H. Agreement for Indemnification and Reimbursement for Extraordinary Costs for Filberto Ferroni, applicant and Karen Ferroni, Trustee of the Herbert Kronish Trust, landowner. Consideration of a Tentative Parcel Map application for property located near Hill Street in Verdi, CA, APN: 023-080-026. (PLANNING)

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-055

- 13.I. Amendment to Professional Services Agreement 2009-044 with Sauers Engineering to extend contract term for the engineering services contract for the Sierra Brooks Water System Improvement Project Phase 2. (PUBLIC WORKS)

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-056

- 13.J. Amendment to Professional Services Agreement 97-068 with Bastian Engineering to update rate sheet for County Surveyor and County Engineer Services. (PUBLIC WORKS)

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-057

- 13.K. Agreement designating Northern California EMS, Inc. as the Local EMS Agency for Sierra County. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-058

- 13.L. Amendment to Agreement 1994-110 for Public Defender Services with J. Lon Cooper to extend the term of the contract. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-059

- 13.M. Minutes from the regular meeting held on April 6, 2021. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

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

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2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

At 9:02 a.m. Chair Adams opened the public comment opportunity.

Comments were received by Josh Hart, Feather River Action regarding Plumas and Sierra County's contract with USDA Wildlife Services to kill wildlife with taxpayer funding and their proposal to redirect these funds to non-lethal predator defense methods.

Supervisor Roen clarified that cyanide bombs, snares and traps are not used in California and the current Agricultural process is engaged in alternative measures.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

No reports were given.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sheriff reported the K9 handler is now certified for patrol.

The Director of Planning reported on four new public nuisance complaints; concerns with the level of service from AT&T and PG&E; concerns with the Ramshorn and Chapman Creek campgrounds not opening due to the hazardous tree issue; concerns with visitors getting stuck in town as they are unaware that there is no gas or services available; speeding issues in Sierra City; the timely submission of the FLAP applications; the Loyalton Mobile Home Park property cleanup; and the three subdivisions approved in Nevada that will impact Verdi, CA.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Tahoe National Forest Supervisor Eli Ilano reported on the Nevada City and Camptonville building leases expiring in 2023 and their plans to construct a new campus in Nevada City that would house the employees that are in the Nevada City and Camptonville buildings and would shift some of the services provided in Camptonville to Downieville.

Supervisor Adams expressed his appreciation that they are discussing this early and are considering increasing services in Downieville.

Forest Supervisor Ilano continued to comment on the recent FLAP application submission and the hazardous tree issue in campgrounds.

Yuba River District Ranger Lon Henderson commented on the hazardous trees in the campgrounds and requested the Board's support as they move through the process of removal of these trees.

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Ranger Henderson continued to report on the FLAP application; ongoing projects in the district; and upcoming meetings regarding moving the district office.

Chair Adams expressed concerns with campground closures due to the lack of funding to remove hazardous trees and recommended the Forest Service reprioritize their funding as two years to have four campgrounds closed is frustrating.

Ranger Henderson clarified there are four campgrounds closed this year, only two were closed last year. Ranger Henderson continued to comment that he hears the Board's concerns and wants the campgrounds open as well.

Discussion ensued regarding the hazardous tree issue.

Sierraville District Ranger Quentin Youngblood reported on Memorial Day weekend activities and the Little Truckee Summit biomass project.

Chair Adams complemented the Forest Service on the Frazier Falls Trail.

6. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES - VICKIE CLARK

6.A. Agreement for Professional Services between the County of Sierra and California Association of Environmental Health Administrators for a Registered Environmental Health Specialist.

The Director of Planning provided background on some personnel issues in Environmental Health and the option to enter into the proposed agreement with the California Association of Environmental Health Administrators to utilize retired Environmental Health personnel for counties.

The Board moved to approve the agreement for Professional Services between the County of Sierra and California Association of Environmental Health Administrators for a Registered Environmental Health Specialist.

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-060. Motion: Roen/LeBlanc/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

7. PERSONNEL DIRECTOR - MARGARET LONG

7.A. Resolution adopting the Sierra County Telecommuting Policy.

County Counsel provided background on the proposed Telecommute Policy which allows for the continuation of telecommuting post COVID for short periods of time upon approval of the department head.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the proposed policy.

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The Board moved to adopt the resolution adopting the Sierra County Telecommuting Policy.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2021-084. Motion: Roen/LeBlanc/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

8. AUDITOR / TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR - VAN MADDOX

8.A. Approval of addendum to agreement between Wex Bank and the State of California for fuel card services.

The Auditor provided background on the Cal Card Program and recommended moving forward with the new company who is taking this over with the State.

Supervisor Roen expressed frustration with these cards as they require calling the vendor to put the card through.

Following brief discussion, the Board continued this item to a future meeting to receive clarification on how the cards will work.

12. TIMED ITEMS

12.A. 10:00 AM PUBLIC HEARING - JIM CROW ROAD

Conduct public hearing pursuant to California Streets and Highway Code Section 970.5 to consider a change of name of Jim Crow Road - County Road 410, located two miles north of Downieville extending from State Route 49 to Jim Crow Creek, a length of one (1) mile, and possible adoption of resolution ordering a change of name for County Road 410 and directing actions for implementation of the new road name.

The Director of Public Works provided background on the request by four property owners to consider changing the name of Jim Crow Road, County Road 410 to another historically accurate name; the process outlined in the Sierra County Code and California Streets and Highway Code to consider the change of name; the Sierra County Historical Society's recommendation to change the name to Crow City Road; and the request only affecting the name of the road, not the creek or canyon.

At 10:13 a.m. Chair Adams opened the public hearing.

The Clerk entered the following documents into the record:

Exhibit 1 – June 1, 2021 Board of Supervisors Transmittal and Record of Proceedings with attachments

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- Exhibit A - Petitions/Letters of Support for Change of Road Name from Tom DeJonghe, Jim Steinbarth, Cliff Smith, and William Pangman dated May 23, 2021
- Exhibit B - Email/Letter dated May 27, 2021 from Nora Prince in opposition to changing the name of Jim Crow Road
- Exhibit C - Email/Letter dated May 27, 2021 from Cherry Simi in opposition to changing the name of Jim Crow Road
- Exhibit D - Letter dated May 25, 2021 from Grace Lundeen-Knowles in opposition to changing the name of Jim Crow Road
- Exhibit E - Email dated May 31, 2021 from Lyn Jensen in support of changing the name of Jim Crow Road
- Exhibit F - Email dated May 31, 2021 from Paul Guffin in support of changing the name of Jim Crow Road
- Exhibit G - Email dated May 31, 2021 from Christopher Pine in support of changing the name of Jim Crow Road

Public comments were received by William Pangman, William Copren, Betsy Mathieson, Jim Steinbarth, Celia Widner, Cindy Ellsmore, David and Susan Davison, and Corey Peterman, in support of changing the name of the road to Crow City Road.

At 10:41 a.m. Chair Adams closed the public hearing with no further persons addressing the Board.

Board discussion ensued.

Following discussion, the Board moved to adopt the resolution ordering a change of name for County Road 410 to Crow City Road and directing actions for implementation of the new road name.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2021-085. Motion: Dryden/Huebner/Majority Roll Call Vote: 4/1 (Supervisor LeBlanc NO)

12.B. 10:30 AM CALPERS UNFUNDED ACTUARIAL LIABILITY

Discussion/approval of contract for financial advisory services for the purposes of refinancing Sierra County's California Public Employee's Retirement System (CalPERS) Unfunded Actuarial Liability (UAL).

The Auditor provided clarification on the cost of the proposals received for financial advisory services.

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Chair Adams clarified that if the Board approves a contract for financial advisory services and decides not to move forward with the debt service, it will cost approximately \$7,500.

Following discussion and by consensus, the Board agreed to move forward with obtaining financial advisory services for purposes of refinancing Sierra County's CalPERS UAL.

Presentations were made by Andrew Flynn, Managing Director with CalMuni Advisors and Jeffery Small with Capitol Public Finance Group, LLC.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

Following discussion, the Board moved to approve the contract with Capitol Public Finance Group, LLC for financial advisory services for the purposes of refinancing Sierra County's California Public Employee's Retirement System (CalPERS) Unfunded Actuarial Liability (UAL).

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-049. Motion: Roen/Dryden/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

8.B. Resolution authorizing the Auditor to make certain changes to the 2020/21 Final Budget for the purchase of a vehicle for the Sheriff's Department.

Following brief discussion, the Board moved to adopt the resolution authorizing the Auditor to make certain changes to the 2020/21 Final Budget for the purchase of a vehicle for the Sheriff's Department.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2021-086. Motion: Roen/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

9. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - TIM BEALS

9.A. Amendment to Sierra County Agreement 2018-007 with MGE Engineering to include construction management services for 5 sites (Brandy City - 2 sites); Old Tollbridge; Long Valley; and Jim Crow Road in the Professional Engineering and Environmental Services Agreement for 2017 Flood Damage-Multiple Sites.

The Board moved to approve the amendment to Sierra County Agreement 2018-007 with MGE Engineering to include construction management services for 5 sites (Brandy City - 2 sites); Old Tollbridge; Long Valley; and Jim Crow Road in the Professional Engineering and Environmental Services Agreement for 2017 Flood Damage-Multiple Sites.

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-061. Motion: Dryden/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

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- 9.B. Continued discussion and update on wildland fire treatment grants and engagement of services of Forester for grant writing purposes.

No action taken.

10. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 10.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 County Health Officer reported on the number of new cases, deaths and vaccination rates within the State and County; the State no longer following the Blueprint effective June 15, 2021; and Cal/OSHA continuing to have stricter guidance for employees and employers.

The County Health Officer further suggested providing COVID updates under Department Manager Reports and Announcements.

By consensus, the Board agreed to hold COVID updates, if any, during the Board meetings under Department Manager Reports and Announcements.

At the request of the Clerk and by consensus, the Board directed adding a discussion item to the next meeting agenda regarding transitioning back to in-person meetings.

- 10.B. Approval of support letter for the inclusion of IRWM funding in Drought Relief and Resilience Package. (SUPERVISOR ROEN)

Following a brief overview by Supervisor Roen, the Board moved to approve the support letter for the inclusion of IRWM funding in Drought Relief and Resilience Package.

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

- 10.C. Discussion and direction to staff regarding the California Board of Forestry proposed regulations. (CHAIR ADAMS)

The Director of Public Works briefly reviewed the deadline for comments and specific concerns with the proposed regulations.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed regulations and concerns with Sierra County's roads not meeting the standards in the regulations.

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At the request of Chair Adams and by consensus, the Board referred drafting the County's comments on the California Board of Forestry proposed regulations to the Public Works/Roads and Solid Waste Committee.

10.D. Introduction and waive first reading of an ordinance repealing Chapter 3.12 of the County Code regarding drug and alcohol nonuse and testing. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to waive the first reading of an ordinance repealing Chapter 3.12 of the County Code regarding drug and alcohol nonuse and testing.

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

10.E. Appointment to Downieville Fire Protection District. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to appoint Mike Galan to the Downieville Fire Protection District.

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

10.F. Appointments to the Sierra County (Calpine) Waterworks District #1. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to appoint Salli Wise and Craig Dodson to the Sierra County (Calpine) Waterworks District #1.

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

11. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND COUNTY SERVICE AREAS JOINT MEETING

At a.m., Chair Adams convened as the County Board of Supervisors and County Service Area joint meeting.

11.A. Discussion/direction/adoption of a resolution setting the County Service Areas Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

The Auditor briefly reviewed the County Service Areas Preliminary Budget for Fiscal year 2021-2022.

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Supervisor Dryden reiterated her concerns from last year regarding the full amount of the Loyalton Library costs coming out of CSA 5 and requested the City of Loyalton pay a portion of these costs.

The Director of Public Works clarified that a letter was submitted to the City of Loyalton during the last budget cycle, however the County never received a response.

The Director commented on making sure the new CSA Zone 4B is in the budget.

The Clerk reminded the Board of the need to dissolve the CSA 4 Verdi Zone of Benefit.

Chair Adams suggested holding a workshop to discuss the structure of the CSA's.

The Director requested adding a budget for the Sierra County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

The Auditor clarified this would be added to the County budget.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution setting the County Service Areas Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

Supervisor Dryden suggested reaching out to the City of Loyalton again requesting they help cover the costs of the Loyalton Library.

ADOPTED, CSA Resolution 2021-001. Motion: Roen/Dryden/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Huebner ABSENT)

11.B. Discussion/direction/adoption of a resolution setting the County & Special Revenue Funds Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

The Auditor explained that what is before the Board is last year's budget with updated payroll and contracts. The Auditor further reviewed department requests recommended by the Finance Committee to be added to the Preliminary Budget.

Chair Adams reviewed the five department requests recommended by the Finance Committee, including the Public Health building remodel, a vehicle for the Sheriff's Office, removing the transfer from the Clerk's trust funds into the General Fund, the Public Health Nurse position, and the Sheriff's dispatch position.

The Auditor reviewed the Assessor's request to increase the GIS Budget for the 2020 Census work.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution setting the County & Special Revenue Funds Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22 as amended to include the five department requests recommended by the Finance Committee, the increase in the GIS

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budget and to add a budget for the Sierra County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

ADOPTED as amended, Resolution 2021-087. Motion: Roen/Dryden/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Huebner ABSENT)

11.C. Amendment to Agreement 2003-192 between the County of Sierra and the Alleghany County Water District for funding for library rental space.

The Board moved to approve the amendment to Agreement 2003-192 between the County of Sierra and the Alleghany County Water District for funding for library rental space.

APPROVED, CSA Agreement 2021-001. Motion: Roen/Dryden/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Huebner ABSENT)

At 12:16 p.m. Chair Adams adjourned the joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors and County Service Area Board of Directors and reconvened as the Board of Supervisors.


14. CORRESPONDENCE LOG

14.A. Letter from the California Wildlife Foundation in regards to protecting oak habitat for biodiversity and fire resilience.

No action taken.

ADJOURN

At 12:16 p.m., with no further business, Chair Adams adjourned the meeting.



LEE ADAMS, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:



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