



**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 2, 2020. 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, 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/Public Works/Transportation/OES
Lea Salas, Director of Behavioral Health
Vickie Clark, Director of Health and Social Services
Jeremy Miller, Chief Technology Officer (CTO)
Mike Fisher, Sheriff/Coroner

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APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

11. CONSENT AGENDA

11.A. Agreement between The Regents of the University of California, on behalf of its Davis campus UC Davis Continuing and Professional Education and Sierra County for ten (10) units of training. (SOCIAL SERVICES)

APPROVED, Agreement 2020-050

11.B. Cash Audit report for the quarter ended March 31, 2020. (AUDITOR)

11.C. Treasurer's investment report and statement of liquidity for the period ending March 31, 2020. (TREASURER)

11.D. Resolution approving plans, specifications and bidding documents and authorization to solicit bids for 2017 Storm Damage Repair, FEMA Project, on Belle Street, Downieville. (PUBLIC WORKS)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2020-064

11.E. Resolution approving plans, specifications and bidding documents and authorization to solicit bids for 2017 Storm Damage Repair, FEMA Project, on Foote Road. (PUBLIC WORKS)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2020-065

11.F. Resolution approving plans, specifications and bidding documents and authorization to solicit bids for 2017 Storm Damage Repair, FEMA Project, on Goodyears Creek Road. (PUBLIC WORKS)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2020-066

11.G. Renewal of contract for Public Defender Services with J. Lon Cooper. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

APPROVED, Agreement 2020-051

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

At 9:06 a.m. Chair Beard opened and closed the public comment opportunity with no person addressing the Board.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Adams reported on the CSAC meeting he attended last Thursday and the presentation by the State Director of Finance regarding the likeliness of the state budget having troubles for the next three years.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sheriff reported on the renewal of the MOU with Nevada County for inmate housing which will have an increase in the daily housing rate from \$77 to \$133 per day.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Sierraville District Ranger Quentin Youngblood provided an update on a number of activities going on in the Sierraville Ranger District. Ranger Youngblood also requested the County send an email to the Forest Supervisor regarding where the County stands with respect to stage 2 and short-term lodging.

Yuba River District Ranger Lon Henderson provided an update on activities going on in the Yuba River Ranger District.

6. INFORMATION SYSTEMS - JEREMY MILLER

6.A. Contract between Cadence Team, Inc. and the County of Sierra for network support services.

The Chief Technology Officer (CTO) provided background on the network support services contract which contract would be in lieu of hiring a third position in the department at this time and would free up time for his department to address the current workload in the County timely and efficiently.

Board discussion ensued.

Following discussion, the Board moved to approve the contract between Cadence Team, Inc. and the County of Sierra for network support services.

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Supervisor Huebner expressed concerns regarding the contract and requested holding off until the budget discussions.

Comments were received by the Clerk and the Assessor in support of the contract.

Board questioning and discussion ensued.

APPROVED, Agreement 2020-052. Motion: Adams/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

7.C. Discussion/request to create an ad hoc committee to meet with Sierra Valley Enterprises, LLC and Nevada Energy regarding the Loyalton Cogen. (SUPERVISOR ROEN)

Supervisor Roen provided background on the contract negotiations between Sierra Valley Enterprises, LLC and Nevada Energy regarding the transfer of power and requested the Board appoint an ad hoc committee to meet with both entities, as this is the only thing holding up the operation of the Cogen.

Chair Beard appointed Supervisors Roen and Dryden to an ad hoc committee to meet with Sierra Valley Enterprises, LLC and Nevada Energy regarding the Loyalton Cogen.

7. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

7.A. Approval of letter to the Wildlife Conservation Board in support of the North Yuba Forest Partnership (NYFP). (SUPERVISOR ROEN)

The Board moved to approve the letter to the Wildlife Conservation Board in support of the North Yuba Forest Partnership (NYFP).

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

7.B. Discussion/appointment of an alternate Board member to serve on the North Yuba Forest Partnership. (SUPERVISOR ROEN)

The Board moved to appoint Supervisor Adams as an alternate Board member on the North Yuba Forest Partnership.

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

7.D. Appointments to the Local Solid Waste Enforcement Hearing Panel. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

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The Board moved to reappoint Betty Thatcher as the public member and Doug Ames as the solid waste expert to the Local Solid Waste Enforcement Hearing Panel.

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

7.E. Appointment to the Sierra County Fish and Wildlife Commission. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to appoint William Copren to the Sierra County Fish and Wildlife Commission and authorized the Clerk to advertise to fill the vacant alternate position.

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

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

The Director of Health and Social Services provided a detailed report on the reopening of the County.

Board discussion and questioning ensued.

The Director of OES reported on having removed the parking barricades in the communities and moving forward with removing the closure signs from approximately 20 county parks. The Director further requested clarification on what action should be taken with respect to the Downieville Community Hall, Calpine Community Hall, Kentucky Mine and Sierraville School.

Discussion ensued regarding filing business plans with the County Health Department for the visitor centers, community halls, Sierraville School and Kentucky Mine; giving the Director administrative authority to determine which county parks to open or keep closed; and working to open public restrooms within the County.

In response to the Director's inquiry, the Director of Health indicated they are ok with the removal of the larger signs located on the state highway.

Following brief discussion, the Board moved to approve a letter to Tahoe National Forest Supervisor Eli Illano pertaining to clarification regarding stage 2 restrictions and camping.

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

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The Director continued to report on the transit system continuing to operate as they are currently.

The Sheriff provided a brief report on the large number of people visiting the County over the last weekend specifically in the Dog Valley area.

Public comment was received from Glen Haubl, Sierra Pines Resort.

8. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - TIM BEALS

8.A. Discussion and direction with regard to issuing permits for special events permitted or planned for Sierra County.

The Director of Public Works provided background on the number of pending requests and permits for special events.

Discussion ensued with the Board regarding most summer events having already been cancelled; not issuing permits for use of public property that would encourage people from out of the area to visit while the stay at home order is in effect; having any future requests for permits come before the full Board for consideration; and issuing refunds to applicants that have already been issued permits.

The Director clarified that he can administratively issue refunds without Board action.

Following discussion, the Board moved continue the suspension of encroachment permits for special events until July 7, 2020. The Board further encouraged the Director to bring this matter back if there is a need to vacate the suspension or take other appropriate action before the next meeting.

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

8.B. Authorize letter of support to the Federal Highway Administration in support of the Yuba River Scenic Byway nomination package, which seeks the designation of National Scenic Byway for California State Route 49 from the Yuba-Sierra County Line to Yuba Pass.

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

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- 8.C. Discussion and direction on invoice payments under the Yuba Project grant (Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) #1023) regarding retention required by SNC guidelines for individual payments.

The Director of Public Works briefly explained the purpose of the item, which is to determine how the Board wants to treat the payments to the contractor, Registered Professional Forester Danielle Bradfield, as the Sierra Nevada Conservancy guidelines require a 10% retention of the \$65,000 allocated to the project for administrative services.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

Following discussion, the Board moved to authorize the Auditor to front the 10% retention to the contractor out of the general fund.

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

- 8.D. License Agreement (Public Safety Power Shutoff) with Pacific Gas and Electric Company for use of the Downieville Community Hall, 327 Main Street, Downieville, Assessor's Parcel Number 003-101-006 as a customer resource center during public safety power shutoff events.

The Director of Public Works provided background on the agreement.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

Following discussion, the Board moved to approve the license agreement (Public Safety Power Shutoff) with Pacific Gas and Electric Company for use of the Downieville Community Hall, 327 Main Street, Downieville, Assessor's Parcel Number 003-101-006 as a customer resource center during public safety power shutoff events.

APPROVED, Agreement 2020-053. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

COUNTY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At 11:38 a.m., Chair Beard recessed the Regular Board meeting and reconvened as the County Service Area Board of Directors.

At 11:54 a.m., Chair Beard adjourned as the County Service Area Board of Directors and reconvened as the Board of Supervisors.

CLOSED SESSION STATEMENT

Deputy County Counsel reported out for the May 19, 2020 Board meeting.

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May 19, 2020 - 10.A. Closed session pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(a) - conference with legal counsel regarding the following litigation: Sierra County v. Loyalton Mobile Home Park, Sierra County Superior Court Case No. 7677.

Deputy County Counsel reported that direction was given to staff.

CLOSED SESSION

10.A. Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 - performance review regarding Personnel Director.

The Board met in closed session from 12:05 p.m. to 12:26 p.m.

12. CORRESPONDENCE LOG

12.A. Letter from ISO (Insurance Services Office) to Sierra County Fire Protection District 1 regarding the results of the Public Protection Classification (PPC) survey.

No action taken.

ADJOURN

At 12:26 p.m., with no further business, Chair Beard adjourned the meeting.

JIM BEARD, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD