



**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 15, 2021. This meeting was recorded for posting on the Board of Supervisors' website at [www.sierracounty.ca.gov](http://www.sierracounty.ca.gov).

At the request of Chair Adams, a moment of silence was held for Donald Marshall, long time resident of Sierra County and spouse of Assessor Laura Marshall.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Chair Adams

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Lee Adams, Supervisor, Chair, District #1  
Paul Roen, Supervisor, District #3  
Terry LeBlanc, Supervisor, District #4  
Sharon Dryden, Supervisor, District #5

**Absent:** Peter W. Huebner, Supervisor, Vice Chair, District #2

**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  
Chuck Henson, Chief Probation Officer

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## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

At the request of the Clerk on behalf of the Director of Public Works, Consent Item 11.C. was moved to the Regular Agenda as Item 9.F.

11.C. Approval of comments with regard to Board of Forestry's proposed regulations. (PUBLIC WORKS)

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

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

## **11. CONSENT AGENDA**

11.A. Agreement between Cadence Team, Inc., and the County of Sierra for network support services. (INFORMATION SYSTEMS)

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2021-062

11.B. Amendment to Agreement 2016-024 between the County of Sierra and Airespring for managed redundant phone connectivity for one year renewal. (INFORMATION SYSTEMS)

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2021-063

11.D. Agreement for Transit Services in the amount of \$58,500 between County of Sierra and Golden Rays Senior Citizens of Sierra County for 2022. (PUBLIC WORKS)

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2021-064

11.E. Agreement for Transit Services in the amount of \$84,000.00 between County of Sierra and Incorporated Senior Citizens of Sierra County for 2022. (PUBLIC WORKS)

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2021-065

11.F. Resolution adopting a list of road maintenance projects to be funded by SB1 funds for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. (PUBLIC WORKS)

**ADOPTED,** Resolution 2021-088

11.G. Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Sierra and the Western Sierra Residential Center to contribute to the renovation of the Downieville Community Hall. (PUBLIC WORKS)

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**APPROVED**, Agreement 2021-066

- 11.H. Resolution approving amended Grant Agreement Number 17-10352, A02 for the California Immunization Program between the State of California, Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Sierra County for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and authorizing Vickie Clark, Director of Public Health to sign the agreement. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2021-088 and **APPROVED**, Agreement 2021-067

- 11.I. Lease Agreement between Richard and Sharon Elorza and Sierra County Human Services. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

**APPROVED**, Agreement 2021-068

- 11.J. Professional Services Agreement between Joseph S. Krzesni, LMFT and Sierra County Behavioral Health for psychiatric and clinical chart review. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

**APPROVED**, Agreement 2021-069

- 11.K. Professional Services Agreement between Clean & Sober Recovery Services, Inc. and County of Sierra for Substance Abuse Detoxification and Recovery Home Services. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

**APPROVED**, Agreement 2021-070

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

**APPROVED**, Agreement 2021-071

- 11.M. Professional Services Agreement between Dr. Don Stembridge, Ph.D., and Sierra County for behavioral health services. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

**APPROVED**, Agreement 2021-072

- 11.N. Resolution approving the Sierra County Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Draft Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan 2020-2023. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2021-089

- 11.O. Resolution approving the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) 2021/22 Victim/Witness Grant. (DISTRICT ATTORNEY)

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**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2021-090

## **APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA**

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda as amended.

**APPROVED as amended.** Motion: Roen/Dryden/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Huebner ABSENT)

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

At 9:03 a.m. Chair Adams opened the public comment opportunity.

Public comments were received by Michelle Lute – Coyote Project, Kelly Hendricks – Rancher and Josh Hart – Feather River Action, expressing concerns with the Plumas Sierra USDA Wildlife Services contract.

At 9:13 a.m. Chair Adams closed the public comment opportunity with no further persons addressing the Board.

### **3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Roen reported on a meeting with the ranchers to be held tonight at the school and a tomorrow night in Indian Valley regarding the current drought conditions and other ways to manage predators.

Chair Adams reported on RCRC's Board of Directors meeting to be held in-person this Thursday and the Special Board of Supervisors meeting scheduled for Monday, June 28, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. solely for the approval of the Solid Waste Budget.

### **4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chief Probation Officer reported on successfully extraditing a Sierra County sex offender from Louisiana.

The Auditor reported on two vendors who are interested in pitching health insurance to the County.

The Director of Health and Social Services reported on the Resource Family Homes audit; Public Health transitioning out of COVID and lifting a number of restrictions to get back to normal; the state approving a couple of generators through the ELC COVID grant; and an update on COVID including the significant differences between what individuals can do in their personal life versus their executives lives as Cal/OSHA and CDPH are not in sync with their guidelines.

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Supervisor Roen commented on the Governor's recent Executive Order overriding some of these guidelines.

The Director continued to comment on still having some business regulations to address and the new road signs going up at the entrances to the County.

## **5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE**

The Sierraville District Ranger Quentin Youngblood reported on recent Forest Service activities including opening their front desk, shooting ranges, and the lookouts; starting a mastication project along the Highway 89 Corridor this week; Cal Fire having suspended all residential burn permits; and will be looking at campfire restrictions this week.

Ranger Youngblood on behalf of Yuba River District Ranger Lon Henderson, also reported on looking at abating the hazard trees at Ramshorn so the campground will be open later this month and timber sale that will be advertised this month on the Sierraville District.

Chair Adams commented on his suggestion that the County emulate whatever the Forest Service decides to do with respect to fire restrictions and requested the Forest Service bring their restrictions to the Board in the future so the Board can emulate the same thing.

## **6. AUDITOR / TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR - VAN MADDOX**

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

The Auditor commented on receiving assurances that employees can use the fuel cards at the pump.

The Board moved to approve the addendum to agreement between Wex Bank and the State of California for fuel card services.

**APPROVED**, Agreement 2021-073. Motion: Roen/LeBlanc/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Huebner ABSENT)

## **7. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - LEA SALAS**

- 7.A. Professional Services Agreement between Housing Tools and County of Sierra to assist in the application of Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program (PLHA).

The Director of Behavioral Health provided background on the agreement which will authorize Housing Tools to assist in the application of Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program (PLHA) funding (SB 2 – Building Homes and Jobs Act) that will be used to pay for the case management services for the No Place Like Home Project.

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The Board moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement between Housing Tools and County of Sierra to assist in the application of Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program (PLHA).

**APPROVED**, Agreement 2021-074. Motion: Dryden/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Huebner ABSENT)

## **8. PROBATION - CHUCK HENSON**

8.A. Resolution approving the proposed 2021-2022 budget for the Community Corrections Partnership.

The Chief Probation Officer provided background on the proposed 2021-2022 budget for the Community Corrections Partnership and requested the Auditor encumber the expenses for vehicles in the 2020-2021 budget due to not being able to receive the vehicles until September.

Supervisor Dryden expressed her support of the proposed budget.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution approving the proposed 2021-2022 budget for the Community Corrections Partnership and authorized the Auditor to encumber the funds for the vehicles.

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2021-092. Motion: Dryden/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Huebner ABSENT)

8.B. Resolution approving the 2021-2022 Initial Plan for Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant.

The Chief Probation Officer provided background on the 2021-2022 Initial Plan for Juvenile Justice Realignment Block.

Following brief discussion, the Board moved to adopt the resolution approving the 2021-2022 Initial Plan for Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant.

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2021-093. Motion: Dryden/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Huebner ABSENT)

8.C. Resolution approving the 2021-2022 annual budget for Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act & Juvenile Probation Camp Funding.

The Chief Probation Officer reviewed the 2021-2022 annual budget for Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act & Juvenile Probation Camp funding, which funds are used for juvenile hall housing, electronic monitoring, local Friday Night Live plans, and the High Sierra Resource Center.

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The Board moved to adopt the resolution approving the 2021-2022 annual budget for Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act & Juvenile Probation Camp Funding.

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2021-094. Motion: Dryden/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Huebner ABSENT)

## 9. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 9.A. Discussion/direction regarding transitioning back to in-person public meetings. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

Chair Adams referred to the Governor extending the Executive Orders and the suggestion to allow attendance in-person and video/teleconferencing.

The Director of Health clarified that Board of Supervisors meetings and Committee meetings are considered indoor business meetings, so if someone is not vaccinated, they must wear a mask and the County can require proof of vaccination, self-attestation, or require all patrons to be masked.

Discussion ensued regarding Cal/Osha's requirements with respect to masking, opening the courthouse doors during public meetings, and having video/teleconferencing capabilities at the Loyalton Social Hall.

Following discussion and by consensus, the Board directed opening the courthouse doors effective July 6, 2021 and continuing to have video/teleconferencing available during Board meetings; masking requirements will be based upon Cal/Osha's upcoming revised regulations.

- 9.B. Second reading and adoption of an ordinance repealing Chapter 3.12 of the County Code regarding drug and alcohol nonuse and testing.

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

**ADOPTED**, Ordinance 1098. Roen/LeBlanc/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Huebner ABSENT)

- 9.C. Discussion/direction on request from Jay Skutt to process a county-initiated rezone of APN: 015-072-004 from residential one-family district (R-1) to community commercial district (CC) to be consistent with the General Plan. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

By consensus, the Board directed staff to begin the process of a county-initiated rezone of APN: 015-072-004 from residential one-family district (R-1) to community commercial district (CC) to be consistent with the General Plan.

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- 9.D. Memorandum of Understanding between the Golden State Finance Authority and the County of Sierra regarding the development of a Broadband Strategic Plan. (CHAIR ADAMS)

Chair Adams provided background on proposed Memorandum of Understanding and the Board previously allocating \$25,000 of COVID funding to fund the Broadband Strategic Plan which will allow the County to apply for future grant funds to develop broadband in Sierra County's unserved and underserved communities.

The Board moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Golden State Finance Authority and the County of Sierra regarding the development of a Broadband Strategic Plan.

**APPROVED**, Agreement 2021-075. Roen/LeBlanc/Unanimous

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

The Board moved to appoint Irv Christensen to the Downieville Fire Protection District.

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

- 9.F. Approval of comments with regard to Board of Forestry's proposed regulations. (PUBLIC WORKS) (**Consent Item. 11.C.**)

Chair Adams reviewed the proposed letter to the Board of Forestry and requested the Board approve the letter in concept and authorize the Director of Public Works to work with him and Supervisor Roen to add some anecdotal information to the letter.

Supervisor Dryden requested a copy of the final be sent to the full Board after it is submitted.

The Board moved to approve the letter to the Board of Forestry with added language.

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

## 10. **CLOSED SESSION**

- 10.A. Closed session pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(c) - Conference with legal counsel-Initiation of Litigation - (1) one case.

The Board met in closed session from 10:27 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.



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**12. CORRESPONDENCE LOG**

12.A. Letter from the California Forestry Association as organizer and manager of the Coalition for Owls, Resources, and the Environment (CORE) regarding lawsuit update #2 in the matter of the US Fish and Wildlife Service to not list the California Spotted Owl.

No action taken.

12.B. Emails/Letters from multiple individuals expressing concern regarding the USDA Wildlife Services contract for the counties of Sierra and Plumas.

No action taken.

**ADJOURN**

At 10:40 a.m., with no further business, Chair Adams adjourned the meeting.

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LEE ADAMS, CHAIR  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

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HEATHER FOSTER  
CLERK OF THE BOARD