



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

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The Sierra County Board of Supervisors met in special session commencing at 10:00 a.m. on June 28, 2021. This meeting was recorded for posting on the Board of Supervisors' website at www.sierracounty.ca.gov.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Supervisor Roen

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
Laura Marshall, Assessor/Solid Waste Fee Administrator
Mike Fisher, Sheriff/Coroner

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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7.A. Resolution authorizing the Auditor to make certain changes to the 2020/2021 Final Budget to include mid-year adjustments to various budgets and to include the use of Cares Act funding. (AUDITOR)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2021-095

7.B. Amendment to professional services agreement 97-068 with Bastian Engineering to increase compensation for Fiscal Year 2020/2021. (PUBLIC WORKS)

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-076

7.C. Resolution authorizing the Auditor to make certain changes to the 2021/2022 Preliminary Budget to purchase and install generators at the Sierra City Fire Station Sand Barn and Loyalton Senior Center. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2021-096

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Auditor commented on the \$291,843 of American Recovery Act funds received by the County and requested referring recommendations on how to allocate the funds to the Finance Committee.

3. ASSESSOR / SOLID WASTE ADMINISTRATOR - LAURA A. MARSHALL

3.A. Resolution pertaining to Solid Waste Fees for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year.

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The Solid Waste Fee Administrator provided background on the projected revenue of \$831,349.52, which includes the reduction of \$41,025.27 for the loss of revenue from the Loyalton Mobile Home Park. The Fee Administrator continued to explain that following the study of residential accounts this year, there is no recommendation to change the current solid waste fee of \$330.84 per single family residence and \$18.38 per loose cubic yard for non-residential properties.

This item was tabled until after the approval of the Solid Waste budget.

4. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - TIM BEALS

4.A. Resolution approving proposed Solid Waste Budget for the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year.

The Director of Public Works reviewed in detail the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund revenue summary for the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year including the decline in the solid waste fee revenue as a result of COVID; the estimated rollover in the amount of \$326,000 which does not include approximately \$200,000 in road reimbursables; building permit waste fee collections; site collections; grant revenue; and the negative balance in the Post Closure Account, which will be made whole once the state approves a transfer from the Landfill Closure Trust.

The Director further recommend moving the remaining funds in the Landfill Closure Trust to the Landfill Post-Closure Trust for future post closure monitoring requirements. With respect to the Loyalton Mobile Home Park, this is the second year of the \$41,025.27 to pay the delinquent account.

The Director continued to express concerns with the State Regional Board requiring active ventilation at the landfill in the future, which is not anticipated in the proposed budget.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

Chair Adams recommended proposals from the Director and the Fee Administrator regarding utilizing COVID funding to balance the budget.

The Director continued to review in detail the Solid Waste Operations budget totaling \$1,186,072, which is \$299,723 over in expenditures. This combined with the \$56,000 deficit in the Solid Waste Administration budget, the entire Solid Waste budget has a \$356,000 deficit.

Discussion ensued regarding the rollover including the \$200,000 in reimbursables; utilizing COVID funding to balance the budget; and adding the \$300,000 rollover and \$56,000 from the Landfill Closure Trust to balance the budget.

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Following discussion, the Board moved to adopt the resolution approving the proposed Solid Waste Budget for the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year as amended to include the \$300,000 rollover and \$56,000 from the Landfill Closure Trust as revenue.

Brief discussion ensued regarding future revenues and how this will affect the solid waste fee going forward.

ADOPTED as amended. Resolution 2021-097. Motion: Roen/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

Item 3.A. continued from earlier in the meeting

Following brief discussion, the Board moved to adopt the resolution pertaining to Solid Waste Fees for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year, to reflect 2193 individual properties at \$330.84 per year for residential use and \$18.38 per loose cubic yard for nonresidential use.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2021-098. Motion: Roen/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

5. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

5.A. Discussion/action to consider emergency fire restrictions on private and county owned public property within the unincorporated areas of Sierra County. (SUPERVISOR ADAMS)

Chair Adams provided background on the item and indicated he is in favor of invoking fire restrictions.

In response to Chair Adams' inquiry, County Counsel clarified that the County could emulate the language in the urgency ordinance that was adopted last year.

The Board moved to adopt an urgency ordinance prohibiting open fires on public and private property within the unincorporated areas of Sierra County due to extreme fire danger.

In response to the Sheriff's inquiry regarding whether to enforce violations as an infraction or misdemeanor, County Counsel recommended a misdemeanor.

Discussion ensued regarding correcting the prohibition termination date to November 1, 2021.

Following discussion, the motion was amended to include changing the termination of the prohibition date to November 1, 2021.

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Further discussion ensued regarding how enforcement would be handled on private property.

ADOPTED, Ordinance 1099. Motion: Roen/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

6. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - LEA SALAS

- 6.A. Resolution authorizing the Auditor to make certain changes to the 2020/2021 Final Budget to pay invoice from Heritage Oaks in the amount of \$142,934.00.

The Director of Behavioral Health provided background on the invoice from Heritage Oaks which was due to placing an individual in an acute care facility who exceeded the lifetime Medi-Cal days in the facility because of COVID. The Director continued to explain that this can be paid out of Mental Health Services Act funding.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution authorizing the Auditor to make certain changes to the 2020/2021 Final Budget to pay invoice from Heritage Oaks in the amount of \$142,934.00.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2021-099. Motion: Roen/LeBlanc/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

ADJOURN

At 11:12 a.m., with no further business, Chair Adams adjourned the meeting.

LEE ADAMS, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD