



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

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The Sierra County Board of Supervisors met in regular session commencing at 9:00 a.m. on July 7, 2020. 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 Supervisor Adams, the Board held a moment of silence in memory of Ari Gershman.

**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 and Transportation  
Lea Salas, Director of Behavioral Health

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Vickie Clark, Director of Health and Social Services  
Mike Fisher, Sheriff/Coroner  
Celia Sutton-Pado, County Health Officer  
Jeremy Miller, Chief Technology Officer (CTO)

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

**11. CONSENT AGENDA**

11.A. Professional services agreement between Maureen F. Bauman, LCSW, MPA, and Sierra County to provide program oversight at the request of the Behavioral Health Clinical and Administrative Directors. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2020-072

11.B. Professional services agreement between Sierra County Office of Education and Sierra County Behavioral Health for Substance Abuse Prevention programs. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2020-073

11.C. Lease agreement between Janet M. Hamilton, Pamela A. Brandon and Sierra County for office space on the west side of the county. (SOCIAL SERVICES)

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2020-074

11.D. Amendment to Sierra County Agreement 2018-007 with MGE Engineering to include construction management services for 3 sites (Belle Street, Foote Road, Goodyears Creek) included in the Professional Engineering and Environmental Services for 2017 Flood Damage – Multiple Sites. (PUBLIC WORKS)

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2020-075

11.E. Resolution approving the consolidation of District and Municipal Elections with the County's General Election to be held on November 3, 2020. (ELECTIONS)

**ADOPTED,** Resolution 2020-076

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- 11.F. Resolution approving Tolling Agreement with AT&T which allows for an extension of processing time for a Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan Review Applications, County Planning File 1669. (PLANNING)

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2020-077

**APPROVED**, Agreement 2020-080

- 11.G. Minutes from the regular meeting held on May 5, 2020. (CLERK)
- 11.H. Minutes from the special meeting held on June 23, 2020. (CLERK)
- 11.I. Minutes from the special meeting held on June 29, 2020. (CLERK)

### **APPROVAL OF 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**

At 9:03 a.m., Chair Beard opened and closed the public comment opportunity with no persons addressing the Board.

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

Supervisor Adams reported that the Nor-Cal EMS board will meet virtually this Thursday.

Supervisor Roen reported on a call with the North Yuba Forest Partnership and Cal Fire and trying to gain support from Cal Fire for the project over here.

Supervisor Dryden reported on the recent and upcoming community firewise committee meetings in an attempt to move the assessment forward and put Sierra Brooks into a firewise designation.

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

The Director of Behavioral Health reported on the status of the new building for the wellness center and the state's notice regarding the delay of the reversion of Mental Health Services Act funds to the state.

The Sheriff reported on the temporary filling of an open deputy position with a correctional officer which will result in a savings to the County; the increase in the

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agreement with Nevada County for inmate housing from \$77 to \$136 per day per inmate effective this fiscal year; and the active shooter and critical incident that happened over the July 4th weekend.

The Assessor reported on the delivery of the secured and unsecured rolls on June 29<sup>th</sup>, which was a 4.2% increase over last year.

## **FOREST SERVICE UPDATE**

Yuba District Ranger Lon Henderson reported on the active shooter incident this past weekend and various other projects going on in the district.

Sierraville District Ranger Quentin Youngblood also reported on the active shooter incident this past weekend and expressed his appreciation to the Sheriff and all who worked on the incident.

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- 6.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 to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and possible action/direction to staff.

The Director of Health and Social Services provided an update on recent numbers of COVID cases in the state and the Governor implementing a watch list wherein each county is monitored and if a county's score goes below the threshold and stays for three consecutive days the state will require the county to rollback and close down indoor activities.

The Director continued to report on the Governor establishing a task force overseen by Cal OSHA for enforcement; Sierra County's recent testing numbers provided by the Public Health nurse; the CMSP COVID grant funding; and updated guidance manuals recently released by the state.

The County Health Officer provided a brief update on the state requesting labs to prioritize testing for those who are in a high-risk population.

Supervisor Roen reported on the cancellation of the Plumas-Sierra County Fair and the fair sale committee having secured a private location at the roping grounds in Sierraville to hold a small livestock show and sale.

The Director of OES reported on assisting the courts with two court sessions and devoting an employee to the hallway and restrooms during the court proceedings.

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The Director further referred to COVID funding opportunities and requested the Board authorize the Chair or Vice-Chair to sign any certification documents necessary to secure funding in the name of Sierra County.

The Board moved to authorize the Vice-Chair to sign any certification documents necessary to secure funding in the name of the County.

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

6.B. Appointment to the Sierra County Fire Protection District #1. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to appoint Candice Hunter to the Sierra County Fire Protection District #1.

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

6.C. Appointment of alternate to the Sierra County Fish and Wildlife Commission. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to appoint Michael Estrada as an alternate member to the Sierra County Fish and Wildlife Commission.

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

7.B. Introduction and first reading of an ordinance amending Section 5.20.020 of the Sierra County Code to increase Sierra County's Transient Occupancy Tax rate from 10 to 12.5 percent, subject to approval of two-thirds of the electors voting on the tax measure at the November 3, 2020 General Election. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

Supervisor Adams provided background on the request to increase the transient occupancy tax (TOT) and clarified that Board is not raising the TOT only asking the voters if they want to raise it.

The Board moved to introduce and waive the first reading of an ordinance amending Section 5.20.020 of the Sierra County Code to increase Sierra County's Transient Occupancy Tax rate from 10 to 12.5 percent, subject to approval of two-thirds of the electors voting on the tax measure at the November 3, 2020 General Election.

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

## **7. PERSONNEL DIRECTOR - MARGARET LONG**

7.A. Resolution adopting the Sierra County Alcohol and Drug Free Workplace Policy.

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Deputy County Counsel provided background on the policy, which has already gone through review by the department heads and the union.

Supervisor Adams recommended removing the reference on page 12 pertaining to employees represented by the Deputy District Attorney/Deputy Public Defenders Unit as Sierra County does not have these units.

Deputy County Counsel commented that this is a clerical error and the Board can either make the correction now or bring the corrected policy back to the next meeting.

Discussion ensued with the Board regarding continuing this to the next meeting.

The Director of Transportation expressed concerns with the policy and recommended forwarding a copy of the policy to Caltrans to make sure the FTA/STA issues regarding transit are covered.

Following discussion, the Board directed staff to bring back an amended resolution at the next meeting.

- 7.C. Introduction and first reading of an ordinance repealing Chapter 3.12 of the Sierra County Code pertaining to Drug and Alcohol Nonuse and Testing.

The Board moved to introduce and waive the first reading of an ordinance repealing Chapter 3.12 of the Sierra County Code pertaining to Drug and Alcohol Nonuse and Testing.

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

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

- 8.A. Approval of Sierra Housing Study and discussion regarding Site Feasibility Study and the joint project with Plumas County for No Place Like Home.

At 10:22 a.m. Supervisor Roen stepped down from the meeting.

The Director of Behavioral Health provided clarification on the difference between Section 8 housing and temporary sheltering in an emergency.

Board discussion and questioning ensued.

The Director continued to provide additional background on the joint project with Plumas County and clarified that she is not asking for approval of the housing study.

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Supervisor Dryden expressed her appreciation of the Director's efforts working on this partnership with Plumas County and commented that she would like to attend the Plumas County Board of Supervisors meeting when the partnership is discussed.

Supervisor Dryden continued to express concerns regarding how Sierra County's mental health services clients will receive services in Sierra County if they are placed into a permanent housing situation in Plumas County.

Board discussion ensued.

Supervisor Adams recommended reaching out to other jurisdictions to partner with in the event the partnership with Plumas County does not work out.

In response to Supervisor Dryden's inquiry, the Director clarified that no action is needed by the Board.

## **9. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES - VICKIE CLARK**

- 9.A. Master Service Agreement between Charger Access and Sierra County Health and Human Services for Ethernet and Point to Point (PTP) services beginning approximately on September 2, 2020 through September 2, 2023 utilizing the Rural Healthcare Program through Universal Service Administrative Co. (USAC).

At 10:45 a.m., Supervisor Roen returned to the Board.

The Director of Health and Social Services provided background on the agreement with Charger Access and the Rural Healthcare Program, which provides access to high-speed services at a discounted price.

The Chief Technology Officer commented on having gone out to bid for the contract to see who had the better rate and could service our location.

Following brief discussion, the Board moved to approve the Master Service Agreement between Charger Access and Sierra County Health and Human Services for Ethernet and Point to Point (PTP) services beginning approximately on September 2, 2020 through September 2, 2023 utilizing the Rural Healthcare Program through Universal Service Administrative Co. (USAC).

**APPROVED**, Agreement 2020-076. Roen/Adams/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

## **10. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - TIM BEALS**

- 10.A. Presentation of bids and adoption of resolution for award of Public Works Contract to Hansen Bros. Enterprises for the 2017 Storm Damage Repair Belle Street FEMA Project Numbers PA-09-CA-4301- PW 00072.

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Deputy Director of Transportation Bryan Davey reviewed the bids received for the Belle Street project and the determination that the lowest bidder, Peter Schack, was not qualified.

Following brief discussion, the Board moved to reject the lowest bid by Peter Schack and adopt the resolution for award of Public Works Contract to Hanson Bros. Enterprises for the 2017 Storm Damage Repair Belle Street FEMA Project Numbers PA-09-CA-4301- PW 00072.

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2020-078 and **APPROVED**, Agreement 2020-077. Motion: Roen/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

- 10.B. Presentation of bids and adoption of resolution for award of Public Works Contract to Hansen Bros. Enterprises for the 2017 Storm Damage Repair Foote Road Location 1 and 2, FEMA Project Number PA- 09-CA-4308- PW 00086.

Deputy Director of Transportation Bryan Davey reviewed the bids received for the two projects on Foote Road.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution for award of Public Works Contract to Hansen Bros. Enterprises for the 2017 Storm Damage Repair Foote Road Location 1 and 2, FEMA Project Number PA- 09-CA-4308- PW 00086.

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2020-079 and **APPROVED**, Agreement 2020-078. Roen/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

- 10.C. Presentation of bids and adoption of resolution for award of Public Works Contract to Hansen Bros. Enterprises for the 2017 Storm Damage Repair Goodyears Creek Road FEMA Project Numbers PA-09-CA-4308- PW 00135.

Deputy Director of Transportation Bryan Davey reviewed the bids received for the Goodyears Creek Road project.

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2020-080 and **APPROVED**, Agreement 2020-079. Motion: Adams/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

## **CLOSED SESSION STATEMENT**

Deputy County Counsel reported out for the June 16, 2020 and June 23, 2020 Board meetings.

- June 16, 2020** - 11.A. Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 - performance review regarding Personnel Director.

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Deputy County Counsel reported that direction was given to staff.

**June 23, 2020 -** 4.A. Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 - performance review regarding Director of Planning and Transportation.

Deputy County Counsel reported that direction was given to staff.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE LOG**

12.A. Notice of intent to harvest timber submitted by Soper Wheeler Company LLC. Project is located in Plumas and Sierra Counties, from 2 miles south of La Porte, off of Quincy La Porte Rd. to 6 miles north of La Porte.

No action taken.

**ADJOURN**

At 11:00 a.m., with no further business, Chair Beard adjourned the meeting.

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JIM BEARD, CHAIR  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

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HEATHER FOSTER  
CLERK OF THE BOARD