



**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 July 20, 2021 at the Loyalton Social Hall, Loyalton City Park, Loyalton, CA. This meeting was recorded for posting on the Board of Supervisors' website at www.sierracounty.ca.gov.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Supervisor LeBlanc

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
Melissa Kinneer, Assistant 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
Mike Fisher, Sheriff/Coroner

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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Assistant Clerk-Recorder requested to pull Item 14.L. from the Consent Agenda.

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

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

14. CONSENT AGENDA

14.A. Agreement between the California Department of Social Services and the County of Sierra to provide services or activities related to the Resource Family Approval (RFA) program. (SOCIAL SERVICES)

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-090

14.B. Amendment to Professional Services Agreement 2020-058 between James McCubbrey, Ph.D. and Sierra County for Tobacco Use Reduction Plan Evaluation services. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-091

14.C. Mental Health Performance Agreement between the Department of Health Care Services and Sierra County for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-092

14.D. Professional Services Agreement between County of Nevada, Department of Behavioral Health and County of Sierra for Telephone Triage services after hours. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-093

14.E. Professional Services Agreement between Granite Wellness Centers and Sierra County for substance use disorder services. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-094

14.F. Professional Services Agreement between Kings View Professional Services and Sierra County for Electronic Health Record Information System and All Pay Sources Billing Services. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-095

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- 14.G. Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Sierra and the Downieville Improvement Group to contribute to the renovation of the Downieville Community Hall. (PUBLIC WORKS)

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-096

- 14.H. Authorize payment of Invoice 218620 to Intermountain Disposal, Inc. for tipping fees for waste that has been diverted to Delleker Transfer Station. (PUBLIC WORKS)
- 14.I. Approval of Contract Change Order 1 for the Long Valley Road FEMA Project, Number PA-09-CA-4301-PW 00138. (PUBLIC WORKS)
- 14.J. Authorization to purchase tire chains from Pewag Traction Chain, Inc. in the amount of \$9,219.41 for equipment number 328, a Caterpillar Loader. (PUBLIC WORKS)
- 14.K. Minutes from the regular meeting held on June 1, 2021. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Roen reported that the Sierra Nevada Conservancy awarded the Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District a \$1 million grant for fuel reduction around the community of Sierra Brooks.

Supervisor Dryden provided reported on the Sierra Brooks Firewise Community meeting and expressed thanks to the Sierra County Fire Protection District #1 for their support with the Title III funding and to all other agencies that contributed materials for the emergency packs handed out to all Sierra Brooks residents.

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Supervisor Dryden further reported on the workshop hosted by the Sierra Brooks Firewise Community with other communities on the process of creating their own Firewise Communities.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chief Probation Officer reported that July 18th through 24th is California Probation Services Week and provided an update to the Board on the status of the new hire in his office.

The Director of Health and Social Services reported on the two new hires in the Public Health Department and on the recent concerns associated with the COVID-19 Delta Variant, now present in the county.

The Director of Planning updated the Board on the upcoming Insurance Services (ISO) review of the Building Department's permit process to be conducted on July 28th; the liquid waste tank now operational on the east side of the county for grease and cooking oil disposal; the LAFCo meeting held with the City of Loyalton regarding the potential for an out of service agreement for the former Loyalton Mobile Home Park property for water and sewer services; the \$350,000 restoration funds awarded to repair county roads damaged by the Loyalton fire; the operational issue related to Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District's current fire restrictions; the Board of Forestry's Firesafe rules and revised guidelines to be released in the Fall; the review of the Forest Service's solid waste services and lack of waste disposal containers serving federal properties, which is causing serious impacts to existing bins and impacting fees that the Forest Service contributes to the solid waste system; the \$600,000 TESLA project to provide a reliable battery backup to the courthouse in the event of a power failure; and on Senate Bill (SB) 12 regarding housing and fire severity.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Sierraville District Ranger, Quentin Youngblood reported on activities within the county including; fire suppression staffing and preparedness; campground fire restrictions; Little Truckee Summit's installation of electronic signage boards at Jackson Meadows; the recent grant award for fuel reduction on the WUI project adjacent to the Sierra Brooks subdivision; and on the garbage management issues on federal land.

Supervisor Roen thanked the Forest Service for taking a proactive stance with 24-hour staffing.

Supervisor Dryden expressed gratitude to the Forest Service for assisting with securing the grant award from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.

Ranger Youngblood further reported on the application submitted to CalFire for the greenhouse gas around the community of Sierraville.

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Yuba River District Ranger, Lon Henderson reported on the waste management issues on federal land; the grant and project work on the North Yuba Landscape project; the North Yuba Forest Partnership roadside hazard tree removal on Hwy 49; the American Outdoors Act for hazard tree abatement work in closed campgrounds; and on the Greene Acres planning grant.

6. AUDITOR / TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR - VAN MADDOX

6.A. Discussion and direction to staff on calendar year 2022 Health Insurance.

The Auditor provided background on the calendar year 2022 Health Insurance options available to the county.

Howell Southmayde, representative from Keenan Associates, made a presentation to the Board on health care packages and benefits available to the county.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

Chair Adams deferred decision making to the Auditor.

Discussion ensued.

The Auditor made a recommendation to the Board to not move forward with changing the current Health Insurance policy according to the feedback he's received from employees.

Discussion ensued.

By consensus, the Board moved to defer the matter to the Finance Committee for discussion and recommendation.

7. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES - VICKIE CLARK

7.A. Resolution authorizing the Director of Public Health to enter into an Agreement with California Association of Environmental Health Administrators (CAEHA) for Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Services.

Chair Adams briefly introduced the item.

The Director of Health and Social Services updated the Board on the staffing issues in the Environmental Health Department and on the immediate need of assistance with Certified Program Agency (CUPA) services for underground storage tanks.

The Director of Health and Social Services further reported that the California Association of Environmental Health Administrators (CAEHA) applied for a CUPA trust grant on behalf of the county to offset inspection costs associated with contracting with

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outside agencies and further requested authorization to enter into additional agreements with CAEHA as needed.

Discussion ensued by the Board.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution with added language requiring prior authorization from County Counsel before entering into additional agreements with the California Association of Environmental Health Administrators (CAEHA).

ADOPTED as amended, Resolution 2021-105. Motion: Dryden/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

8. PLANNING / BUILDING - TIM BEALS

8.A. Discussion and direction on Nuisance Abatement Progress for property owner Tim Diltz in Sierraville, CA. Planning Director updated the Board on the current status of the Nuisance Abatement Progress for property owner Tim Diltz in Sierraville, CA.

The Director of Planning reported on the recent inspection of the property, including the status of dump loads, potential tenant eviction issue, the volume of remaining property needing to be removed, and on the pending septic permit on file with the Environmental Health Department.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

In response to the Directors' inquiry of the eviction status of the tenant, Sheriff Fisher reported to the Board that Mr. Diltz has not currently moved forward with the eviction process far enough to involve his department.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

Comments were received by property owner, Tim Diltz regarding the status of the tenant issue and removal of materials from his property.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

By consensus, the Board moved to grant Mr. Diltz a continuance to August 3rd to complete the full abatement process on his property and direct County Counsel to prepare a notice to Mr. Diltz's tenant notifying her that her belongings are not protected by the landlord, tenant issue and further directed the Sheriff Fisher to personally serve the notice.

8.B. Discussion and direction on California Fire Safe Council-County Coordinator Grant due by end of August.

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The Director of Planning updated the Board on the application process and filing deadline for the California Fire Safe Council-County Coordinator Grant program available for Firesafe Council coordination in rural counties. The Director further reported that the application must be filed in the month of August and requested direction from the Board to allow the county to file as the applicant under the grant in order to properly secure the funding.

Supervisor Roen suggested utilizing the newly, appointed County Forester to manage the program and commended Supervisor Dryden and all other county communities for getting Firewise Communities together.

Chair Adams suggested creating an ad-hoc committee for discussion and direction on the application process.

Supervisor Dryden expressed her support of the grant application and thanked the Executive Director of the Sierra County Fire Safe Council for his attendance at the meeting.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

Don Russell, Executive Director of the Sierra County Fire Safe Council also made a recommendation to utilize the County Forrester to oversee the project.

Chair Adams appointed Supervisors Dryden and Roen to the Fire Safe Council-County Coordinator Grant Ad-Hoc Committee with direction to work with the Executive Director of the Sierra County Fire Safe Council and the Director of Planning to prepare the application for the Board's review.

9. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - TIM BEALS

9.A. Request for authorization to proceed with restoration and plumbing repairs at the Kentucky Mine Museum and authorizing Auditor to reflect an appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 in the final budget.

The Deputy Director of Transportation, Bryan Davey updated the Board on the restoration and plumbing repairs needed at the Kentucky Mine Museum.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

In response to Chair Adams inquiry, the Deputy Director Davey reported on the status of insurance and deductible on the property.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

In response to Chair Adams' request about funding, the Auditor reported that he will work directly with the Director of Planning to locate the source.

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The Board moved to approve the restoration and plumbing repair at the Kentucky Mine Museum and authorized the Auditor to reflect an appropriation in the final budget.

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

- 9.B. Request for budget appropriation in the amount of \$10,000 for approval of expenditure to Kendrick Boiler for maintenance overhaul for the Sierra County Courthouse boiler.

The Deputy Director of Transportation, Bryan Davey reported on the boiler maintenance overhaul for the Sierra County Courthouse.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

The Board moved to approve the \$10,000 expenditure to Kendrick Boiler for maintenance overhaul of the Sierra County Courthouse boiler.

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

- 9.C. Discussion and direction to staff with regard to replacement of water truck for east side of the County.

The Deputy Director of Transportation, Bryan Davey reported on the extent of repairs and costs associated with the existing water truck and requested authorization from the Board to purchase either a used or new replacement truck.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

The Board moved to authorize the purchase of a replacement truck with a cost not to exceed \$100,000.

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

10. COUNTY COUNSEL - DAVID PRENTICE

- 10.A. Second reading and adoption of an ordinance amending 8.050.040 of the Sierra County Code to allow for delinquent county water service charges to be placed on the annual county tax roll for collection.

The Board moved to waive the second reading and adopt the ordinance amending 8.050.040 of the Sierra County Code to allow for delinquent county water service charges to be placed on the annual county tax roll for collection.

ADOPTED, Ordinance 1100. Motion: Dryden/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

11. COUNTY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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At 11:16 a.m. Chair Adams recessed the Regular Board meeting and reconvened as the County Service Area Board of Directors.

At 11:20 a.m. Chair Adams adjourned as the County Service Area Board of Directors and reconvened as the Board of Supervisors.

12. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

12.A. Introduction and waive the first reading of an ordinance prohibiting open fires on public and private property within the unincorporated areas of Sierra County due to the extreme fire danger.

County Counsel explained that the proposed ordinance would update the language of the existing ordinance to allow use of a propane stove or commercial barbeque equipment under specific conditions.

Feedback was received from Sierraville District Ranger, Quentin Youngblood on campfire analysis.

Board discussion ensued.

In response to Chair Adams' inquiry, County Counsel commented that the existing ordinance would remain in effect until the new one was adopted by the Board.

Comments were received by Glen Haubl, and John Svahn from the Truckee Donner Land Trust, public members regarding the requirements outlined in the ordinance.

Discussion ensued by the Board.

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

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

12.B. Appointment to fill a vacancy on the Airport Advisory Committee. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to appoint William V. O'Connor to the Airport Advisory Committee.

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

12.C. Appointment to fill a vacancy on the Cemetery District #5. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to appoint Susan G. Roberts to the Cemetery District #5.

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

13. CLOSED SESSION

13.A. Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 - Public Employment - All Department Directors/Managers.

The Board met in closed session from 11:36 a.m. to 12:12 p.m.

County Counsel reported out of closed session that no action was taken.

15. CORRESPONDENCE LOG

15.A. Letter from the California Forestry Association regarding Lawsuit Update #3 in the case of Sierra Forest Legacy (and others) v. US Fish and Wildlife Service, challenging the USFWS's decision not to list the California Spotted Owl.

No action taken.

ADJOURN

At 12:13 p.m., with no further business, Chair Adams adjourned the meeting.

LEE ADAMS, CHAIR
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ATTEST:

MELISSA KINNEER
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD