



**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 August 16, 2022 at 105 Beckwith Street, Loyalton Social Hall, Loyalton CA. This meeting was recorded for posting on the Board of Supervisors' website at [www.sierracounty.ca.gov](http://www.sierracounty.ca.gov).

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

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Lee Adams, Supervisor, District #1  
Peter W. Huebner, Supervisor, District #2  
Paul Roen, Supervisor, Chair, District #3  
Terry LeBlanc, Supervisor, District #4  
Sharon Dryden, Supervisor, Vice Chair, District #5

**Staff:** Heather Foster, County Clerk-Recorder  
David Prentice, County Counsel  
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 THE CONSENT AGENDA**

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

### **13. CONSENT AGENDA**

13.A. Professional services agreement between County of Nevada, Department of Behavioral Health and County of Sierra for telephone triage line services after hours. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2022-103

13.B. Professional services agreement between Nevada County Department of Health and Human Services and Sierra County for respite services. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2022-104

13.C. Professional services agreement between Granite Wellness Centers and Sierra County for substance use disorder services. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2022-105

13.D. Professional services agreement between Nevada County Department of Health and Human Services and Sierra County for Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) Services. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2022-106

13.E. Resolution approving the Sierra County Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Annual Up-Date to the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan 2020-2023. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

**ADOPTED,** Resolution 2022-090

13.F. Cash audit report for the quarter ended June 30, 2022. (AUDITOR)

13.G. Treasurer's investment report and statement of liquidity for the period ending June 30, 2022. (AUDITOR)

13.H. Resolution approving Program Supplement Agreement No. N027 Rev. 2 to Administering Agency-State Agreement for Federal-Aid Projects No.

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BRLO-5913(059), Bridge Replacement at Salmon Lake Road. (PUBLIC WORKS)

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2022-091  
**APPROVED**, Agreement 2022-107

- 13.I. Resolution approving Program Supplement Agreement No. N028 Rev. 2 to Administering Agency-State Agreement for Federal-Aid Projects No. BRLO-5913(060), Bridge Replacement at Packer Lake Road. (PUBLIC WORK)

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2022-092  
**APPROVED**, Agreement 2022-108

- 13.J. Resolution approving plans, specifications, bidding documents and authorization to solicit bids for the Salmon Lake Road Bridge Replacement over Church Creek - BRLO 5913(059). (PUBLIC WORKS)

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2022-093

- 13.K. Resolution approving plans, specifications, bidding documents and authorization to solicit bids for the Packer Lake Road Bridge Replacement over Salmon Creek - BRLO 5913(060). (PUBLIC WORKS)

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2022-094

- 13.L. Agreement for Indemnification and Reimbursement for Extraordinary Costs for Steve Rawlinson, applicant and landowner. Consideration for a parcel merger for property located at 314 and 312 Patricia Lane, Sierra City: APN's 008-210-042-000 & 008-210-043-000. (PLANNING)

**APPROVED**, Agreement 2022-109

- 13.M. Minutes from the special meeting held on June 29, 2022. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)
- 13.N. Minutes from the regular meeting held on July 5, 2022. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

**APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA**

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

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

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## **REGULAR AGENDA**

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

At 9:04 a.m. Chair Roen opened and closed the public comment opportunity with no persons addressing the Board.

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

Sharon reported on a public meeting this Thursday with the Department of Fish and Wildlife concerning the fencing project for fuels reduction work around Sierra Brooks.

Supervisor Adams reported on the Golden State Connect Authority undertaking a grant for local agency technical assistance regarding broadband expansion in Sierra County, which the county previously allocated \$25,000 of COVID funding towards. The grant will be filed this Friday and no action is necessary unless the county is offered the grant. Supervisor Adams also reported that RCRC meets tomorrow.

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

The Director of Behavioral Health reported on Loyalton now certified to start billing Medi-Cal for mental health services; the MHSA program audit and working on corrective action plan for small issues that came up in the audit; the status of CalAIM; the upcoming retirement of the Veteran's Service Officer and working on a replacement for the position; the status of the homeless plan and Point-in-Time count in Sierra County which was 11 to 13 homeless individuals; and the status of CARE Court.

The Director of Health and Social Services reported on staffing updates; working with UC Davis to conduct the required community needs assessment for a system improvement plan for Eligibility/CalWORKs program; the status of the Omicron variant booster; and working on a request to the Finance Committee to make the epidemiologist position a permanent part-time position.

The Chief Probation Officer provided an update on the hiring of the Pretrial Deputy Probation Officer position.

Personnel Analyst Judi Behlke reported on the county receiving a 100% on the Trindel safety audit.

### **5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE**

Sierraville District Ranger Rachel Hutchinson provided update on staffing; the campground program; and the North Yuba Partnership.

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Beckwourth District Ranger Mike Rahe provided an update on fire restrictions; staffing; and fuels projects.

Yuba River District Ranger Lon Henderson reported on the planning grant for work around Forest City; fuels projects; and the recent Plum Fire.

## **8. INFORMATION SYSTEMS - JEREMY MILLER**

- 8.A. Resolution authorizing the Auditor to make certain changes to the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Preliminary Budget approving and funding a second Information Systems Administrator position in the IS Department and authorization to recruit and hire an Information System Administrator I-IV.

The Chief Technology Officer provided background on the request to authorize and fill the Information System Administrator position.

Supervisor Adams clarified this request is on the department list of budget requests that was submitted to the Finance Committee.

On behalf of the Chief Technology Officer the Clerk reviewed the request to recruit and hire an Information System Administrator position, which restores the office back to the number of authorized positions in prior years.

Supervisor Adams expressed his support of the request since this was an authorized position in previous years.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution authorizing the Auditor to make certain changes to the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Preliminary Budget approving and funding a second Information Systems Administrator position in the IS Department and authorization to recruit and hire an Information System Administrator I-IV.

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2022-095. Motion: Adams/Dryden/Majority Roll Call Vote: 4/1/ (Supervisor Huebner NO)

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

- 6.A. Discussion and direction on review of any needed correspondence to the Forest Service resulting from discussion at the July 26, 2022 quad meeting in Susanville and the July 27 and 28 Forest Service Special Interdisciplinary Team field trip and summary discussion on the North Yuba Watershed.

The Director of Public Works provided background on the item and the issues that may need to be discussed.

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Chair Roen indicated there is a letter from the US Forest Service forthcoming in response to the original letter submitted by the Board.

By consensus the Board directed the Director to draft a letter summarizing the meeting held in Downieville and submit to Forest Service.

## **7. PLANNING / BUILDING - TIM BEALS**

- 7.A. Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Nevada and the County of Sierra regarding Affordable Housing Master Plans as authorized under REAP Grant Agreement No. 2022-056.

The Director of Planning provided background on the REAP grant agreement which has been signed and the proposed Memorandum of Understanding, which is a commitment made to Nevada County who is sponsoring a program on behalf of Placer, El Dorado, Sierra, and Nevada counties to produce Affordable Housing Master Plans to be used by any property owner for compliant construction.

Supervisor Dryden commented on the item and expressed her support of the MOU.

The Board moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Nevada and the County of Sierra regarding Affordable Housing Master Plans as authorized under REAP Grant Agreement No. 2022-056.

**APPROVED**, Agreement 2022-096. Motion: Dryden/Adams/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

## **9. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- 9.A. Discussion/direction regarding office space for the Sierra County Information Systems Department. (CHAIR ROEN)

Chair Roen provided background on utilizing part of the Social Hall building for office space for the Information Systems Department and requested the Board authorize a committee to investigate this further.

Chair Roen appointed an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of himself and Supervisor LeBlanc to investigate utilize the Social Hall building for office space for the Information Systems Department.

- 9.B. Discussion/direction regarding the Department of Water Resources 2022-2023 Statement for State Watermaster Service for the Middle Fork Feather River Watermaster Service Area in the counties of Plumas and Sierra. (CHAIR ROEN)

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Chair Roen expressed concerns with the Statement for State Watermaster Service as it is incomplete and without any explanation of the fees. Chair Roen further suggested requesting additional information from the Department of Water Resources (DWR).

In response to Supervisor Dryden's inquiry, Chair Roen clarified that the water users pay the watermaster fees which appear on the county tax bill and are collected by the county.

Rick Roberti, Beckwourth expressed concerns pertaining to DWR passing the cost of litigation and other costs related to the failure of the Oroville Dam and Franklin Reservoir on to the water users. Mr. Roberti further expressed the need for a letter to the DWR requesting an explanation of their charges.

Supervisor Adams expressed his support for a letter to DWR requesting an itemization of the costs outlined in the statement.

Following brief discussion and by consensus, the Board directed staff to draft a letter to DWR for review and approval at the next meeting.

The Director of Public Works provided background on the history of the watermaster fees and the need to pursue legislation to restore the system back to a 50/50 split of costs between the property owners and the state.

- 9.C. Discussion/action regarding conducting meetings of the Sierra County Board of Supervisors in accordance with AB 361 and Sierra County Resolution 2021-140. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

By consensus the Board directed continuing to conduct hybrid meetings of the Sierra County Board of Supervisors in accordance with AB 361 and Sierra County Resolution 2021-140.

## **12. TIMED ITEMS**

### **12.A. 10:00AM COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND COUNTY SERVICE AREAS JOINT MEETING**

Board of Supervisors to convene as the County Service Area (CSA) Board of Directors and to hold joint meetings as both the County Board of Supervisors and the CSA Board of Directors.

At 10:21 a.m. Chair Roen convened as the County Board of Supervisors and County Service Area joint meeting.

- 12.A.i. Conduct public hearing on setting Appropriation Limits for the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year for County Service Areas 2, 3, and Sierra Brooks 5A.

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At 10:21 a.m. Chair Roen opened and closed the public hearing with no persons addressing the Board.

12.A.ii. Conduct public hearing on setting Appropriation Limits for the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year for County of Sierra.

At 10:22 a.m. Chair Roen opened and closed the public hearing with no persons addressing the Board.

12.A.iii. Conduct public hearing on the 2022/2023 Final Budget for County Services Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 4B, 5, 5A (Sierra Brooks Water).

At 10:22 a.m. Chair Roen opened and closed the public hearing with no persons addressing the Board.

12.A.iv. Conduct public hearing on the 2022/2023 Final Budget for the County of Sierra.

At 10:23 a.m. Chair Roen opened and closed the public hearing with no persons addressing the Board.

The Clerk suggested the Finance Committee scheduled the next meeting on August 23, 2022 at 9 a.m.

At 10:16 a.m. Chair Roen adjourned the joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors and County Service Area Board of Directors and reconvened as the Board of Supervisors.

## **12.B. 10:30 AM RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION**

12.B.i. Presentation of Resolution of Appreciation to Mr. Earl D. Henson, Veteran's Services Officer, upon announcement of his retirement.

Supervisor Dryden presented the Resolution of Appreciation to Mr. Earl D. Henson, Veteran's Services Officer, upon announcement of his retirement.

Mr. Henson thanked the Board.

12.B.ii. Presentation of Resolution of Appreciation to Quentin L. Youngblood, District Ranger, Tahoe National Forest - Sierraville Ranger District, recognizing his years of service to Sierra County.

Chair Roen presented the Resolution of Appreciation to Quentin L. Youngblood, District Ranger, Tahoe National Forest - Sierraville Ranger District, recognizing his years of service to Sierra County.



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Shane Starr, Field Representative for Congressman LaMalfa thanked Mr. Youngblood for his service and presented him with a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition.

Comments were received by Rick Roberti on behalf of the Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District; Rick Maddelana on behalf of the Sierra County Fire Protection District; Sierraville District Ranger Rachel Hutchinson; Truckee District Ranger Chris Carlton; and the Director of Public Works Tim Beals.

Chair Roen referred to the letter of appreciation to Mr. Youngblood received by the Sierraville Public Utility District.

Mr. Youngblood thanked everyone for their support.

#### **10. CLOSED SESSION**

- 10.A. Closed session pursuant to Government Code section 54957 – Public Employment – Director of Health and Social Services.
- 10.B. Conference with labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, David Prentice Negotiator, Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA).

#### **CLOSED SESSION STATEMENT**

The Board met in closed session from 11:07 a.m. to 11:27 a.m. County Counsel reported that direction was given to staff with respect to the two closed session items.

#### **11. PERSONNEL DIRECTOR - DAVID PRENTICE**

- 11.A. Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Sierra and the Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA) for wage increases and other changes to employment provisions.

County Counsel briefly commented on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Sierra and the Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA) for wage increases and other changes to employment provisions, and recommended approval.

**APPROVED**, Agreement 2022-110. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

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**ADJOURN**

At 11:28 a.m., with no further business, Chair Roen adjourned the meeting.

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PAUL ROEN, CHAIR  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

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HEATHER FOSTER  
CLERK OF THE BOARD