



**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 17, 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 Dryden

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Terry LeBlanc, Supervisor, District #4

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

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Mike Fisher, Sheriff/Coroner

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

11. CONSENT AGENDA

11.A. Agreement between Downieville Fire Protection District and Sierra County Public Health regarding COVID-19 Vaccination through the Local Health Jurisdiction, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$113,225. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-108

11.B. Agreement between Karpel Computer Systems Inc. (Karpel Solutions) and the County of Sierra for case management services. (DISTRICT ATTORNEY)

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-109

11.C. Authorization to purchase tires from Morgan Tire in the amount of \$7,589.79 equipment #264, a Caterpillar Loader (Alleghany). (PUBLIC WORKS)

11.D. Authorize payment of Invoice Number 219180 to Intermountain Disposal for tipping fees for waste that has been diverted to Delleker Transfer Station. (PUBLIC WORKS)

11.E. Cash Audit report for the quarter ended June 30, 2021. (AUDITOR)

11.F. Treasurer's investment report and statement of liquidity for the period ending June 30, 2021. (AUDITOR)

11.G. Rescission of Agreement 2021-084 and approval of revised agreement for services by the East Sierra Valley Chamber of Commerce for promotion of Sierra County during the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year. (AUDITOR)

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-110

11.H. Resolution authorizing the Auditor to transfer funds from Asset Forfeiture fund to the Sheriff's K-9 Program fund. (AUDITOR)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2021-113

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- 11.I. Resolution adopting amended Sierra County Protocols for Maintaining a Safe and Healthy Workplace in Light of Covid-19. (PERSONNEL)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2021-114

- 11.J. Agreement for services by the Sierra County Chamber of Commerce for promotion of Sierra County during the 2021-2022 fiscal year. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-111

- 11.K. Minutes from the special meeting held on June 28, 2021. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)
- 11.L. Minutes from the regular meeting held on July 20, 2021. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

At the request of Assistant County Counsel, Correspondence Item 12.A. was referred to County Counsel for review.

- 12.A. Letter from Greenfire Law, PC representing Feather River Action regarding the Wildlife Services Cooperative Agreement and Financial Plan, Agreement No. 18-73-06-0275 RA.

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 9:00 a.m. Chair Adams opened and closed the public comment opportunity with no persons addressing the Board.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Dryden reported on the appointment of Candy Corcoran as the new Children and Families/First 5 Executive Director and working with six other commissioners from other counties on the Area Agency on Aging 4 realignment plan.

Chair Adams reported on the Finance Committee meeting which will be addressed under the budget item. Chair Adams continued to report on the meeting held with two

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members of the Loyalton City Council, Director of Planning, Deputy Director of Planning and Supervisor LeBlanc regarding the City of Loyalton's request to have the County take over the building/planning services within the City. Chair Adams further requested the Board authorize County Counsel to spend some time to review the prior contract and other potential alternatives for the City.

Following brief discussion and Chair Adams requested adding an action item to the September 7, 2021 agenda authorizing County Counsel to review the prior contract between the City and the County and other potential alternatives for services for the City.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Director of Planning reported on the County Disaster Council meetings and recognized John Evans, OES fire contact and Fire Chief Mick Connolly for the repositioning of fire equipment into the County for fire suppression/protection.

The Director also reported on the changes to the collection of the fire mitigation fee for the Sierra County Fire Protection District No. 1 wherein they will request building applicants to submit two checks, one for the county permit fees and a second check made out directly to the SCFPD1 for the mitigation fees which will put the district in complete control of the fees.

The Director continued to report on the grant agreement from the USDA in the amount of \$37,000 to put towards the purchase of a water truck for the east side of the county; a meeting with the Downieville Improvement Group regarding parking concerns; the Firesafe Coordinator Grant application; the Sierra City Small Water Systems consolidation meeting set for August 25th at 1:30 p.m. in Downieville; and the Kentucky Mine Museum restoration and increase in cost from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

The Director of Health and Social Services reported on changes in Medi-Cal; looking to adopt an ordinance in the future with respect to the managed health care provider for Medi-Cal recipients; and the new state orders mandating health care providers to require vaccinations by September 30th and mandating school staff to provide vaccine verification or weekly testing.

The Director further reported on the County's new health order requiring masks indoors and the increase in COVID cases within the County.

Discussion ensued regarding the Director's reasoning to impose the mask mandate.

The Director continued to report on vaccine boosters recommended for those who are immunocompromised.

Discussion ensued regarding the vaccine boosters and the Delta Variant.

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The Sheriff provided an update on the Zonehaven project.

Discussion ensued regarding testing of the Everbridge system in the future.

The Sheriff continued to provide an update on mutual aid requests and deputy assignments in Lassen County for fire evacuations.

At 9:47 a.m. Chair Adams reopened and closed the public comment opportunity with no persons addressing the Board.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Yuba District Ranger Lon Henderson provided an update on various matters going on in the district.

10. TIMED ITEMS

10.A. 10:00 A.M. UC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Presentation by Tracy Schohr, UC Cooperative Extension Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor on the Annual Report for Plumas and Sierra County.

Presentations were given by Tracy Schohr, Livestock and Natural Resources; Ryan Thompkins, Forestry and Natural Resources; and Kari O'Reilly, 4-H Program Representative.

Supervisor Dryden commented on the event held this weekend for the 4-H kids and expressed her appreciation for all the generosity and out pouring of love for the kids.

6. AUDITOR / TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR - VAN MADDOX

6.A. Discussion/direction to staff on Operating Engineers #3 (OE3) Health Benefits.

The Auditor provided background on Operating Engineers #3 (OE3) proposal for health insurance and the determination that the proposal is not competitive with what the County currently has.

No action taken.

7. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - TIM BEALS

7.A. Resolution accepting the written withdrawal of the bid of Edward T. Navickis without penalty and release and waiver of liability for the County of Sierra, dated August 2, 2021, pertaining to the 2017 Storm Damage Gold Bluff Road FEMA PROJECT PA-09-CA-4301-PW-73.

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The Board moved to adopt the resolution accepting the written withdrawal of the bid of Edward T. Navickis without penalty and release and waiver of liability for the County of Sierra, dated August 2, 2021, pertaining to the 2017 Storm Damage Gold Bluff Road FEMA PROJECT PA-09-CA-4301-PW-73

ADOPTED, Resolution 2021-115. Motion: Roen/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0 (Supervisor LeBlanc ABSENT)

8. PLANNING / BUILDING - TIM BEALS

8.A. Discussion/direction to staff on the action items discussed at a meeting of the County Disaster Council held on August 6, 2021.

The Director of Planning reported on the Disaster Council meeting held because of the number of fires in the region and the need for advance preparation if something were to occur closer to home. The Director continued to comment on the inconsistencies with the forest orders with respect to fire prevention.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

The Director further recommended adding an item to a future agenda if the Board is interested in requesting some considerations with respect to weighing in on fire restrictions, forest closures, etc.

Following discussion and by consensus, the Board directed adding an action item to the next meeting agenda to further address forest closures and fire restrictions.

The Director continued to comment on having obtained several allocations and equipment for prepositioning in the County since the Disaster Council meeting.

Discussion ensued.

The Director further reported on large animal evacuations and what resources could be brought to the County in the event of an evacuation order; utilities hiring tree trimming and brush removal services in the County and the contractor's being nervous about operating due to fire danger; concerns with exposure and how we deal with this; concerns with the mounting dry green waste at the transfer stations creating a fire hazard; pursuing available funding to make sure the County is reimbursed for any expenditure of funds the County incurs; and issues with AT&T and the upcoming PSPS event on the westside of the County.

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10.B. 10:30 AM 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 10:49 a.m. Chair Adams recessed the Board of Supervisors meeting and reconvened as the County Board of Supervisors and County Service Area Board of Directors.

10.B.i. Conduct public hearing on setting Appropriation Limits for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year for County Service Areas 2, 3, and Sierra Brooks 5A.

The Auditor provided background on the appropriation limits for both the County and County Service Areas.

At 10:50 a.m. Chair Adams opened and closed the public hearing with no persons addressing the Board.

10.B.ii. Conduct public hearing on setting Appropriation Limits for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year for the County of Sierra.

At 10:51 a.m. Chair Adams opened and closed the public hearing with no persons addressing the Board.

10.B.iii. Conduct public hearing on the 2021-2022 Final Budget for County Service Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5A (Sierra Brooks Water).

The Auditor provided background on the County Service Area budgets which has not changed much in the past year.

At 10:53 a.m. Chair Adams opened and closed the public hearing with no persons addressing the Board.

10.B.iv. Conduct public hearing on the 2021-2022 Final Budget for the County of Sierra.

The Auditor reviewed the proposed budget and the Finance Committee's budget recommendations.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

Supervisor Huebner expressed concerns with the increase to County Counsel's budget.

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Chair Adams clarified this is not an increase in County Counsel's contract, rather it is reserve funds for potential future legal issues.

At 11:07 a.m. Chair Adams opened the public hearing.

Public comment was received by Josh Hart, Feather River Action; Michelle Lutes, Project Coyote; and Jessica Blome, Attorney representing Feather River Action requesting the Board end the wildlife services contract.

County Counsel explained the wildlife services contract is a multi-year contract adopted back in 2018 and is not before the Board today for consideration, only the budget which involves revenues, expenditures, and appropriations. If they believe the appropriations for the contract are questionable, these comments would be appropriate for the Board to consider.

Ms. Blome explained that since Sierra County didn't conduct an environmental review on the five-year cooperative plan, as a single financial plan every appropriation is subject to a CEQA challenge annually.

County Counsel indicated he disagrees with Ms. Blome's statement, and he will be reviewing the information provided by her firm.

Ms. Blome on behalf of Feather River Action and Project Coyote, requested the Board not approve the appropriation for the wildlife services contract for the 2021 Fiscal Year as the CEQA evaluation has not been undertaken as indicated in her previous letter.

At 11:20 a.m. Chair Adams closed the public hearing with no further persons addressing the Board.

10.B.v. Minutes from the County Service Area Board of Directors meeting held on November 3, 2020. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to approve the minutes from the County Service Area Board of Directors meeting held on November 3, 2020.

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

10.B.vi. Minutes from the County Service Area Board of Directors meeting held on July 20, 2021. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to approve the minutes from the County Service Area Board of Directors meeting held on July 20, 2021.

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

At 11:21 a.m. Chair Adams adjourned the joint meeting as the County Board of Supervisors and County Service Area Board of Directors and reconvened as the County Board of Supervisors.

- 8.B. Discussion/direction to staff on the application to be filed for the Firesafe Coordinator Grant.

The Director of Planning reviewed four items needed for filing the Firesafe Coordinator Grant which require Board approval: 1) a letter of support authorizing the grant application; 2) the last 5 years of audits for presentation to the grant agency; 3) certificate of insurance; and 4) a document signed by the Chair of the Board attesting that the County is a public agency and is the applicant applying for the grant.

By consensus, the Board directed staff to draft and submit the required documents.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

9. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 9.B. Appointment to fill a vacancy on the Behavioral Health Advisory Board.
(CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to appoint Deborah Guzman to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

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

- 9.A. Discussion/action regarding letter from Lassen County Board of Supervisors to the US Department of Agriculture regarding concerns about wildfires originating from and managed by Plumas National Forest (PNF) and requesting the investigation of PNF's wildfire management decisions.
(CLERK OF THE BOARD)

Supervisor Dryden introduced the item.

Supervisor Roen commented on the need for serious policy discussions in the future.

Board discussion ensued.

Supervisor Dryden indicated she would like this letter to come back at a future meeting for further investigation of the management over the recent wildfires.

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Chair Adams recommended any member of the Board or staff add this item to a future agenda when ready to do so.

12. CORRESPONDENCE LOG

12.B. Letter from the Department of Water Resources regarding the Statement for State Watermaster Service in the Counties of Plumas and Sierra for the Middle Fork Feather River service area.

No action taken.

ADJOURN

At 11:43 a.m., with no further business, Chair Adams adjourned the meeting.

LEE ADAMS, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD