



**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 September 1, 2020. This meeting was recorded for posting on the Board of Supervisors' website at www.sierracounty.ca.gov.

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/Public Works/Transportation/OES
Lea Salas, Director of Behavioral Health
Vickie Clark, Director of Health and Social Services
Mike Fisher, Sheriff/Coroner
Celia Sutton-Pado, County Health Officer

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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

12. CONSENT AGENDA

12.A. Cash Audit report for the quarter ended June 30, 2020.
(AUDITOR/TREASURER)

12.B. Local Enforcement Agency Grant Agreement EA31-20-0001, for the time period of July 1, 2020 through October 28, 2021, in the amount of \$15,022.00. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2020-104

12.C. Resolution approving Plumas County Agreement No. PARTB2021SCPH, Ryan White Part B, and authorizing the Public Health Director to sign the agreement and all invoices to secure funds. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2020-98

APPROVED, Agreement 2020-105

12.D. Memorandum of Understanding for Coordination of Services between Sierra County Division of Behavioral Health Plan and Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan, Inc. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2020-106

12.E. Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding Amendment between Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan, Inc. (ANTHEM) and Sierra County Division of Behavioral Health Plan Mental Health Services. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2020-107

12.F. Resolution assigning Lea Salas, Administrative Director of Behavioral Health, or designee to attend Continuum of Care executive board meetings and monthly meetings. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2020-99

12.G. Agreement for Indemnification and Reimbursement for Extraordinary Costs for Jill L. Curran and Sattley 89 Ranch, LLC, applicant and

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landowner for a Williamson Act Contract for Sierra County Assessor's Parcel Number 013-070-007. (PLANNING)

APPROVED, Agreement 2020-108

- 12.H. Authorize Road Department purchase of the Downieville Fire Department former fire chief pick-up truck, a 2000 Ford F-350 with a 7.3 Diesel Engine, in the amount of \$2,500.00. (PUBLIC WORKS)
- 12.I. Authorize purchase and payment of purchase order in the amount of \$13,700 to Tire Service International for TC-710 Baler, Gas Engine, for bundling of aluminum and plastic (1s & 2s) out of 19-21 Beverage Recycling Grant. (PUBLIC WORKS)
- 12.J. Cooperative Agreement with State of California Department of Transportation relative to the installation of a Gabion wall along State Route 49 at Belle Street to repair 2017 storm damage. (PUBLIC WORKS)

APPROVED, Agreement 2020-109

- 12.K. Approval of Contract Change Order 1 for Sierra County Wellness Center Foundation Project, Sierra County Agreement 2020-026. (PUBLIC WORKS)
- 12.L. Authorize payment under Public Works Purchase Order in an amount not to exceed \$12,000 for the installation of two perimeter soil gas probes to depths of 51 feet and 9 feet, in accordance with the project plans. (PUBLIC WORKS)
- 12.M. Minutes from the regular meeting held on June 16, 2020. (CLERK)
- 12.N. Minutes from the regular meeting held on August 4, 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 9:04 a.m. Chair Beard opened and closed the public comment opportunity with no persons addressing the Board.

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3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Adams reported that the RCRC Executive Board meets tomorrow, CSAC meets Thursday and the Finance Committee is scheduled to meet Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Supervisor Roen reported that he will attend the Sierra Nevada Conservancy virtual meeting on Wednesday.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Director of Behavioral Health reported on the Wellness Center.

The Assessor reported on hiring a new employee; moving the maps to the Sierraville School; and the invoice to the Forest Service for solid waste.

The Director of Health and Social Services reported on working to proceed with opting into the MediCal County Inmate program to help pay for the hospitalization of inmates.

The Auditor and Sheriff commented on the MediCal County Inmate program.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Yuba River District Ranger Lon Henderson reported on extreme fire danger this weekend; dispersed camping; paving and removal of trees at the Chapman Campground; adding new toilets to Packer Saddle and Diablo campgrounds; staffing; and the upcoming field trip with the North Yuba Partnership.

In response to Supervisor Huebner's inquiry, Ranger Henderson provided an update on the Greene Acres project.

Supervisor Huebner expressed concerns with the Greene Acres project not being implemented until 2022.

Sierraville District Ranger Quentin Youngblood reported on the Loyaltan Fire and timber sales.

Beckworth Acting District Ranger Stephanie Coppeto provided an update on the fires on the Plumas National Forest; recreation activities; and not being able to run the Greenwood fuels program this year.

6. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - LEA SALAS

6.A. Approval to hire a temporary extra help Behavioral Health Associate position.

The Director of Behavioral Health provided background on the request to hire a temporary extra help Behavioral Health Associate to help offset the increased caseload.

In response to Supervisor Dryden’s inquiry, the Director clarified this position is not in the budget and she is requesting the Board allocate an additional \$38,429 to the budget.

In response to Supervisor Adams’ inquiry, the Director indicated that they can cover the position with prevention and intervention funding and it also fits within the Mental Health Services Act.

The Board moved to approve the hiring of temporary extra help Behavioral Health Associate position.

APPROVED. Motion: Adams/Dryden/Majority Roll Call Vote: 4/1 (Supervisor Huebner NO)

7. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES - VICKIE CLARK

7.A. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the COVID-19 ELC Enhancing Detection Funding Award Number COVID-19ELC46.

The Director of Health provided background on the COVID-19 ELC Enhancing Detection funding, which is the second-generation pot of money coming through for lab and testing activities. The Director continued to explain how she intends to utilize some of the funding for the recruitment for the Public Health Nurse position and a term limited COVID nurse position, and to cover 10% of a current employee’s salary, who has a Masters in Epidemiology, for training.

Board discussion ensued.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution authorizing the acceptance of the COVID-19 ELC Enhancing Detection Funding Award Number COVID-19ELC46.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2020-100. Motion: Adams/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

8. PLANNING / BUILDING - TIM BEALS

8.A. Discussion and direction on reviving the County Open Space Screening Committee and making appointments.

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The Director of Planning provided background on the County Open Space Screening Committee and the need to revive the Committee to review a recent application received for a land conservation contract.

Board discussion ensued.

Supervisor Roen suggested adding the UC Cooperative Extension Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor as a member of the committee.

Discussion ensued regarding declaring the current public member positions vacant, advertising the vacancies and making necessary changes to the resolution establishing the committee.

Following discussion and by consensus, the Board directed staff to bring back to the next Board meeting a resolution declaring the three positions on the Open Space Screening Committee vacant and authorizing the Clerk to advertise, and any necessary amendments to the resolution establishing the County Open Space Screening Committee.

9. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - TIM BEALS

9.A. Adoption of Urgency Ordinance adding Part 150, Chapter 11, Section 05 to Sierra County Code to implement weight restrictions on the Pearl Street (Hansen) Bridge, 13C0003, due to a crack in one of the timber stringers in the truss span of bridge discovered by the Load Rating Branch, California Department of Transportation.

The Director Public Works provided background on the recent routine inspection by Caltrans wherein a crack was identified in the timber stringers on the Pearl Street (Hansen) Bridge and the proposed urgency ordinance, which establishes a weight limit between today and when the repair is conducted.

The Board moved to adopt the Urgency Ordinance adding Part 150, Chapter 11, Section 05 to Sierra County Code to implement weight restrictions on the Pearl Street (Hansen) Bridge, 13C0003, due to a crack in one of the timber stringers in the truss span of bridge discovered by the Load Rating Branch, California Department of Transportation.

ADOPTED, Ordinance 1093. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

10. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**10.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.
(CLERK OF THE BOARD)**

The Director of Health requested utilizing social media to disseminate information to the public.

Following brief discussion and by consensus, the Board authorized the Director of Health to have a social media presence.

The Director also informed the Board that she is moving forward with the recruitment of the Public Health Nurse position.

The Director continued to provide an update on COVID-19 cases and testing within the state and county; California's new tier system assigned to counties for reducing COVID-19 cases; and Sierra County currently in the red tier, which means some businesses can now open.

School Superintendent James Berardi commented on recent meetings held at all three school sites within the district and their plan going forward with opening the schools.

The Director of Health further suggested asking CSAC and RCRC to help advocate for small counties on some of the inequities in how they are being held to the same standards as larger counties with respect to the testing and positivity rates.

The County Health Officer commented on everyone staying healthy and keeping safe.

The Director of OES reported on adding hours to cleaning positions for the Downieville and Sierra City Visitor Centers, which cost should be recovered through the COVID funding.

**10.B. Discussion and direction to staff on the use of Title III funds.
(AUDITOR/PUBLIC WORKS)**

The Auditor provided background on the available Title III funding which can be spent on educating homeowners and the development of firewise plans.

The Director of Planning commented on the history of the Title II and III funding; the prior allocation of Title III funding for reimbursement of the County's response to

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emergencies on federal land; and other distinct uses including developing community wildfire protection plans.

Discussion ensued with the Board regarding amending the master funding agreement with the Sierra County Firesafe and Watershed Council (Firesafe Council) to include the creation of community firewise plans and Title III funds previously allocated to the Sierra County Fire Protection District No. 1 for the creation of the County Firewise Plan.

Supervisor Huebner expressed concerns with the Firesafe Council with respect to the use of Title III funding between the east and west side of the County.

Considerable discussion ensued with the Board.

Sharon Dobija on behalf of the Sierra City Fire District and Firesafe Council clarified that the request for Title III funding is from the Sierra City Fire District for the Sierra City Firewise Community and that the Firesafe Council currently has five members.

Supervisor Adams expressed frustration with the pace and scale of work on the ground and would like to see 90% of Title III funds expended for on the ground work and 10% for education. Supervisor Adams also expressed concerns with the request for funding to purchase reflective address signs for the Sierra Brooks community, as he wants to see this funding used to help people remove flammable materials from their property.

Supervisor Dryden explained that a large part of the process in creating a firewise community is education/outreach, which then helps with obtaining grants for work on the ground.

Following discussion and by consensus, the Board directed the amendment to the master funding agreement and the Sierra County Firesafe and Watershed Council to provide an update/report at the next meeting.

10.C. Resolution of intent for use of Title III funds for the development of the Sierra Brooks Community Firewise Plan. (AUDITOR/PUBLIC WORKS)

The Auditor clarified the Board can allocate Title III funds for the development of a firewise community plan so long as they can get the agreements together before the 45-day deadline to allocate the funding.

Supervisor Dryden provided background on the development of the Sierra Brooks Firewise Community, which is a three-year plan.

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Victoria Fisher on behalf of the Sierra Brooks Firewise Volunteer Group commented on the request for reflective address signage, which is a requirement in achieving a firewise community and enhances the efforts for search and rescue.

In response to Supervisor Roen's comments regarding the reflective sign program through the Sierra County Fire Protection District, Mrs. Fisher indicated that the program is no longer in effect. Mrs. Fisher continued to comment on working to partner with the Sierra County Fire Protection District No. 1 for the administration of the funding.

Discussion ensued regarding the \$20,000 funding request for the Sierra Brooks Firewise Community.

Supervisor Roen clarified that the reflective sign program is still in effect through the Sierra County Fire Protection District No. 1.

Supervisor Adams recommended allocating \$2,500 in seed money for both Sierra Brooks and Sierra City.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution of intent for use of Title III funds for the development of the Sierra Brooks Community Firewise Plan in the amount of \$2,500.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2020-101. Motion: Adams/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

10.D. Resolution of intent for use of Title III funds for the development of the Sierra City Community Firewise Plan. (AUDITOR/PUBLIC WORKS)

Sharon Dobija clarified the request is on behalf of the Sierra City Fire District and not the community.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution of intent for use of Title III funds for the development of the Sierra City Community Firewise Plan as amended in the amount of \$2,500.

ADOPTED as amended, Resolution 2020-102. Motion: Roen/Adams/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

10.E. Resolution of intent for use of Title III funds for the development of the Sierra County Communities Firewise Plan through the Sierra County Fire Safe and Watershed Council. (AUDITOR/PUBLIC WORKS)

The Board moved to table this discussion to a future meeting.

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

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- 10.F. Discussion/action with respect to Prop 68 Local Parks Rehabilitation, Creation, & Improvement Grant Ad-Hoc Committee. (SUPERVISOR ROEN & ADAMS)

Supervisor Adams commented that the ad hoc committee assigned to review and make recommendations on the \$400,000 available for projects is set to meet Friday at 1:00 p.m. and reminded everyone to submit projects they would like considered.

The Director of Planning commented on the requirements for applying for the Prop 68 funding and the three County sites that are in serious condition, including the Calpine Community Hall, the Downieville Community Hall, and the Sierraville School.

11. PERSONNEL DIRECTOR - MARGARET LONG

- 11.A. Resolution approving the Sierra County Injury and Illness Prevention Policy.

Personnel Analyst Judi Behlke reviewed the proposed changes to the policy, which policy is still in the meet and confer process with the Union.

In response to Chair Beard's inquiry, Deputy County Counsel clarified that the Board needs to pass the resolution today in order to be in compliance with Cal OSHA and with the understanding that the Board will receive another version of the policy in the future once the meet and confer process has been completed.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution approving the Sierra County Injury and Illness Prevention Policy.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2020-103. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

- 11.B. Resolution adopting the Sierra County protocols for maintaining a safe and healthy workplace in light of COVID-19.

Personnel Analyst Judi Behlke provided background on the protocols for maintaining a safe and healthy workplace in light of COVID-19 and the recent changes made to the proposed protocols.

The Board moved to adopt the Sierra County protocols for maintaining a safe and healthy workplace in light of COVID-19.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2020-104. Motion: Roen/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

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ADJOURN

At 12:39 p.m., with no further business, Chair Beard adjourned the meeting.

JIM BEARD, CHAIR
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ATTEST:

HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD