



**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 October 6, 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
Jim Beard, Supervisor, Chair, District #4
Sharon Dryden, Supervisor, District #5

Absent: Paul Roen, Supervisor, District #3

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
Vickie Clark, Director of Health and Social Services
Laura A. Marshall, Assessor/Solid Waste Fee Administrator
Mike Fisher, Sheriff/Coroner
Chuck Henson, Acting Chief Probation Officer
Celia Sutton-Pado, County Health Officer

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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

APPROVED. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Roen ABSENT)

12. CONSENT AGENDA

12.A. Approval of leave greater than 30 days for an employee in the County Auditor's office. (AUDITOR)

12.B. Resolution approving grant agreement between the Carpet America Recover Effort's (CARE) California Carpet Stewardship Program and Sierra County in the amount of \$15,000. (PUBLIC WORKS)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2020-109

APPROVED, Agreement 2020-115

12.C. Agreement for indemnification and reimbursement for extraordinary costs with applicants and landowners Scott Steinwert and Laurie Halliday for a zone variance at 506 Main Street, Downieville, APN 003-050-006-0. (PLANNING)

APPROVED, Agreement 2020-116

12.D. Agreement for indemnification and reimbursement for extraordinary costs with James Commendatore, homeowner and applicant, consideration for Conditional Use Permit to live in a trailer during construction on 150 Amodei Ranch Road, Sierraville, while future home is being constructed, Assessor's Parcel Number 013-110-129-0. (PLANNING)

APPROVED, Agreement 2020-117

12.E. Professional Services Agreement between Sierra County Child Abuse Council and Sierra County Behavioral Health to conduct the Nurturing Parenting Program through Mental Health Services Act Prevention/Early Intervention funding. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2020-118

12.F. Professional Services Agreement between Progress House, Inc. and Sierra County for substance use disorder services. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2020-119

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

APPROVED, Agreement 2020-120

12.H. Agreement for services by the East Sierra Valley Chamber of Commerce for promotion of Sierra County during the 2020-2021 fiscal year. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

APPROVED, Agreement 2020-121

12.I. Agreement for services by the Sierra County Chamber of Commerce for promotion of Sierra County during the 2020-2021 fiscal year. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

APPROVED, Agreement 2020-122

12.J. Minutes from the regular meeting held on August 18, 2020. (CLERK)

12.K. Minutes from the regular meeting held on September 1, 2020. (CLERK)

12.L. Minutes from the special meeting held on September 18, 2020. (CLERK)

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

The Board moved to pull Regular Item 6.B. from the Agenda.

6.B. Resolution affirming Sierra County's commitment to fundamental rights of life, liberty, property, and declaring Sierra County for all businesses. (CHAIR BEARD)

APPROVED. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Majority Roll Call Vote: 3/1/1 (Supervisor Roen ABSENT, Supervisor Beard NO)

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda as amended.

APPROVED. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Majority Roll Call Vote: 3/1/1 (Supervisor Roen ABSENT, Supervisor Beard NO)

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 Dryden reported on the Sierra Brooks Firewise Community sponsored green waste clean-up event held last Saturday.

Chair Beard expressed his disappointment in this Board for not allowing the discussion on Item 6.B. to be heard.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acting Chief Probation Officer reviewed recent legislation passed and the impacts to the County and Probation Department.

The Assessor provided an update on the Sierra County Historical Society's preservation of the Assessor's maps and the quote received for the purchase of supplies for this process.

Following brief discussion, the Board directed the Assessor to add the quote for the purchase of supplies for the preservation of the Assessor's maps to a future meeting for further review.

The Director of Health and Social Services provided a report on food assistance checks; Social Services fiscal review; and working on a similar fiscal review for Public Health.

The Director of Planning reported on the transfer of two surplus vans to the School District and requesting a meeting of the PSPS funding ad hoc committee to determine priorities.

Supervisor Adams thanked the Director of Public Works and his brush crew for the brush clearing on County roads in Downieville.

Personnel Analyst Judi Behlke provided a staffing update to the Board.

The Sheriff reported on the removal of the carotid hold from the Department's policy and thanked the Director of Public Works for the cleanup work around the substation.

The Auditor commented on the legislative changes mentioned by the Chief Probation Officer and the huge drop in fines and forfeitures, which funds the Justice Facility fund.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Yuba River District Ranger Lon Henderson provided a report on hunting season; dispersed camping; the North Complex Fire; personnel; grant funding; and projects going on in the District.

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Board discussion ensued regarding new red sign located at Bassets.

Supervisor Adams and the Director of Planning expressed their appreciation to the Forest Service for their proactive work in protecting the Downieville community.

The Director of Planning continued to express concerns with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy grants for the North Yuba and Greene Acres projects and requested a meeting with members of the Board and the Forest Service to determine how to proceed as SPI has closed its mill for future green logs.

Sierraville District Ranger Quentin Youngblood provided an update on timber sale operations; campgrounds; and projects going on in the District.

6. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 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 developments to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and possible action/direction to staff. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Director of Health provided report on the number of COVID cases and testing positivity rates in the state and Sierra County; the use of COVID funding for remodeling their building for additional office space; and the schedule for flu shot clinics in the County.

The County Health Officer reported on flu shots and the anticipation of having a much milder disease spread due to wearing masks and social distancing.

The Director of Health also reported that the high schools are going back to school on October 12th.

The Director of OES reported on working with the Auditor's office on COVID funding expenditures including assigning the half-time OES Coordinator and Plant Manager to 100% OES, so his salary will be a recoverable cost; the rental costs of portable toilets, additional PPE purchases for distribution to County offices and businesses; and purchasing two storage containers to store supplies.

Supervisor Adams commented on the Department Head meeting conversation regarding courthouse access and the suggestion to have Public Works look into an alternative access system, either an intercom or buzzer, which will continue to protect the continuity of government and lessen the impacts to the Clerk's office.

The Auditor reported on the COVID funding webinar he attended and the requirement to commit the funding by October 30th in order to keep it. The Auditor

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further requested allowing IT to purchase laptops for remote work for employees over the \$7,500 department spending limit as there won't be enough time to bring this back to the Board for approval.

By consensus, the Board authorized staff to make reimbursable purchases over \$7,500 and to bring them back to the Board for retroactive approval.

Supervisor Dryden expressed concerns with AAA4 who is trying to provide services to seniors and requested supporting the Senior Center in Loyaltan.

Discussion ensued regarding renting vans for the Senior Center.

The Auditor also addressed drug-testing concerns and whether the Board wants to have the Personnel Department obtain the required certification and equipment to perform drug testing for county employees.

Personnel Analyst Judi Behlke commented on the certification requirements for the Personnel Department to perform drug testing, which would be convenient to county departments and employees. Ms. Behlke added that the Sheriff has not been performing random drug testing, as he does not want to send employees to clinics due to COVID risk factors.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

The County Health Officer expressed concerns with having the Personnel Department administer drug testing to county employees.

Supervisor Adams expressed concerns with privacy issues since this is a small community and suggested having the Department Managers discuss this issue before the Board makes a determination.

By consensus, the Board directed the Department Managers to review having the Personnel Department administer drug testing to county employees and bring this back to the Board on October 20, 2020.

6.C. Resolution of intent to use Title III funds for the aid of Fire Departments to acquire maps and property information from the County Assessor.
(SUPERVISOR ADAMS)

Supervisor Adams provided background on the request from the Downieville Fire Department for the MSAG (Master Street Address Guide) from the Assessor's office and utilizing Title III funds in order to make the information available to all fire departments.

In response to Supervisor Dryden's inquiry, the Assessor provided background on the request from the Downieville Fire Department for the maps on the western side

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of Sierra County, which unlike the GIS maps, includes the parcel ownership information. The Assessor also clarified that the sale of these files helps fund her department.

In response to Supervisor Dryden's inquiry, the Auditor clarified that this request is an appropriate use of Title III funding.

The Board moved of intent to use Title III funds for the aid of Fire Departments to acquire maps and property information from the County Assessor.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2020-110. Motion: Huebner/Adams/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Roen ABSENT)

- 6.D. Review/possible action regarding Urgency Ordinance 1095 prohibiting open fires on public and private property within the unincorporated areas of Sierra County due to extreme fire danger. (SUPERVISOR ADAMS)

Supervisor Adams commented on the Forest Service continuing their fire restrictions.

Deputy County Counsel clarified that no action is required if the Board wants to keep the urgency ordinance in place.

No action taken.

- 6.E. Appointment of Board representative and alternate to the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Board of Directors. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to appoint Supervisor Adams as the Board representative and Supervisor Huebner as the Board alternate to the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Board of Directors.

APPROVED. Motion: Dryden/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Roen ABSENT)

7. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES - VICKIE CLARK

- 7.A. Resolution approving the agreement between the Incorporated Senior Citizens of Sierra County, doing business as the Loyalton Senior Center and Sierra County Public Health regarding the County Medical Services Program (CMSP) Covid-19 Emergency Response Grant (CERG) funds pass through and authorize the Director of Public Health or designee to sign the agreement.

The Director of Health and Social Services provided background on the proposed agreement and attached budget.

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The Board moved to adopt the resolution approving the agreement between the Incorporated Senior Citizens of Sierra County, doing business as the Loyaltan Senior Center and Sierra County Public Health regarding the County Medical Services Program (CMSP) Covid-19 Emergency Response Grant (CERG) funds pass through and authorize the Director of Public Health or designee to sign the agreement.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2020-111 and **APPROVED**, Agreement 2020-123. Motion: Dryden/Adams/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Roen ABSENT)

8. AUDITOR / TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR - VAN MADDOX

8.A. Discussion/approval of an agreement to rent the old Wells Fargo Bank building in Downieville for the Auditor's office.

The Auditor provided background on the current office building, which is not ADA accessible, and the building they are looking to rent alleviating the ADA issues.

Chair Beard expressed his support of the contract the contract becomes a month-to-month lease after the first year.

Discussion ensued with the Board regarding installation of the internet to the new location.

The Board moved to approve the lease agreement between the County of Sierra and Dorothy Parrish for the old Wells Fargo Bank building in Downieville for the Auditor's office and adopt the resolution authorizing the Auditor to sign said agreement.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2020-112 and **APPROVED**, Agreement 2020-124. Adams/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Roen ABSENT)

9. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - TIM BEALS

9.A. Resolution authorizing use of Title III funds in the total amount of \$500.00 for costs for mapping for the GIS System related to the Sierra Brooks Community Firewise Plan in order to increase protection of people and property, including adjacent federal lands, around the communities of Sierra Brooks.

Following a brief overview by the Director of Public Works, the Board moved to adopt the resolution authorizing the use of Title III funds in the total amount of \$500.00 for costs for mapping for the GIS System related to the Sierra Brooks Community Firewise Plan in order to increase protection of people and property, including adjacent federal lands, around the communities of Sierra Brooks.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2020-113. Motion: Dryden/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Roen ABSENT)

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- 9.B. Resolution approving grant agreement between the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District and Sierra County Department of Public Works for funding to replace an existing Hough H65C wheel loader with a new Cat 92 14A wheel loader.

The Director of Public Works provided background on the proposed grant agreement, which memorializes the commitment to take the County's Hough loader out of commission and purchase a new Cat loader through either a direct cash payment or Cat financing.

The Board moved to approve the grant agreement between the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District and Sierra County Department of Public Works for funding to replace an existing Hough H65C wheel loader with a new Cat 92 14A wheel loader.

APPROVED, Agreement 2020-125. Motion: Huebner/Adams/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Roen ABSENT)

- 9.C. Discussion and direction on Community Resource Center Payments from PG&E for use of County Facilities in Allegheny and Downieville during Public Safety Power Shut-off events.

The Director of Public Works provided background on the Community Resource Centers in Downieville and Allegheny, which utilize County buildings and the request to reallocate the \$500 in PG&E payments back into the buildings.

Supervisor Adams encouraged the Board to allow these funds to go to the Pliocene Ridge Community Services District and in a County trust or to the Downieville Fire Auxiliary for the Downieville Community Hall remodel.

The Director clarified he is requesting direction to determine the appropriate community group to allocate the funding to.

By consensus, the Board directed staff to bring back a recommendation on which community group to allocate the funding to.

10. PLANNING / BUILDING - TIM BEALS

- 10.A. Discussion/direction to schedule a public hearing to determine if an Agricultural Preserve should be established at the Sattley 89 Ranch (APN 013-070-007) based on the application by Jill Curran for a Williamson Act contract.

The Director of Planning requested setting the public hearing for November 17, 2020.

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By consensus, the Board scheduled a public hearing to be held on November 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to determine if an Agricultural Preserve should be established at the Sattley 89 Ranch, (APN 013-070-007) based on the application by Jill Curran for a Williamson Act contract.

11. CLOSED SESSION

11.A. Conference with labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, Margaret Long Negotiator, all bargaining units.

The Board met in closed session from 11:55 a.m. to 12:12 p.m.

ADJOURN

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

JIM BEARD, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD