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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

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The Sierra County Board of Supervisors will meet in regular session commencing at 9:00 a.m. on March 7, 2017 in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, Courthouse, Downieville, CA. This meeting will be recorded for posting on the Board of Supervisors' website at www.sierracounty.ca.gov.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Supervisor Roen

ROLL CALL

Present: Lee Adams, Supervisor, District #1
Peter W. Huebner, Supervisor, Chair, District #2
Paul Roen, Supervisor, District #3
Scott A. Schlefstein, Supervisor, Vice-Chair, District #5

Absent: Jim Beard, Supervisor, District #4

Staff: Heather Foster, County Clerk-Recorder
David Prentice, County Counsel
Van Maddox, Auditor/Treasurer Tax-Collector
Tim Beals, Director of Planning and Transportation
Lea Salas, Director of Behavioral Health

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

At the request of the Clerk, Consent Item 11.A. was moved to the Regular Agenda as Item 9.C. and Consent Item 11.C. was pulled from the agenda.

11.A. Amendment to Agreement No. 2016-087 for professional services between Toddler Towers, Inc. and County of Sierra. (SOCIAL SERVICES)

11.C. Approval to recruit for possible opening in the Probation Department for Probation Specialist/Collaborative Court Coordinator. (PROBATION)

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

APPROVED as amended. Motion: Schlefstein/Adams/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Beard ABSENT)

11. CONSENT AGENDA

11.B. Amendment to Agreement No. 2016-104 for professional services between Community Recovery Resources and County of Sierra. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2017-018

11.D. Resolution adopting the approved staffing pattern for the County of Sierra and Special Revenue Funds for the 2016/2017 Fiscal Year. (AUDITOR)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2017-031

11.E. Letter in opposition to SB 2 (Atkins) Building Homes and Jobs Act. (CLERK-RECORDER)

11.F. Resolution declaring the week of April 2 - April 8, 2017, "Safety Seat Checkup Week" in Sierra County. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2017-032

11.G. Minutes from the regular meeting held on February 7, 2017. (CLERK-RECORDER)

11.H. Minutes from the regular meeting held on February 21, 2017. (CLERK-RECORDER)

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda as amended.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

At 9:02 a.m. Chair Huebner opened the public comment opportunity.

Mr. Richard Featherman, Goodyears Bar suggested the county put magnets around pipes to stop the buildup inside of them and also expressed concerns regarding black mold on cedar trees and redwoods. Mr. Featherman continued to refer to long needle pines and wanting to see more done with these trees rather than just grindings and the local vet providing free medical services for dogs.

At 9:06 a.m. Chair Huebner closed the public comment opportunity with no further persons addressing the Board.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Schlefstein reported the Lassen Plumas Sierra Community Action Agency will meet on March 16, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in Susanville.

In response to Supervisor Roen's inquiry regarding whether the ad hoc committee for fire services on the east side of the county has met, Supervisor Schlefstein indicated they are working on it.

Supervisor Adams referred to the special board meeting regarding the Loyalton Mobile Home Park, noting April 11th doesn't work for him. Supervisor Adams briefly reviewed the dates he would be available in April for the meeting.

Following discussion the Board set the special meeting for April 19th at 10:00 a.m. in Loyalton at the Loyalton Social Hall.

Supervisor Adams also reported he was advised by RCRC that there is going to be a bipartisan two year SRS bill introduced late this week. He was also informed that a trust fund bill addressing the long term issue will be introduced the following week.

Following additional discussion regarding the special meeting for the Loyalton Mobile Home Park, the Board moved the time for the special meeting to 9:00 a.m. on April 19, 2017 at the Loyalton Social Hall.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sheriff reported on an issue addressed at the last department head meeting with respect one of his employees taking on a job in the private sector and had requested staying on as a part time employee for the county. The Sheriff explained that according to the Auditor this cannot be done due to an accounting software issue. The Sheriff further requested fixing this issue as he believes it will benefit all departments in the county.

The Auditor explained that when the account program for CalPERS was built they didn't anticipate CalPERS extra help so this wasn't written into the program. The Auditor added that the cost to upgrade the software to fix this issue is $12,000.

The Auditor continued to provide background on the costs of upgrading the accounting software and the issues with bringing back CalPERS employees.

Following discussion, the Board directed adding this issue to the next agenda in order to refer it to the Finance Committee.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Yuba River District Ranger Karen Hayden introduced Larry Peabody and provided a brief update on matters going on in the district.

6. PROBATION - Jeff Bosworth

6.A. Resolution approving amendments to 2016-2017 Community Corrections Partnership budget.

Following a brief introduction by the Chief Probation Officer, the Board moved to adopt the resolution approving amendments to 2016-2017 Community Corrections Partnership budget.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2017-033. Motion: Schlefstein/Adams/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Beard ABSENT)

6.B. Discussion/direction regarding Probation office space in Loyalton.

The Chief Probation Officer provided background on the item, explaining the safety issues with the current building and the lack of response from the landlord. The Chief Probation Officer continued to note that he is looking at renting the old museum building and he has provided this information to County Counsel. He has also received an email from the landlord indicating they would fix all of the safety issues right away; however, he believes it is time to move on.

The Auditor noted this has been a three year issue and any promise to fix things now is too late with respect to safety. He would discourage delaying this and recommend getting out of the building.

The Chief Probation Officer further clarified that he believes the old museum building is a suitable location and he is not reluctant to move.

The Board moved to terminate the existing lease and move to the old museum building in Loyalton.

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

7. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - TIM BEALS

7.A. Report and recommendation from Public Works, Roads & Solid Waste Committee resulting from meeting of Monday, March 6, 2017.

The Director of Public Works reported on the meeting, noting the primary item was the continued discussion regarding the closure of the county landfill and the options that exist for continuing the service.

The Director further referred to access issues at the landfill as result of the recent flood, so they had proposed to take the landfill loads to the Delleker transfer station in Plumas County on a short term basis. The Director continued to explain that they had been advised that Plumas County had recently updated their ordinance which has a prohibition from taking waste from outside of the county; however, there is a procedure that allows the Director of Public works to grant an exception to the ordinance upon presentation of a request, so the county did receive a six week authorization to take emergency loads to the transfer station. The Director further explained that a representative from Plumas County attended the committee meeting and clearly indicated that the intent of ordinance was not to preclude Sierra County from making Plumas County the final place to take waste.

The Director continued to review the county's two viable options: 1) a short term contract with Plumas County and Intermountain Disposal, min of year possibly two years max to transfer all waste to Delleker and pay a tipping fee of $56.10 per ton which would allow a two year period for the county to determine if we want to make a long term commitment to Plumas County and Intermountain Disposal for that service; and 2) evaluate converting the county landfill to a transfer station and avoiding the backtracking cost of transferring waste from Loyalton to Delleker and then back to Lockwood, Nevada. The Director added that there are significant financial impacts over time that could be avoided if the county were to take loads from Loyalton to Reno and whether this is best served by Intermountain Disposal or by the county itself.

The Director noted that the committee concluded: 1) the need to schedule a meeting with Lockwood Nevada to determine if they are interested in a long term contract and what the tipping fee will be; 2) entertaining an offer to negotiate a short term and potentially a long term contract with Plumas County for taking Sierra County waste to the Portola site; 3) reopening discussions with Intermountain Disposal regarding the existing transportation services and extend the agreement out to one or two years; and 4) discussing the permitting process with CalRecycle to convert the landfill to a transfer station upon closure of the landfill.

Following considerable discussion, the Director indicated that another committee meeting is scheduled for March 29th in Sierraville and between now and that date they should have the meetings with Lockwood, Plumas County and Intermountain Disposal.

10. TIMED ITEMS

10.A. 10:00 A.M. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION - PHIL CAMMACK

Presentation of Resolution of Appreciation to Mr. Phil Cammack for his 19 years of service as a Commissioner on the Sierra County Planning Commission.

Chair Huebner presented the resolution of appreciation to Mr. Phil Cammack.

The Director of Planning expressed his gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Cammack for his service to the county.

7.B. Resolution authorizing application for the 2016-2017 Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant for development of the Over-Snow Vehicle (OSV) Trailhead at Bassett's Station, including replacement of vault restroom and parking lot improvements.

The Director of Public Works introduced the item explaining that this is a grant application to the state for green sticker funds that originally developed the Bassett's staging area. They have been experiencing some problems with the design due to a number of paving jobs and the elevation of the site having changed. They need to review the compliance with current codes and provide a system that is failsafe and protects surface and groundwater quality.

In response to Supervisor Adams' inquiry, the Director explained the county is looking at in-kind work to cover the required 25% match.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution authorizing application for the 2016-2017 Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant for development of the Over-Snow Vehicle (OSV) Trailhead at Bassett's Station, including replacement of vault restroom and parking lot improvements.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2017-033. Motion: Adams/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Beard ABSENT)

8. PLANNING / BUILDING - Tim Beals

8.A. Resolution renewing the proclamation of local emergency resulting from the January winter storms.

The Director of Planning provided background on the item explaining this is a routine process that the Board will see over the next few months as they still don't know the extent of the damage as many roads are still under snow.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution renewing the proclamation of local emergency resulting from the January winter storms.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2017-034. Motion: Adams/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Beard ABSENT)

8.B. Resolution renewing the proclamation of local emergency resulting from the February winter storms.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution renewing the proclamation of local emergency resulting from the February winter storms.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2017-035. Motion: Adams/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Beard ABSENT)

10.B. 10:15 A.M. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP (CCP)
Presentation/approval of Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) compliance report by Fred Campbell with the Criminal Justice Research Foundation (CJRF).

The Chief Probation Officer introduced the item and provided background on the CCP.

Mr. Fred Campbell reviewed in detail the CCP compliance report.

Mr. Richard Featherman recommended keeping the jail going on a minimal basis and use “video judges” in order to save money.

Supervisor Adams commented that he is prepared to approve the report with the exception of recommendation #2 with respect to the staffing in the Sheriff’s office. Supervisor Adams noted between 2014 and today they added two additional sworn staff and deleted one unsworn staff in order to give the Sheriff the ability to use the sworn personnel for both activities, patrol and dispatch. His concern with this recommendation is some will use this report as a weapon against the department. He is aware it is not

easy to staff the department 24-7; however, his greatest concern is the suggestion of agreeing to something that they have no intention of agreeing to.

Supervisor Adams also expressed concerns with the recommendation of a van for transporting as he doesn't want to buy something that isn't necessarily going to be used.

The Chief Probation Officer responded to Supervisors Adams' concerns with the van, noting he shares similar concerns which is why they are continuing to research this issue.

Mr. Don Russell, Downieville indicated that he is very dubious as to why the Sheriff needs more money for transportation.

The Auditor noted if they are going to discuss hiring another dispatcher then why aren't they discussing contracting this out with another county?

Supervisor Adams also commented that by adding more people we are fueling the argument of closing the dispatch facility and moving it to Nevada County.

The Chief Probation Officer noted this is Mr. Campbell's recommendation but not necessarily the CCP's.

Supervisor Schlefstein referred to recommendation #4, recommending when the Nevada County jail housing contract comes up in June, representatives from Sierra County meet with Nevada County representatives to implement a video arrangement and case conferencing on a daily basis, noting he recalls Nevada County not wanting to do this in the past.

The Chief Probation Officer indicated he recalls they are doing this for arraignments only and the Sheriff is hesitant to push this as he doesn't want to lose what he already has as we are playing by their rules.

Mr. Campbell clarified the recommendation is the composition of the group that meets with the Sheriff's department. He thinks it is important to have a group of key justice stakeholders. It needs to be more than just the Sheriff negotiating with another sheriff that is providing an important service to the county. The other reason for adding the recommendation to the report was that every county is in the process of experiencing significant retirements of people who handle and make these internal decisions and as experience changes people come in with different philosophies, so if it's not in writing you are at the mercy of jail commanders and others.

Supervisor Adams commented that this is perfect timing as Nevada County is in line to have a new sheriff. This is a good opportunity for our Sheriff to meet with their staff and hopefully put in writing some guidelines so even if we don't gain any ground we don't lose any ground.

Following brief discussion, it was suggested to resubmit the report to the CCP for review, make modifications and resubmit to the Board for approval.

Supervisor Schlefstein referred to the Probation Department recommendation #1 regarding a day report center and questioned if this is something Probation is interested in doing and does the department have staff for this?

The Chief Probation Officer responded that they do have computer access for probationers use for job searching, etc., but it doesn't quite meet a day report center as seen in bigger counties. They do plan to continue these services when they move to their new location.

Supervisor Schlefstein also questioned the data tracking and if this is something they will implement soon.

The Chief Probation Officer responded that they are currently tracking the percentage of people at sentencing that get probation and what percentage completes probation without going to prison, but what Mr. Campbell is recommending is to keep track of the services each probationer receives which they haven't been doing.

Supervisor Schlefstein also referred to recommendation #4 with respect to the evidence based therapy program, questioning if the CCP had already approved this?

The Chief Probation Officer indicated that it is in effect now however there are some issues. The CCP is looking into this and it is a continuing effort.

Following further discussion and by consensus, the Board directed Mr. Campbell to make the adjustment to the Sheriff's recommendation #2 with respect to additional staffing in the Sheriff's office and refer the full compliance report to the CCP for review and then resubmit to the Board for approval.

9. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

9.A. Discussion/direction of letter supporting AB 174 (Bigelow) regarding transportation issues in California. (SUPERVISOR SCHLEFSTEIN)

Supervisor Schlefstein introduced the item noting he received this request via email and it is something RCRC supports.

Supervisor Adams indicated that RCRC does support the bill and he believes it is in our best interest to support the bill.

The Board moved to approve a letter supporting AB 174 (Bigelow) regarding transportation issues in California and authorized the Chair and Director of Transportation to finalize the letter and submit.

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

9.B. Second reading and adoption of an ordinance amending Section 2.04.070 and rescinding Section 2.04.100 of the Sierra County Code pertaining to compensation for County Supervisors. (FINANCE COMMITTEE)

At the request of Chair Huebner and by consensus, this item was continued to the April 4, 2017 Board meeting.

9.C. Amendment to Agreement No. 2016-087 for professional services between Toddler Towers, Inc. and County of Sierra. (SOCIAL SERVICES) **(Consent Item 11.A.)**

The Director of Behavioral Health provided background on the agreement, explaining that Toddler Towers was required to purchase evidence base software to support demographics and tracking of data for accountability to the state. When they loaded the software it didn't work so they needed a new computer to handle the software. This is an unusual circumstance to allow a private contractor to purchase computers, however the county needs this data. The current contract has a provision that allows for the purchase of equipment, so they will have to put an inventory system into place as the equipment is owned by the funding stream.

The Director further noted she is requesting permission to have this item paid for out of these funds and there is no increase in the existing contract amount.

The Auditor clarified that that buying a vendor equipment directly is not unheard of but the Board needs to make sure this is the direction they want to go.

The Board moved to approve the amendment to Agreement No. 2016-087 for professional services between Toddler Towers, Inc. and County of Sierra.

APPROVED, Agreement No. 2017-019. Motion: Roen/Adams/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 4/0/1 (Supervisor Beard ABSENT)

12. CORRESPONDENCE LOG

12.A. Letter from Karma Hackney, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) stating the U.S. Small Business Administration declared primary counties a disaster area.

No action taken.

12.B. Letter from Karma Hackney, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) regarding the US Department of Agriculture Farm

Service Agency Emergency Loan Program that has been made available for primary counties due to the severe winter storms, flooding and mudslides that occurred January 3-12, 2017.

No action taken.

12.C. Application for Alcoholic Beverage License submitted by Sabrina Terasa Smith.

No action taken.

ADJOURN

At 11:27 a.m., with no further business, Chair Huebner adjourned the meeting.

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PETER HUEBNER, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

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HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD