



**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 May 3, 2016 in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, Courthouse, Downieville, 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 Roen

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Lee Adams, Supervisor, Chair, District #1  
Peter W. Huebner, Supervisor, Vice-Chair, District #2  
Paul Roen, Supervisor, District #3  
Jim Beard, Supervisor, District #4  
Scott A. Schlefstein, Supervisor, District #5

**Staff:** Heather Foster, County Clerk-Recorder  
Christian Curtis, Deputy County Counsel  
Van Maddox, Auditor/Treasurer Tax-Collector  
Tim Beals, Director of Planning and Transportation  
Darden Bynum, Director of Health and Human Services

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## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

At the request of the Clerk, Consent Items 9.D., 9.I. and 9.J. were pulled from the agenda.

- 9.D. Professional Services Agreement between the County of Plumas and the County of Sierra for Ryan White HIV Services and adoption of resolution authorizing the Director of Human Services to execute said agreement. (PUBLIC HEALTH)
- 9.I. Modification to Sierra County Agreement No. 2011-021 between DFM Associates and Sierra County for extension of the agreement term and modification of annual fee for the County's Election Information Management System. (ELECTIONS)
- 9.J. Minutes from the regular meeting held on February 2, 2016. (CLERK-RECORDER)

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

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

## **9. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 9.A. Authorization to recruit and fill a Social Worker I-III position. (SOCIAL SERVICES)
- 9.B. Resolution authorizing the Auditor to transfer funds from the Social Services realignment account to the Public Health realignment account for fiscal year 2015-2016. (SOCIAL SERVICES)

**ADOPTED,** Resolution 2016-039

- 9.C. Resolution approving the Sierra County Allocation Funding Application, (AFA) and the Scope of Work, (SOW) for the ongoing Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Program for fiscal year 2015-2016 and authorizing Darden Bynum, Director, to sign documents regarding the AFA. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

**ADOPTED,** Resolution 2016-040

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2016-031

- 9.E. Resolution approving delegation of investment authority to the County Treasurer and approving the Sierra County Investment Policy. (AUDITOR)

**ADOPTED,** Resolution 2016-041

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- 9.F. Resolution authorizing Auditor to implement changes to the fiscal year 2015-2016 Transportation Budget to update the budget to align with the approved budget amendment by the Sierra County Transportation Commission. (PUBLIC WORKS)

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2016-042

- 9.G. Agreement for indemnification and Reimbursement for Extraordinary Costs for Karl Moody, Applicant and Landowner: Consideration of a Special Use Permit to allow the temporary occupancy of an "RV" during the construction of a primary residence. The project site, identified as APN 012-162-017, is located at 212 Calpine Ave, Calpine. (PLANNING)

**APPROVED**, Agreement 2016-032

- 9.H. Resolution approving continued use of a Master Bond for County Officials. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2016-043

## **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 9:05 a.m. Chair Adams opened the public comment opportunity.

Ms. Sharon Dobija, Sierra City provided an update on the County's display for the State Capital, noting the committee plans to have the display installed prior to Memorial Day weekend.

Chair Adams noted he appreciates what Ms. Dobija has done along with the rest of the Committee. This will represent both the east and west side of Sierra County and he believes it will be a show stopper.

Mr. Will Clark, Downieville provided an update on the Sierra County Chamber of Commerce having extended the membership of the Chamber to all corners of the county in order to have full representation of the county. Mr. Clark also informed the Board that the Chamber is hosting a mixer at the St. Charles on May 12th.

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At 9:09 a.m. Chair Adams closed the public comment opportunity with no further persons addressing the Board.

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

- RCRC April 21, 2016 Board meeting highlights. (CHAIR ADAMS)

Supervisor Huebner reported on the groundbreaking of the Highway 89 second tunnel undercrossing with Caltrans and members of the Highway 89 Stewardship Council yesterday. Supervisor Huebner further presented the Board with a shovel signed by all members of the Highway 89 Stewardship Council.

Chair Adams reported on the A4AA meeting held at the Senior Center in Downieville and also reminded the Board that following the next Board meeting in Loyalton he will be leaving to attend a meeting in Colorado regarding PILT and SRS funding. Chair Adams also reported on the legislative committee meeting he attended regarding SB 1345 regarding a pilot project for dual use roadways in Sierra County, noting sadly the Sierra Club and the Center for Biological Diversity spoke against the bill. The bill did move out of committee but only as a single county bill continuing the Inyo County pilot project; it was not expanded to other counties. Chair Adams added that he intends to engage the Sierra Club as they had no discussion with the county prior to this.

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

The Sherriff reported on the Forest Service contracts, noting they are in the works and County Counsel is working on language changes.

The Director of Health and Human Services reported that the department has passed their audit and the CalFresh audit is still in process but looks good. The Director added that the department has lost a social worker so they now have two openings and are having challenges with recruitment for these positions.

Supervisor Roen announced that the Sierra Hot Springs project has been moving forward and they are having an open house on May 18th to give a project overview for the community.

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

Yuba District Ranger Karen Hayden, introduced the one of their new field officers and also provided updates on the campgrounds opening; the state fair exhibit; and the Highway 89 Corridor project.

**6. PUBLIC WORKS / TRANSPORTATION - Tim Beals**

- 6.A. Resolution of intent to utilize Title III funding in an amount not to exceed \$29,792 to reimburse Sierra County Road Department for work done in conjunction with the California Conservation Corps on Ridge Road which involves clearing/landscaping within the County right of way which is within 200 feet of most homes, and will "increase the protection of people and property from wildfires" and protect adjacent national forest system lands. (Section 302(a)(1) H.R.1424-145.

The Director of Public Works introduced the item explaining this is seeking reimbursement of costs associated with the Road Department for providing traffic control while the California Conservation Corps is providing services along Ridge Road. The project is approximately 50% complete and was funded by the SRA funds. The Director added that he is requesting the Board to adopt the resolution of intent and he will work with the Auditor and County Counsel to make sure this meets the Title III funding requirements.

The Auditor suggested changing the wording in the third whereas of the proposed resolution to include a statement similar to the agenda item regarding the project being within 200 feet of homes, etc. in order to meet the Title III funding requirements.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution of intent to utilize Title III funding in an amount not to exceed \$29,792 to reimburse Sierra County Road Department for work done in conjunction with the California Conservation Corps on Ridge Road which involves clearing/landscaping within the County right of way which is within 200 feet of most homes, and will "increase the protection of people and property from wildfires" and protect adjacent national forest system lands. (Section 302(a)(1) H.R.1424-145, as amended to authorize the Director to make the suggested changes to the resolution.

**ADOPTED.** Resolution 2016-044. Motion: Beard/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

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- 7.B. Approval of letter of opposition to AB 2395 regarding telecommunications (Low). (CHAIR ADAMS)

Chair Adams provided background on the item, noting both RCRC and CSAC see this as an opportunity for major telephone carriers to walk away from certain areas of the state and sell their existing services to smaller carriers who may not be able to compete and end up failing, leaving parts of the state with nothing. RCRC is trying to bring together a broad group including Assemblyman Dahle to fight this bill. Supervisor Adams further encouraged the Board to support this letter.

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In response to Supervisor Schlefstein's inquiry, Chair Adams explained AT&T is attempting to get out of some areas that aren't very profitable.

Supervisor Schlefstein referred to an email he received from an AT&T representative requesting to meet with him in Downieville on May 11, 2016.

Ms. Liz Fisher, Downieville Fire Protection District expressed concerns with the District's experience with AT&T service wherein AT&T agreed to provide a cheaper service through U-verse, however the District would have to give up the landline which would be disastrous to the fire department as they wouldn't be able to receive 911 calls if the power is out.

Supervisor Schlefstein further read the email from Ms. Alice Perez, Area Director for AT&T for Sierra County.

Supervisor Huebner indicated that he also received the email and agreed to meet with Ms. Perez on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Board moved to approve the letter of opposition to AB 2395 regarding telecommunications (Low).

Discussion ensued pertaining to setting up an ad hoc committee to address this issue further.

Following discussion, Chair Adams referred the meeting with the AT&T Area Director to an ad hoc committee consisting of Chair Adams and Supervisor Huebner and Supervisor Roen as the alternate, to address the Boards concerns.

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

7.A. Discussion/recommendation/action regarding county counsel hiring process. (CHAIR ADAMS)

Chair Adams provided background on the item, noting the Committee consisting of himself and Supervisor Huebner met with Rob Schulman and the District Attorney and made a recommendation to the Board to consider five of the ten RFP's that were received. This item is to try and determine what should be done next as part of this process.

Supervisors Schlefstein and Beard questioned if the Board is looking for the lowest bid.

Chair Adams indicated he is not sure he wants go with the lowest bid, rather he would like to have a discussion with the firms and get a feel of how they would fit.

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Discussion ensued pertaining to what the Board believes are important qualities in a firm for the county including being responsive to the county department heads; whether to interview all five or have the committee pair it down to a smaller group; and the proposed contract being a one year trial.

Following discussion and by consensus, the Board directed the Chair to work with the Clerk to schedule interviews for all five applicants at a special meeting to be held on May 31, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

- 7.C. Discussion/direction to support the University of California's potential purchase of Sierra Pacific Industries property in Loyalton for the development of a regional educational facility for the U.C. system, including research and development into wood and forest product technology, bio fuels, biomass energy production and cogeneration, forest health, and other key components of a full service educational facility. (SUPERVISOR ROEN)

Supervisor Roen referred to the background provided by the Director of Planning and also explained the reasons as to why he was unable to inform the Board about the project earlier.

The Director of Planning reviewed in detail his letter to the Board regarding the Loyalton Biomass Plant SPI Mill Property. The Director further referred to two critical future meetings: first, a meeting to be held on May 17, 2016 in Loyalton organized by the University of California to update critical stakeholders regarding the evaluation of the Sierra Pacific Industries property; and second an economic development workshop to be held on May 18, 2016 in Sierraville. The Director continued to note that it is critical for this Board and the County to be proactive in order to get stakeholders to accept the concept, so over the next week he is hoping to have some straight forward communications with the University of California to come up with a list of tasks the County can be proactive in.

Following discussion and by consensus, the Board directed holding a special meeting on May 18, 2016 in Sierraville in order for the Board members to participate in the economic development workshop.

## **8. TIMED ITEMS**

- 8.A. **10:30AM DOWNIEVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE**  
Presentation/tour of the new ambulance for the Downieville Volunteer Fire Department. (CHAIR ADAMS)

Mr. Lee Brown, Fire Chief, Downieville Volunteer Fire Department briefly reviewed the components of the new ambulance, noting the District paid \$221,806 for

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the ambulance. Mr. Brown further requested the Board include \$15,000 into next year's budget so they can start saving for future ambulances again.

At 10:44 a.m. Chair Adams recessed the meeting and reconvened in the Courthouse parking lot to take a tour of the new Downieville Volunteer Fire Department ambulance.

At 11:02 a.m. the Board reconvened with all members present.

7.D. Resolution of support for the University of California Cooperative Extension Plumas-Sierra Counties' request for a Forestry and Natural Resources Position. (SUPERVISOR ROEN)

Supervisor Roen provided brief background explaining this is to ensure the continuation of this position in our region.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution of support for the University of California Cooperative Extension Plumas-Sierra Counties' request for a Forestry and Natural Resources Position.

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2016-045. Motion: Huebner/Beard/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

7.E. Continued discussion and direction to staff on the formation of the Sierra County Veterans Program authorized by the Board of Supervisors on April 19, 2016. (SUPERVISOR ROEN)

Supervisor Roen noted the Committee discussed with County Counsel regarding how to reimburse the participants of the program.

Deputy County Counsel noted there were some questions regarding how the Board wanted to proceed with providing compensation for those doing outreach efforts and explained the Board could do a contract similar to the Chambers of Commerce or if the Board wanted to pay them directly there was some question as to whether they would be paid as an employee or individual contractor. Deputy County Counsel added that the safest route is to compensate these individuals as extra help/part time employees.

Chair Adams noted the Auditor was encouraging doing this as an employee versus contractor specifically extra-help employees.

Discussion ensued pertaining to the hiring requirements for extra-help positions which is a very informal process.

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Deputy County Counsel indicated he would need information pertaining to how many extra-help positions, number of hours, etc. to be added to the proposed resolution.

Supervisor Roen noted they are anticipating three individuals to represent each portion of the county.

The Auditor suggested adding a set amount of funding in the resolution versus a set number of hours.

Chair Adams indicated that his understanding is there is Mental Health Services Act funding available to fund this program.

The Director of Health and Human Services indicated there is funding available however the Sierra County Veterans Service Program would have to be validated and confirmed by the Mental Health Services Act Plan.

Chair Adams also referred to the pass through funding from the state and questioned if this funding can be used towards the structure being proposed.

Supervisor Roen noted currently the recommendation is not to have a VSO which is required for the use of the state funds.

In response to Chair Adams, the Auditor noted if this is going to be paid under Mental Health outreach, the department already has the right to hire extra-help for this.

The Director indicated he would like the opportunity to work with the Committee to determine the funding source and structure for the program.

Following further discussion and by consensus, the Board directed the Director of Health and Human Services to work with the Committee to determine the funding and structure for hiring extra-help positions for an outreach program to veterans in the County.

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**10. CORRESPONDENCE LOG**

10.A. Letter from Carl Genasci resigning from the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District (SVGMD).

**ADJOURN**

At 11:16 a.m., with no further business, Chair Adams adjourned the meeting.

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LEE ADAMS, CHAIR  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

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HEATHER FOSTER  
CLERK OF THE BOARD