



**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 March 15, 2022, 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](http://www.sierracounty.ca.gov).

A moment of silence was held for Ukraine.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Supervisor Adams

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Lee Adams, Supervisor, District #1  
Peter W. Huebner, Supervisor, District #2  
Paul Roen, Supervisor, Chair, District #3  
Terry LeBlanc, Supervisor, District #4  
Sharon Dryden, Supervisor, Vice Chair, District #5

**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  
Chuck Henson, Chief Probation Officer

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## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

### **12. CONSENT AGENDA**

12.A. County-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Addendum to Participation Agreement 2020-132 and Addendum 2022-005. (SOCIAL SERVICES)

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2022-020

12.B. Amendment to Agreement 2018-073 between Sierra County and Jump Technology Services for LEAPS, a cloud based adult protective services system. (SOCIAL SERVICES)

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2022-021

12.C. Amendment to Professional Services Agreement 2014-096 with MGE Engineering for time extension on the Packer Lake Road Bridge Replacement Project. (PUBLIC WORKS)

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2022-022

12.D. Amendment to Professional Services Agreement 2014-097 with MGE Engineering for time extension on the Plumbago Bridge Replacement Project. (PUBLIC WORKS)

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2022-023

12.E. Resolution rescinding Agreement 2022-003 for PG&E Warming Center in Alleghany. (PUBLIC WORKS)

**ADOPTED,** Resolution 2022-027

12.F. Amendment to Professional Services Agreement 2014-095 with MGE Engineering for time extension on the Salmon Lake Road Bridge Replacement Project. (PUBLIC WORKS)

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2022-024

12.G. Resolution approving award agreement for California Fire Safe Council funding for Fire Safe Council Coordinators. (PUBLIC WORKS)

**ADOPTED,** Resolution 2022-028

**APPROVED,** Agreement 2022-025

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12.H. Resolution declaring April 2022 as "Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month" in Sierra County. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2022-029

## **APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA**

At the request of Chair Roen, Regular Agenda Item 9.D. was added to the Regular Agenda as the matter came up after the posting of the agenda and requires action before the next meeting.

9.D. Discussion/action on letter of support of the South Yuba River Citizens League's application for the CalFire Wildfire Resilience Block Grant for their Community Forest Health Initiative.

The Board moved to add Item 9.D. to the Regular Agenda.

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

At the request of the Clerk, Closed Session Item 11.A. was pulled from the agenda.

## **11. CLOSED SESSION**

11.A. Conference with labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, Margaret Long Negotiator, Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA) and Road Workers bargaining units.

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

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

At 9:06 a.m. Chair Roen opened and closed the public comment opportunity with no persons addressing the Board.

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

Supervisor Adams reported on the RCRC's litigation against the California Department of Forestry pertaining to the Board of Forestry's proposed rules.

Supervisor Dryden reported on the recent Agency on Aging Area 4 meeting and the suggestion to start looking to create a commission on aging in the future to review service/gaps of service throughout the county.

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Chair Roen reported on a call with the Forest Service and NID (Nevada Irrigation District) regarding NID not willing to operate the campgrounds around Jackson Meadows and working on coordinating another meeting with a Nevada County Supervisor to continue to address this issue.

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

The Director of Health and Social Services reported on new funding available through children services in the amount of \$129,000 through 2025; the status of the full audit of IHHS; the status of the recruitment of the lead quality assurance social worker position through Merit Systems; the CalFresh full program audit; concerns with the impacts of the expiration of the state emergency COVID regulations; issues with the CalSAWS system check printing which is used for issuing benefits and determining eligibility; the expiration of the contract with Public Health Institute for contact tracing this month; and deactivating the DOC last Friday and working on a after action report and improvement plan.

The Director of Planning reported on the proposed gas tax holiday which would have a minimal impact to the county, and a GIS meeting set for March 21st which will include the County Forester.

The Director continued to report at length on the LEAP and REAP grants and looking at parcels located in the unincorporated area on the west side of the Loyalton City limits and focusing on water, sewer, and electrical power which analysis will be tailored like a traditional Municipal Service Review (MSR).

The Director further reported on a Solid Waste Committee meeting tentatively scheduled for March 22nd; the status of the evacuation grant; the Planning Commission's recent approval of a draft short-term rental ordinance set for a public hearing on April 14, 2022; and a recent email to the Board regarding the Verdi Community Council and his concerns with the ability to influence the City of Reno and County of Washoe with respect to the new development impacts to Sierra County.

Supervisor Dryden suggested any future discussion with the Board on this issue should include the School District.

Supervisor Adams suggested adding an item to the next meeting agenda to address these issues and include a land use attorney to see if California has any potential standing, and in addition to the School District, invite representatives from CHP, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Forest Service.

The Director indicated he would work with the Clerk on scheduling this for the next meeting.

The Director continued to report on the lack of interest from the public in serving on the Open Space Screening Committee and suggested bringing the current Williamson Act application to the full Board; the Board of Forestry moving forward with their fire safe

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regulations and concerns with respect to the burdens it places on property owners and property interests; and proposing to hold field meetings in Sierraville and Sierra Brooks with the County Surveyor/Engineer on the current floodplain issues.

Lastly, the Director encouraged the Finance Committee to meet to discuss the current inventory of grants in operation and the new stimulus bill funding available to the county.

By consensus, the Board directed the Finance Committee to schedule a meeting.

## **5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE**

Acting Sierraville District Ranger Rachel Hutchison reported on NID (Nevada Irrigation District) not running the Jackson Meadow campgrounds, and opening recreation facilities that were closed during COVID.

Rick Maddalena, Sierra County Fire Protection District, thanked Ranger Hutchison for her help and support with the recent structure fire in Sierraville.

In response to Supervisor Dryden's inquiry regarding whether the boat ramps will be open if they don't open the Jackson Meadow campgrounds, Ranger Hutchison indicated they are hoping they will keep them open, but unsure at this point.

Yuba District Ranger Lon Henderson reported on budget bills passed in the House and the Senate and the impacts to the North Yuba Forest Partnership.

Supervisor Adams thanked Ranger Henderson for the impressive amount of work done at the Ramshorn Campground.

## **6. AUDITOR / TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR - VAN MADDOX**

- 6.A. Authorization for the Sierra County Treasurer to act for the County as it pertains to investments and other assets held by US Bank in the name of the County of Sierra.

The Auditor clarified this is requesting the same authority that was held with Union Bank, but now with US Bank.

The Board moved to authorize the Sierra County Treasurer to act for the County as it pertains to investments and other assets held by US Bank in the name of the County of Sierra.

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

- 6.B. Discussion/action on the Grand Jury's request to purchase two Samsung Galaxy tablets.

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The Auditor briefly explained the funding is available in the Grand Jury's budget, this is just a request to purchase.

Supervisor Adams suggested increasing the amount to \$1000 so the Grand Jury can also pay for their Zoom account and the two tablets.

The Board moved to authorize a \$1,000 to cover the Grand Jury's request to purchase two Samsung Galaxy tablets and additional costs associated with the Zoom account.

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

## **7. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - LEA SALAS**

- 7.A. Resolution approving the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission Grant Agreement 21MHSOAC058 with Sierra County Behavioral Health and authorizing the Administrative Director of Behavioral Health to sign the agreement and all invoices to secure funds. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

The Director of Behavioral Health provided background on the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission Grant Agreement and working with the School District on an MOU for accountability and making sure they meet the required benchmarks within the grant for the Wellness Center going into the High School and the Behaviorist that is going to be hired by the school for both sides of the county.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution approving the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission Grant Agreement 21MHSOAC058 with Sierra County Behavioral Health and authorizing the Administrative Director of Behavioral Health to sign the agreement and all invoices to secure funds.

**ADOPTED,** Resolution 2022-030, and **APPROVED,** Agreement 2022-026. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Unanimous

- 7.B. Discussion and update regarding Sierra County's Harm Reduction Program.

The Director of Behavioral Health and Danny Henson provided considerable background on Sierra County's Harm Reduction Program.

No action taken.

- 7.C. Participation Agreement between California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) and Sierra County for Peer Support Specialist Certification.

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The Director of Behavioral Health provided background on the requirements to have Peer Support certified to bill Medi-Cal.

**APPROVED**, Agreement 2022-027. Motion: LeBlanc/Dryden/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

**10.A 10:00 AM PUBLIC HEARING - FIRE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE - SIERRA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1**

Conduct public hearing to address a proposed increase to the Fire Development Impact Fee to be paid by certain new development/construction within the boundaries of the Sierra County Fire Protection District No. 1, and adoption of resolution increasing the fire development impact fee within the boundaries of the Sierra County Fire Protection District No. 1, from \$1.90 per building square foot to \$1.96 per building square foot.

At 10:11 a.m. Chair Roen opened the public hearing.

Rick Maddalena, Sierra County Fire Protection District, reviewed a letter from the district thanking the Board for holding the public hearing for the increase in the mitigation fee from \$1.90 to \$1.96 and clarifying that this is not an increase, rather the implementation of the inflation factor approved by Resolution 2021-018 wherein the Board of Supervisors capped the indexed inflation adjustment at 3%. Mr. Maddalena also reviewed the capital investment program outlined in the background documentation.

Chair Roen and County Counsel commented on the County's requirement to hold a public hearing to increase the fee.

At 10:15 a.m. Chair Roen closed the public hearing with no further persons addressing the Board.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution increasing the fire development impact fee within the boundaries of the Sierra County Fire Protection District No. 1, from \$1.90 per building square foot to \$1.96 per building square foot.

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2022-031. Motion: Huebner/Dryden/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

**8. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - TIM BEALS**

8.A. Resolution adopting findings and authorizing appointment of retired annuitant to a temporary position.

The Director of Public Works provided background on the request to appoint a retired annuitant to a temporary position and the ability to waive the 180-day wait period requirement as the State's executive orders pertaining to COVID are still in effect.

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The Board moved to adopt the resolution adopting findings and authorizing appointment of retired annuitant to a temporary position.

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2022-032. Motion: Huebner/Adams/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

8.B. Appointment of County Forester to position of Fire Safe Council Coordinator.

The Director of Public Works clarified that the current agreement with Feather River Forestry provides the scope of services to serve in the capacity of a Fire Safe Council Coordinator and this request memorializes the Board's approval of the County Forester serving in this capacity.

The Board moved to appoint the County Forester to the position of Fire Safe Council Coordinator.

**APPROVED**. Motion: Dryden/Adams/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

8.C. Resolution authorizing budget amendment and purchase of Erskine 2420 High Flow Blower for use with Equipment # 310, a Caterpillar Skid Steer.

The Director of Public Works provided background on the request to purchase an Erskine 2420 High Flow Blower, which will be used mostly for tight quarters as he doesn't want to use a large piece of equipment in small residential neighborhoods. The Director further clarified that the budget amendment would allow the purchase to be split between the Solid Waste and Road budgets.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution authorizing a budget amendment and purchase of Erskine 2420 High Flow Blower for use with Equipment # 310, a Caterpillar Skid Steer.

**ADOPTED**, Resolution 2022-033. Motion: Dryden/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

8.D. Amendment to Lease Agreement 2021-040 with Alliance for Workforce Development to allow County to assume responsibility for provision of internet service to the Sierraville School building and to pay one half of the cost of the internet provision.

Following a brief introduction by the Director of Public Works, the Board moved to approve the amendment to Lease Agreement 2021-040 with Alliance for Workforce Development to allow County to assume responsibility for provision of internet service to the Sierraville School building and to pay one half of the cost of the internet provision.

**APPROVED**, Agreement 2022-028. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0



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- 8.E. Discussion/action on letter of support for Assembly Bill 2120 (Ward): Investing Federal Funding in Local Bridges, as introduced on February 14, 2022.

The Director of Public Works provided brief background on the Assembly Bill 2120 and the draft letter of support.

Supervisor Adams recommended copying RCRC on the letter.

The Board moved to approve the letter of support for Assembly Bill 2120 (Ward): Investing Federal Funding in Local Bridges, as introduced on February 14, 2022.

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

## **9. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- 9.A. Appointment to the Cemetery District #2. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to appoint Cheryl Durrett to the Cemetery District #2.

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

- 9.B. Appointments to the Sierra County (Calpine) Waterworks District #1. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to appoint James Murphy and Bruce Troedson to the Sierra County (Calpine) Waterworks District #1.

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

- 9.C. Discussion/action regarding conducting meetings of the Sierra County Board of Supervisors in accordance with AB 361 and Sierra County Resolution 2021-140. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

By consensus, the Board directed continuing to hold hybrid meetings in accordance with AB 361 and Sierra County Resolution 2021-140.

- 9.D. Discussion/action on letter of support of the South Yuba River Citizens League's application for the CalFire Wildfire Resilience Block Grant for their Community Forest Health Initiative.

Chair Roen provided background on the request for a letter of support of the South Yuba River Citizens League's application for the CalFire Wildfire Resilience Block Grant for their Community Forest Health Initiative.

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Supervisor Adams recommended revising the language, so the letter is on behalf of the full Board of Supervisors.

The Board moved to approve the letter of support South Yuba River Citizens League's application for the CalFire Wildfire Resilience Block Grant for their Community Forest Health Initiative.

**APPROVED.** Motion: Adams/Dryden/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

**10.B. 11:00 AM PUBLIC HEARING - WILSON LANE**

Conduct public hearing pursuant to California Streets and Highway Code Section 970.5 to consider changing the name of Wilson Lane to Barrington Road, and adoption of resolution ordering a change of name from Wilson Lane to Barrington Road and directing actions for implementation of the new road name.

At 11:01 a.m. Chair Roen opened the public hearing.

Public comments were received by William Copren regarding the history of the road and all property owners located on the road expressing their support of the name change to Barrington Road.

The Clerk indicated that the only comments received were from the Historical Society which was included in the record.

Comments were received by Supervisor Adams on the historical background documents.

At 11:09 a.m. Chair Roen closed the public hearing with no further persons addressing the board.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution ordering a change of name from Wilson Lane to Barrington Road and direction actions for implementation of the new road name.

**ADOPTED,** Resolution 2022-034. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

**10.C. 11:30 AM SENATE BILL (SB) 129 PRETRIAL RELEASE PROGRAM SERVICES**

Presentation by Ann Mendez, Court Executive Officer and approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Probation Department and the Sierra Superior Court for Senate Bill (SB) 129 Pretrial Release Program services.

Court Executive Officer Ann Mendez provided background on the Pretrial Release Program services and the Judicial Council of California approving \$200,000 to the Sierra County Superior Court wherein 30% is to be allocated to the Courts and 70% Sierra

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County Probation as the provider. Ms. Mendez continued to recommend the approval of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding.

The Chief Probation Officer commented on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding which has been reviewed by County Counsel.

The Board moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Probation Department and the Sierra Superior Court for Senate Bill (SB) 129 Pretrial Release Program services.

**APPROVED**, Agreement 2022-029. Motion: Huebner/Dryden/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

**ADJOURN**

At 11:36 a.m., with no further business, Chair Roen adjourned the meeting.

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PAUL ROEN, CHAIR  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

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HEATHER FOSTER  
CLERK OF THE BOARD