



**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 June 21, 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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Supervisor LeBlanc

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 THE CONSENT AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

13. CONSENT AGENDA

13.A. Approval of California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) 2022/23 Victim Witness Grant. (DISTRICT ATTORNEY)

13.B. Treasurer's investment report and statement of liquidity for the period ending March 31, 2022. (TREASURER)

13.C. Agreement between The Regents of the University of California, on behalf of its Davis campus Continuing and Professional Education (the "CPE") and Sierra County Health and Social Services for ten (10) units of training. (SOCIAL SERVICES)

APPROVED, Agreement 2022-074

13.D. Professional Services Agreement between the County of Sierra and California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for adoption services. (SOCIAL SERVICES)

APPROVED, Agreement 2022-075

13.E. Professional Services Agreement between James McCubbrey, Ph.D. and Sierra County for Tobacco Use Reduction Plan Evaluation services. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2022-076

13.F. Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program (PHEP), Pandemic Influenza, and Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) budgets in the amount of \$362,197.79 for the time period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. (PUBLIC HEALTH)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-068 and **APPROVED,** Agreement 2022-077

13.G. Professional Services Agreement between Progress House, Inc. and Sierra County for Substance Use Disorder Services. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2022-078

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- 13.H. Professional Services Agreement between Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc. and Sierra County for adult residential care services. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2022-079

- 13.I. Professional Services Agreement between Mary Lowe, LMFT, and Sierra County for behavioral health services. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2022-080

- 13.J. Professional Services Agreement between Oliver Ocskay, Ph.D. and Sierra County for behavioral health services. (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

APPROVED, Agreement 2022-081

- 13.K. Professional Services Agreement with Avalex, Inc. for Solid Waste Consulting Services for Fiscal Year 2022/2023. (PUBLIC WORKS)

APPROVED, Agreement 2022-082

- 13.L. Authorize purchase, payment for purchase order, and addition to fixed assets in the amount of \$10,553.73 to Johnson for a 2 axle dump trailer to transport recycled beverage container bales to recycling centers. (PUBLIC WORKS)

- 13.M. Professional Services Agreement with MGE Engineering for engineering services related to 3 sites damaged during the 2020 Loyaltan Complex Fire on Campbell Hot Springs Road, Lemmon Canyon Road, and Long Valley Road. (PUBLIC WORKS)

APPROVED, Agreement 2022-083

- 13.N. Resolution authorizing and approving the grant application filed with Community Facilities Grant Program to provide 35% of the cost of purchasing 5 heavy duty pick-up trucks for snow removal and County operations, as well as approval of the grant budget, and direction to include in the Fiscal Year 22-23 budget. (PUBLIC WORKS)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-069

- 13.O. Minutes from the regular meeting held on May 3, 2022. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

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The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

At 9:04 a.m. Chair Roen opened and closed the public comment opportunity with no persons addressing the Board.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Dryden commended the east side road crew for their work at the Sierra Brooks campgrounds and for mowing the sides of Smithneck Road. Supervisor Dryden also commented on the Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District completing the Smithneck WUI project.

Supervisor Huebner reported on the power outage in Sierra City from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. because of PG&E forgetting to refuel the generator.

Supervisor Adams reported on the RCRC meeting held in Grass Valley last Thursday.

Supervisor LeBlanc reported on the upcoming 4th of July parade in Loyalton.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Director of Health and Social Services reported on the approval of vaccinations for children 6 months to 5 years old; vaccination clinic schedules; the state resources contract for vaccination sites (Optum Serve sites) expiring in June; funding opportunities; COVID cases running steady in the county; preparing for new Financial Officer to start on July 5th; and staffing shortages in the department.

The Director of Planning reported on the Planning Commission officially approving the short-term rental ordinance and the request to schedule a public hearing which will be on next Board meeting agenda.

Chair Roen and Supervisor Adams requested a copy of the final version of the ordinance by the Planning Commission.

The Director continued to report on a meeting scheduled with the Forest Supervisor in Nevada City tomorrow; the Kentucky Mine grant application receiving the highest recommendation; and the status of the flood plain map discussions.

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Discussion ensued pertaining to how to move forward with FEMA's proposed maps.

Following discussion, Supervisor Dryden requested having an item regarding this issue on the next meeting agenda.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Sierraville District Ranger Rachel Hutchinson provided an update on staffing; expecting the draft of their 10-year strategy plan to be done by the end of July; projects going on in the district; monitoring lightning strikes over the weekend; and the status of campgrounds opening.

Beckwourth District Ranger Mike Rahe provided an update on staffing and community protect and concept projects.

6. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - LEA SALAS

- 6.A. Resolution approving the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) Participation Agreement through June 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$59,800 and authorizing the Behavioral Health Administrative Director to sign the agreement.

The Director of Behavioral Health provided background on the new Medi-Cal initiative CalAIM and the Department of Health Care Services working with CalMHSA to help counties with the development and implementation of CalAIM.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution approving the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) Participation Agreement through June 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$59,800 and authorizing the Behavioral Health Administrative Director to sign the agreement.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-070 and **APPROVED**, Agreement 2022-084. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

7. PROBATION - CHUCK HENSON

- 7.A. Resolution approving the 2022-2023 Annual Budget for Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act & Juvenile Probation Camp Funding.

The Chief Probation Officer provided detailed background on the annual Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act and Juvenile Probation Camp Funding.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution approving the 2022-2023 Annual Budget for Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act & Juvenile Probation Camp Funding.

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Supervisor Dryden expressed her appreciation to the Chief Probation Officer and the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council for the services they provide.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-071. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

7.B. Resolution approving the proposed 2022-2023 budget and annual plan for the Community Corrections Partnership.

The Chief Probation Officer provided background on the current membership of the Community Corrections Partnership and the proposed 2022-2023 budget and annual plan for the Community Corrections Partnership.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution approving the proposed 2022-2023 budget and annual plan for the Community Corrections Partnership.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-072. Motion: Adams/Dryden/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

8. PLANNING / BUILDING - TIM BEALS

8.A. Resolution approving a funding agreement from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for the WIP Capacity Program Subgrant through the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program in the amount of \$258,500.

Following a brief overview of the item by the Director of Planning, the Board moved to adopt the approving a funding agreement from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for the WIP Capacity Program Subgrant through the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program in the amount of \$258,500.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-073 and **APPROVED**, Agreement 2022-085. Motion: Dryden/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

9. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - TIM BEALS

9.A. Discussion and direction on conveyance of the Sierra Brooks RV Campground property back to the Sierra Brooks Property Owners Association consistent with the completion of the Sierra Brooks Water System Project.

The Director of Public Works provided background on the agreement for the county to return the campground property back to the Sierra Brooks Property Owners Association upon the completion of the Sierra Brooks Water System Project. The Director added that his intention is to bring the authorization for the conveyance back to the Board for approval.

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Supervisor Dryden commented on a particular constituent continuing to question when the conveyance is going to happen and expressed her appreciation to the Director for getting this done.

By consensus, the Board directed staff to move forward with the conveyance of the property back to the Sierra Brooks Property Owners Association.

- 9.B. Discussion and direction to staff regarding the solid waste budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

The Director of Public Works requested the Board call for a special meeting before the end of June to adopt the solid waste budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

By consensus, the Board scheduled a special meeting for Wednesday June 29, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

- 9.C. Resolution authorizing and approving the grant application filed with USDA Emergency Rural Health Care Grants for funding toward the Downieville Community Hall Renovation Project, as well as directing inclusion of the grant budget in the Fiscal Year 22-23 budget.

Following brief review by the Director of Public Works, the Board moved to adopt the resolution authorizing and approving the grant application filed with USDA Emergency Rural Health Care Grants for funding toward the Downieville Community Hall Renovation Project, as well as directing inclusion of the grant budget in the Fiscal Year 22-23 budget.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-074. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

- 9.D. Resolution authorizing and approving the grant application filed with USDA Emergency Rural Health Care Grants for funding toward the Sierraville Community Center Renovation Project, as well as directing inclusion of the grant budget in the Fiscal Year 22-23 budget.

The Director of Public Works briefly explained that this grant will infuse \$185,500 into the Downieville Community Hall project.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution authorizing and approving the grant application filed with USDA Emergency Rural Health Care Grants for funding toward the Sierraville Community Center Renovation Project, as well as directing inclusion of the grant budget in the Fiscal Year 22-23 budget.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2022-075. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

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- 9.E. Professional Services Agreement with Feather River Forestry, LLC as coordinator services for the Sierra County Fire Safe Council to implement the Sierra County Wildfire Route Plan and Development Grant that was approved on June 7, 2022.

The Director of Public Works provided background on the proposed agreement which contains the grant agreement from CalFire which is now the grant managing agency.

The Board moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Feather River Forestry, LLC as coordinator services for the Sierra County Fire Safe Council to implement the Sierra County Wildfire Route Plan and Development Grant that was approved on June 7, 2022.

APPROVED, Agreement 2022-086. Motion: Dryden/Huebner/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

- 9.F. Request for authorization to recruit and fill impending vacancy in Road Department due to vacancy that will occur on or around July 12, 2022 by the retirement of the Office Manager.

The Director of Public Works provided background on the request to authorize and recruit and fill the Office Manager position prior to the current Office Manager's retirement.

In response to Supervisor Adams' inquiry, the Director clarified that this doesn't impact the budget as there was a significant amount of funding that wasn't expended in the Public Work's budget, and he is intending on filling this position at a lower level than an Office Manager.

The Board moved to authorize the recruitment and filling of the impending vacancy in Road Department due to vacancy that will occur on or around July 12, 2022 by the retirement of the Office Manager.

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

10. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 10.A. Discussion/direction regarding prohibiting open fires on public and private property within the unincorporated area of Sierra County due to extreme fire danger. (SUPERVISOR HUEBNER)

Supervisor Huebner expressed the need to prohibit open fires even though we've had rain as there is still a huge fire danger. Supervisor Huebner continued to express concerns with a recent fire at Upper Sardine Lake, and illegal fireworks, campfires, and barbeques at the campgrounds at Sardine and Packer Lakes.

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Supervisor Adams commented on an email he received from a resident asking the Board to hold off on doing this. Supervisor Adams added that he appreciates Supervisor Huebner's comments, however last year the county invoked fire restrictions on June 28th when there was lower precipitation than there has been this year.

Supervisor Adams further expressed concerns with doing this too early especially if all national forest indicators are showing we are still in a low fire danger.

Chair Roen concurred with Supervisor Adams' comments as currently the forest service is fully staffed, and the Forest Service Project Activity Levels are still at a B level.

Supervisor Adams suggested continuing this discussion to the next meeting and clarified that even if the Board were to act today, the Board can't control what happens on federal land. With respect to the private campgrounds in the county, he would be willing to discuss exempting them if there was some sort of independent fire inspection and would suggest including the local fire agencies in this discussion.

Supervisor Dryden commented on an email from a constituent also requesting the Board have some temperance in doing this, and indicated she is not inclined to support a fire ban until the Forest Service does.

The Director of Public Works encouraged the Board to conduct additional meetings and invite key people to make sure there is a local contact that can interpret and enforce the ordinance as he received several calls expressing concerns with the interpretation of last year's ordinance.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

At 10:34 a.m. Chair Roen stepped down from the Board.

10.B. Appointment to fill a vacancy on the Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Clerk requested the Board make the appointment contingent upon approval by the Plumas County Board of Supervisors as the Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District is a multi-county jurisdiction and requires consultation with each County Board of Supervisors prior to appointment by the principal county.

The Board move to appoint Lorenzo Lurrecca to the Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District contingent upon receiving approval by the Plumas County Board of Supervisors.

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

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At 10:36 a.m. Chair Roen reconvened with the Board.

- 10.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 conduct hybrid meetings in accordance with AB 361 and Sierra County Resolution 2021-140.

11. CLOSED SESSION

- 11.A. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 (a) to discuss the following litigation: Feather River Action! and Project Coyote v. County of Plumas and Plumas-Sierra Counties Department of Agriculture; County of Sierra, Real Party of Interest, Plumas County Superior Court Case No. CV22-0037.

This item was pulled from the agenda.

- 11.B. Conference with labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, David Prentice Negotiator, Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA).
- 11.C. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 - performance review regarding County Health Officer.

CLOSED SESSION STATEMENT

The Board met in closed session from 10:44 a.m. to 11:08 a.m. County Counsel reported that no action was taken with respect to Item 11.B. and with respect to Item 11.C., the Board approved a 4% increase to the County Health Officer's contract.

12. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES - VICKIE CLARK

- 12.A. Amendment to Employment Contract 2022-033 between the County of Sierra and Celia Sutton-Pado, MD effective May 25, 2022.

The Board moved to approve the amendment to Employment Contract 2022-033 between the County of Sierra and Celia Sutton-Pado, MD - 4% COLA effective April 25, 2022.

APPROVED, Agreement 2022-087. Motion: Adams/Huebner/Majority Roll Call Vote: 4/1 (Supervisor Dryden NO)

14. CORRESPONDENCE LOG

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14.A. Notice of intent to harvest timber submitted by Katherine Benedict RPF #3138 for Mudita LLC. Project is located approximately 2 miles north of Sierra City off of Big Springs Road.

No action taken.

ADJOURN

At 11:09 a.m., with no further business, Chair Roen adjourned the meeting.

PAUL ROEN, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD