



**STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SIERRA
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MINUTES
SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

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The Sierra County Board of Supervisors met in special session commencing at 1:00 p.m. on March 25, 2021. 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, Chair, District #1
Peter W. Huebner, Supervisor, Vice Chair, District #2
Terry LeBlanc, Supervisor, District #4
Sharon Dryden, Supervisor, District #5

Absent: Paul Roen, Supervisor, District #3

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

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APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

1. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

Chair Adams opened and closed the public comment opportunity.

Chair Adams reported on the Board of Forestry call he attended with 22 other counties regarding the new proposed amendments to the State Fire Regulations and the Board of Forestry's decision to amend the language to state if a house is lost to a fire the existing road/driveway will not have to conform to the new fire safe standards.

2. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 2.A. Approval of letter to Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board in support of Goose Lake Watershed irrigated pasture recommendations. (SUPERVISOR ROEN)

The Board moved to approve the letter to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board in support of Goose Lake Watershed irrigated pasture recommendations.

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

3. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES - VICKIE CLARK

- 3.A. Resolution approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the California Government Operations Agency and the County of Sierra and authorizing the Public Health Director, or designee, to sign the MOU.

The Director of Health proved an update on the proposed MOU, the number of vaccinated residents, and remaining doses to be administered through April.

Supervisor Dryden thanked the Director for the Department's efforts and commitment/dedication to Sierra County's community health.

The Director continued to review the availability of vaccinations and second doses.

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The Director continued to review in detail the proposed MOU and her recommended conditions to signing the MOU to make administering vaccines under the MOU sustainable to the County.

In response to Supervisor Dryden's inquiry, the Director clarified the metric was 4700 vaccinations a week in the transition plan, however she is guessing this will change to 200 a week. The Director added that they can administer 50 vaccinations per site, per week and informed the State that they would need a site by a third-party to administrator if they are going to do anything more. The Director continued to explain that if the State believes the County is working in good faith, they will not cut our vaccine orders. However, the State was very clear that if the County does not sign onto the TPA in the new network, the County will not be able to order more vaccines.

In response to Supervisor Adams's inquiry regarding what the downside of not signing the agreement would be, County Counsel responded that most counties have entered into the agreement and he is recommending approval of the agreement as he does not see the downside of doing so, rather not signing could lead to some real problems with ordering vaccines.

In response to the Director's inquiry pertaining to the addendum to the agreement, County Counsel recommended the addendum be incorporated into the MOU before approval.

Supervisor Dryden expressed concerns regarding the language in the proposed MOU pertaining to withholding the vaccines and suggested amending this.

The Director continued to comment on the proposed MOU; the state promising not to withhold second dose allocations; and vaccines opening this summer to high school and middle-aged school children and elementary children in late fall.

The Director clarified she does not believe the County is ready to sign the MOU as they still need to work on the addendum language. The Director added that she would like to be able to deliver a good faith effort to the State and give the County time to do a small clinic pilot for the MyTurn application and pause on administering 1st doses until the beginning of May.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

Following discussion, County Counsel suggested giving the Director the authority to make the last best and final offer to the State and return to the Board at the next meeting.

The Board moved to direct the Director of Health to present her recommended conditions to the State and return to the Board on April 6, 2021 for consideration and approval by the Board.

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The Director further clarified she agrees with joining the MOU, however she would want to take a pause on 1st doses to finish 2nd doses; begin on-boarding with MyTurn doing a small clinic pilot or two to allow for testing of the technology; allow time to bring up a third-party vendor, such as Optum Serve, for higher volume capacity; and begin first dose appointments in MyTurn beginning in May.

Frank Lang expressed his support of the recommended conditions outlined by the Director as this is needed to provide a reasonable transition to meet the County's objectives.

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

4. COUNTY COUNSEL - DAVID PRENTICE

4.A. Discussion and direction to staff pertaining to a hearing regarding vicious dogs under Loyalton Municipal Code.

County Counsel provided background on the recent dog attack on livestock within the City of Loyalton limits and the Loyalton Municipal Code placing the burden on the Board of Supervisors or a hearing officer appointed by the Board, to hold the hearing and determine the disposition of the dogs. County Counsel further questioned if the Board wants to hold the hearing or appoint a hearing officer.

Supervisor Huebner indicated he would like to hold the hearing.

In response to Supervisor Dryden's inquiry, County Counsel reiterated that under the ordinance the Board of Supervisors or a hearing officer must hold the hearing as the City has not updated their ordinance changing this.

Discussion ensued regarding whether the County should hold the hearing.

In response to Supervisor LeBlanc's inquiry, County Counsel clarified that the City was informed a few years ago that the Board was not interested in being their hearing body.

Chair Adams suggested County Counsel submit a letter to the City's attorney expressing that the County does not want to be the hearing body.

The Sheriff provided background on a similar situation a few years ago and having worked with the City and City Attorney on the rewriting of the City Code to make the City the hearing body, however it was stalled. The Sheriff added that the City has recently entered into an agreement with the Town of Truckee for animal sheltering, so the City is paying for the current impound of the two dogs and the new City Mayor is in favor of amending the City Code making the City Council the hearing body.

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Chair Adams indicated he is willing to help if the City is receptive to making a good faith effort to move forward and amend their code.

Following discussion and by consensus, the Board agreed to be the hearing body under the Loyalton Municipal Code for the current incident and directed staff to schedule the hearing for April 6, 2021.

ADJOURN

At 2:33 p.m., with no further business, Chair Adams adjourned the meeting.

LEE ADAMS, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD