



**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 18, 2021. This meeting was recorded for posting on the Board of Supervisors' website at www.sierracounty.ca.gov.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Supervisor Dryden

ROLL CALL

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

Staff: Heather Foster, County Clerk-Recorder
Scott McLeran, Assistant 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
Celia Sutton-Pado, County Health Officer
Mike Fisher, Sheriff/Coroner

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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Clerk clarified for the record the correct amount to be paid to Cadence Inc. for Network Firewall and Gateway Security Refresh Project, Consent Item 9.H. is \$67,466.72.

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA

9.A. Resolution approving Cooperative Law Enforcement FY 2021 Annual Operating and Financial Plan between the Sierra County Sheriff's Office and the USDA, Forest Service Tahoe, and Plumas National Forest. (SHERIFF)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2021-072 and **APPROVED,** Agreement 2021-047

9.B. Amendment No. 1 to Agreement 2020-053, License Agreement between Sierra County and PG&E. related to allowing the County to utilize an automatic transfer switch at the Downieville Community Hall that was installed by PG&E. (PUBLIC WORKS)

APPROVED, Agreement 2021-048

9.C. Resolution approving plans, specifications and bidding documents, and authorization to solicit bids for the 2017 Storm Damage Repair project at Gold Bluff Road. (PUBLIC WORKS)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2021-073

9.D. Resolution approving plans, specifications and bidding documents, and authorization to solicit bids for the 2017 Storm Damage Repair project at Oxford Mine Road. (PUBLIC WORKS)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2021-074

9.E. Resolution approving plans, specifications and bidding documents, and authorization to solicit bids for the 2017 Storm Damage Repair project at Sailor Ravine Road. (PUBLIC WORKS)

ADOPTED, Resolution 2021-075

9.F. Cash audit report for the quarter ended March 31, 2021. (AUDITOR)

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- 9.G. Treasurer's investment report and statement of liquidity for the period ended March 31, 2021. (TREASURER)
- 9.H. Authorization to pay Cadence Inc. for Network Firewall and Gateway Security Refresh Project in the amount of \$69,466.72. (INFORMATION SYSTEMS)

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

At the request of the Clerk, the Board moved to add Item 8.H. to the Regular Agenda as the matter came up after the close of the agenda and requires action before the next meeting.

- 8.H. Discussion/action regarding Sierra County Local Transportation Commission membership.

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

The Board moved to approve the Regular Agenda as amended.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Adams reported on the RCRC Executive Board and NorCal EMS Board meetings.

Supervisor Roen reported on the Farm Bureau and Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District meetings.

4. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS' REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Director of Health and Social Services reported on the Governor's May Revise and being in a better situation than what was projected with overall revenues estimated to grow by 8% in 2021 and 4% in 2022.

The Director of Behavioral Health reported on the No Place Like Home Plumas County project; the Mental Health Services Act and Substance Use Disorder audits; the

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Governor's May Revise; and concerns with how small counties will handle the new mandates/funding opportunities coming down the pike.

In response to Chair Adams' inquiry, the Director clarified that the No Place Like Home Plumas County project will probably take two years to put into place.

5. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Sierraville District Ranger Quentin Youngblood reported on projects within the district including the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Smithneck/Sierra Brooks fuels reduction grant project and the Sierraville community fire protection project. Ranger Youngblood also reported on campgrounds opening, timber sales and recent fires.

Supervisor Dryden thanked Ranger Youngblood for the quick response to the fire behind Sierra Brooks.

The Sheriff reported on the Sierra Brooks fire which is believed to be arson and have made an arrest. The Sheriff also reported on the Everbridge Emergency Alert System for the County.

Supervisor Dryden commented that the Sierra Brooks Firewise Community is putting together packets to go out next month regarding fire preparation, etc.

Supervisor Roen commented that Ranger Henderson is not present today as he is on a field trip pertaining to the North Yuba project.

- 7.B. Approval of letter of support for the Sierra Valley Community Fire Protection Project.

The Board moved to approve the letter of support for the Sierra Valley Community Fire Protection Project.

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

6. AUDITOR / TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR - VAN MADDOX

- 6.A. Resolution of authorization of Title III funds for the development of the Pike Community Firewise Plan.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution of authorization of Title III funds for the development of the Pike Community Firewise Plan.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2021-076. Motion: Roen/Dryden/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

- 6.B. Resolution of authorization of Title III funds for the development of the Alleghany Community Firewise Plan.

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The Board moved to adopt the resolution of authorization of Title III funds for the development of the Alleghany Community Firewise Plan.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2021-077. Motion: Dryden/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

6.C. Discussion/direction on CalPERS Unfunded Actuarial Liability and financial advisory services.

The Auditor provided background on the CalPERS Unfunded Actuarial Liability which is a debt the County has known to have had and started in 2003 and made worse in 2008 with the mortgage bubble burst. The County is currently at 69% funded. CalPERS offers two options at 7% over a 15 or 10 year period. The Auditor added that the County can do a 15-year period, however 7% is still costing the taxpayer.

The Auditor continued to review options of a bond issuance at a lower interest rate and shorter timeframe, which would require contracting with a firm to investigate this further. The Auditor further provided background on possible scenarios of potential payments and savings to the County and suggested, if the Board is interested, to refer this matter to the Finance Committee to determine which vendor to go with.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

Following discussion and by consensus, the Board referred this matter to the Finance Committee.

6.D. Discussion/authorization to advertise and hire an Account Technician I, II, III or Chief Account Technician in the Auditor's office.

The Board moved to authorize advertising and hiring an Account Technician I, II, III or Chief Account Technician in the Auditor's office.

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

7. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

7.A. CONTINUED COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY UPDATE: Report from Sierra County Public Health, County Office of Emergency Services, County Department Managers, Forest Service Representatives, and other local agencies on recent developments relating developments to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and possible action/direction to staff. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Director of Health reported on new cases throughout the State and within County; the new CDC mask requirements; and Cal/OSHA releasing a new set of temporary workplace emergency standards to be voted on Thursday.

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The County Health Officer commented that Cal/OSHA's Board updated temporary workplace emergency standards will likely take effect on June 20th through July 31st regardless of what happens after the State opens on June 15th.

In response to Supervisor Roen's inquiry regarding outside gathering requirements following June 15th, the Director indicated they have not received talking points on this yet, however they are hearing the restrictions will be for very large venues.

Discussion ensued with the Board regarding whether the State Emergency ends on June 15th.

The Director of Health continued to provide an update on vaccination and testing numbers in the County.

Chair Adams suggested a modest incentive program to get vaccinated.

Supervisor Dryden expressed her opposition to any vaccine incentive program.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

7.C. Discussion/action to consider broadband strategic plan funding opportunity. (SUPERVISOR ADAMS)

Chair Adams questioned whether the Board is interested in using \$25,000 of American Rescue Plan funding to be part of a broadband strategic plan funding opportunity through RCRC, which would result in having a plan written for the County that would provide grant opportunities for broadband in the County.

In response to Supervisor Dryden's inquiry, the Auditor clarified the County is slated to receive half of the \$582,0000 in American Rescue Funding this year and half a next year, and this is an acceptable use of the funds.

Chair Adams commented on the importance of this issue for the four communities in Sierra County with no broadband.

The Board moved to authorize the use of \$25,000 in American Rescue Plan funding for a broadband strategic plan.

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

7.D. Appointment to the Cemetery District #5. (CLERK OF THE BOARD)

The Board moved to appoint Carol Davis to the Cemetery District #5.

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

8. PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION - TIM BEALS

- 8.A. Approval of vehicle disposal and tire disposal fee amnesty event for two weekends in June 2021.

The Director of Public Works provided background on the tire disposal fee amnesty event.

The Board moved to approve the vehicle disposal and tire disposal fee amnesty event for two weekends in June 2021.

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

- 8.B. Continued discussion and update on wildland fire treatment grants and engagement of services of Forester for grant writing purposes.

The Director of Public Works indicated the deadline for CalFire grants has come and gone, however there is still other funding available, but they have not made substantial progress on any projects.

- 8.C. Discussion and direction to staff regarding the California Board of Forestry proposed regulations.

The Director of Public Works referred to the proposed draft regulations and expressed concerns with some of the content and impacts it will have to the County and rural California.

Discussion ensued with the Board.

Following discussion and by consensus, the Board directed adding this item to future agendas for further discussion.

- 8.D. Resolution of support and authorization to submit application to the Federal Lands Access Program for the Gold Lake and Lakes Basin Roads Rehabilitation Project.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution of support and authorization to submit application to the Federal Lands Access Program for the Gold Lake and Lakes Basin Roads Rehabilitation Project.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2021-078. Motion: Dryden/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

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- 8.E. Resolution of support and authorization to submit application to the Federal Lands Access Program for the Smithneck Road Rehabilitation and Bicycle Path Project.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution of support and authorization to submit application to the Federal Lands Access Program for the Smithneck Road Rehabilitation and Bicycle Path Project.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2021-079. Motion: Dryden/Roen/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

- 8.F. Resolution of support and authorization to submit application to the Federal Lands Access Program for the Sierra County-Henness Pass Road All Weather Recreational Gateway Project.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution of support and authorization to submit application to the Federal Lands Access Program for the Sierra County-Henness Pass Road All Weather Recreational Gateway Project.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2021-080. Motion: Roen/Dryden/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

- 8.G. Resolution accepting an irrevocable offer of dedication for a portion of Main Street in Downieville.

The Director of Planning provided background on the offer of dedication for a portion of Main Street in Downieville by Harold and Betty Pratt back in 1980 and the recent request for the County to abandon this offer which lead to the determination that the County never accepted the offer. The Director added that this is a late request for the Board to accept the offer of dedication which secures the right-of-way under the existing paved road.

The Board moved to adopt the resolution accepting an irrevocable offer of dedication for a portion of Main Street in Downieville.

ADOPTED, Resolution 2021-081. Motion: Roen/LeBlanc/Unanimous Roll Call Vote: 5/0

The Director of Planning briefly commented on Regular Agenda Items 8.D. and 8.F.

- 8.H. Discussion/action regarding Sierra County Local Transportation Commission membership.

The Board moved to appoint Chair Adams as the alternate member to the Sierra County Local Transportation Commission for only the May 19, 2021 meeting.

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

ADJOURN

At 10:56 a.m., with no further business, Chair Adams adjourned the meeting.

LEE ADAMS, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

HEATHER FOSTER
CLERK OF THE BOARD