



**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Regular Meetings: The First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified just below.

MEETING LOCATION Board Chambers, 2nd Fl., County Courthouse, 278 Main St., Bridgeport, CA 93517

**Regular Meeting  
April 12, 2016**

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| <b>Flash Drive</b>   | #1012             |
| <b>Minute Orders</b> | M16-84 to M16-87  |
| <b>Resolutions</b>   | R16-29            |
| <b>Ordinance</b>     | ORD16-03 NOT USED |

9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Stump.

*Supervisors Present: Alpers, Corless, Fesko, Johnston and Stump.  
Supervisors Absent: None.*

*Break: 10:17 a.m.  
Reconvene: 10:34 a.m.  
Break: 11:12 a.m.  
Reconvene: 11:17 a.m.  
Closed Session: 12:10 p.m.  
Reconvene: 1:10 p.m.  
Adjourn: 2:25 p.m.*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Stump.

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<http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/meetings>**

**1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

**John Peters:**

- Wants to make the Board aware of the honor Dr. Don Clark received: 2016 Superintendent of

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the Year from the California Association of School Administrators. There will be a press release March 31<sup>st</sup>. Read into record.

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- There should be Board level acknowledgement.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Directed the CAO to prepare a resolution.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE

3. RECOGNITIONS

A. **Excellence in Transportation Award**

Departments: Community Development Department

(Brent Green, Caltrans District 9 Director) - Presentation by Brent Green, Caltrans District 9 Director, regarding Excellence in Transportation Award.

**Action:** Receive presentation by Brent Green, Caltrans District 9 Director, regarding the 2015 Caltrans Excellence in Transportation Award: Highway as a Main Street, to the Bridgeport Valley Regional Planning Advisory Committee, Mono County and Caltrans staff, and consultant team.

**Brent Green:**

- Note, this is a significant accomplishment for the community. Honor to be a part of statewide recognition. Bridgeport Main St reconfiguration resulted in bike lanes, back-in angled parking, turn lanes. Congratulate Bridgeport RPAC to make this vision a reality. Presented plaque to Steve Noble, RPAC.

**Steve Noble:**

- One concern is economy, slowing traffic. Recognizes Wendy Sugimura, as she is vital to RPAC.

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- This is worthy of press release and picture.

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- 4/5 - Attended the JLCAC meeting held at the JLCC. There is interest in a modest remodel of the Community Center main meeting room. Alice Suszynski, owner of Dream Mountain Studio in JL, has volunteered to manage the project and volunteers. Her design and woodworking is known world-wide. The upgrades would include window coverings and trim, paint, closet doors, etc. Her projected cost would be in the \$3-5,000 range for materials. To fund the project, I have proposed a team including the JL Women's Club, JLC of C, second homeowners, local residents and the County to come up with an incentivized "fund matching" program. I have asked Mrs. Suszynski to prepare a detailed plan to submit to County Facilities for review.
- Amanda and David Carmichael, owners of JL Chalets, are proposing a beautiful transformation of the drab concrete retaining wall that fronts their business on the Main Street of June Lake. The iconic artwork will celebrate the unique environment of the eastern Sierra. The Carmichaels have canvassed the JL business community and many locals to gain support for the project. Caltrans has also given its blessings to the project. The Carmichaels will fund the project.
- 4/11 - Attended the YARTS meeting via teleconference at the BOS Chambers in ML. Supervisor Stacy Corless was nominated and voted in as Chairperson for the 2016-17 fiscal

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year. Other business items include:

- Approval of YARTS 2016-17 budget
- Approval of Mariposa County annual contract for services -Execution of new revision of Federal Master Agreement -Approval of YARTS/Merced County Assoc. of Governments agreement for services.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Fun evening Wednesday 4/6 at the Mammoth High School talent show, many thanks to Lea Ann Eller for asking me to participate as a judge.
- YARTS: approved 16/17 budget, summer schedules, agreements with Mariposa County and with Merced County of Governments for admin, good discussion of short range transit plan ideas for service expansion, organizational sustainability. Also of note: ridership increased significantly over winter holiday periods on Hwy 41 and 140 routes. Included in our "wish list" is a signage/bus stop adjustment for the Shilo Inn stop in Mammoth, and a sign in Lee Vining, hoping we can work w/Caltrans.
- Behavioral Health Advisory Board: productive meeting where we discussed updates to bylaws, focus areas for next year's workplan. Advisory board training from the CA Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions will be invaluable in helping this advisory board reach its potential—many thanks to that organization for providing the assistance.
- Plans for this week include participating in the Yosemite Gateway Partners spring meeting, which will focus on tree mortality and the impacts on gateway communities. Even though we in Mono are less visibly affected than Westside counties, we of course know the impacts and, as I've learned in preparing for the tree mortality discussion, our forests will likely demonstrate the impacts of disease and insect infestation in the next decade. In a discussion with Mammoth/Mono Lake District Ranger Jon Regelbrugge, the idea of a fire focus for the next Collaborative Planning Team meeting came up, and community development staff agreed that would be a worthwhile discussion for the April 28 meeting.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- April 5 – I attended the CSA #5 meeting which was held upstairs at the Memorial Hall. The work on the multi-purpose room is nearly complete. The CSA #5 decided on having non-fixed seating versus the old fixed seating. This will allow much more flexibility in the use of this room.
- April 7 – I attended the Antelope Valley RPAC meeting. They did vote on a new set of Bylaws which are in line with the Board's updated RPAC rules and procedures. We should be seeing these come back to our Board soon.
- April 11 – I participated at the Local Transportation Commission. Some items of interest: LTC approved a grant request for a Cal-OES Transit Security Grant. This grant will provide for security cameras on nighttime buses and trolleys. In addition, the LTC approved a number of resolutions regarding ESTA funding. CalTrans Director Brent Green gave a nice presentation on the process of Mountain Pass openings. I have requested that he give our Board this presentation sometime in the near future.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Attended the Local Transportation Commission this past Monday. A mountain pass opening presentation focusing on Tioga Pass was made by Brent Green, District 9 Director. Among other things, the Commission adopted resolutions for grant applications for transit buses and operations. An update was also given on the state of the State transportation funding situation, which is not good.
- Have been working with Bob Musil on potentially allowing small counties to have all vote by mail if they so desire. This is potentially a cost saving measure, particularly in light of the possible need for future investment in election equipment. This is agendaed for discussion the CSAC Rural Caucus session at the CSAC Legislative Conference in May.
- Attended the senior dinner at Gomez's in Mammoth Lakes. This is a fund raiser for Senior Class activities.
- Welcomed and recognized Supervisor Hames from Alpine County who is attending our meeting this morning.

**Supervisor Stump:**

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- 4-11: Attended LTC; Several grant applications approved for ESTA; Cal Trans gave a nice presentation on Hwy 120 opening - would be good for the Mono Basin RPAC.
- There was a loss of phone, including 911 service, in Swall Meadows and parts of Crowley and Paradise last week. This was during Frontier's first week taking over from Verizon. I have corresponded with Tressa Bader - VP and GM for Frontier Northern California. She was responsive. I took the opportunity to bring up how decrepit much of the infrastructure they purchased from Verizon is.
- I have learned that the State of California will be recommending to local jurisdictions that they adopt the following two changes to the Residential Code about the sprinklering requirement for one and two family homes. These changes are possible because they are contained in NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) 13D standards which the State can modify since those are the standards referenced in the Residential Code requiring residential sprinkler systems.
- Removal from the requirement to sprinkle the garage since attached garages are already required to have a 1 hour fire separation from the rest of the house. Since the purpose of the residential sprinkler requirement is to allow people sufficient time to exit homes safely a one hour separation already does that.
- Removal of the requirement that extra sprinkler heads and a wrench to install them be kept at each home. This would encourage sprinkler system maintenance by a licensed person for sprinkler systems that have activated prior to them being placed back in service.
- I would like to see the County at least adopt recommendation 1.
- He will be at a Great Basin Air Pollution Control district meeting tomorrow, and would like to thank Supervisor Corless for covering the Agenda Review meeting, and Supervisor Alpers for covering the Eastern Sierra Agency on Aging meeting. This group will be teleconferencing for the first time, an important meeting that refers to fund apportionment between Inyo and Mono for senior services, Working on a plan that will affect how resources are allocated.

## 5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

### **Leslie Chapman:**

- Took some time off last week.
- Wednesday, had department head meeting, great participation. Good ideas, good discussions
- Continue searching for Finance director. Filling that position will complete her team, first time since she's been here the team will be complete.

## 6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

### **Bob Musil:**

- Update on elections. Nov 2014 was one of lowest turnouts, this June projected to be one of the highest. Both parties' nominations are still up in air, CA may play major part in determining candidates. Encouraging voter registration. Moving forward on planning for primary. MUSD has agreed to allow us to consolidate all precincts at the MHS library. Thank you to Greg Newbry. Would love to have more volunteers for polling places. Just hired temporary person to help in our office during elections.
- Chalfant/Benton will have a polling place for the first time.

### **Supervisor Corless:**

- Send a note of thanks to MUSD, MHS library.

### **Sheriff Braun:**

- Undersheriff and she went to Irvine last week for convention. Made lots of good connections.

### **Kathy Peterson, Social Services:**

- BOS asked for updates on recruitment and hiring. Need office assistant in Walker. Appreciates Megan Foster for handling Walker on her own for awhile now. New integrated case worker in eligibility division, a previous employee is now back. Jay Sloane's transfer to

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CAO left another vacancy. Excited about being able to videoconference, thanks to IT dept for that technology.

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA

(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item.)

### A. Sale of Surplus Vehicles to Fire Districts

Departments: Public Works - Road

Two Special Districts, The Long Valley Fire Protection District and the Mono City Fire Protection District, have requested Mono County sell them surplus Ford Expeditions in good condition.

**Action:** Receive staff report regarding requests from the Long Valley Fire Protection District (LVFPD) and the Mono City Fire Protection District (MCFPD) to purchase surplus vehicles (2009 Ford Expeditions, Unit 750 – VIN 1FMFU16599EB03954 and Unit 753 – VIN 1FMFU16589EB03959, respectively) from the County for \$1.00 each; find that the two vehicles are in good condition but are excess and/or unneeded property; authorize the Public Works Director to prepare, process, and execute applicable documents on behalf of Mono County to transfer ownership of the vehicles to the LVFPD and MCFPD; provide any desired direction to staff.

**Fesko moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M16-84**

Two emails were received, one each from the departments slated to receive vehicles.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

All items listed are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board, and are available for review.

### A. Appreciation from Eastern Sierra Wildlife Care

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Thank you to the Mono County Board of Supervisors from Eastern Sierra Wildlife Care.

### B. Correspondence re: EMS Ad Hoc Committee

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Correspondence dated March 30, 2016 from Jack Copeland to the Board of Supervisors regarding the EMS Ad Hoc Committee.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Jack served diligently on committee. Appreciates his opinion on this matter and his perseverance.

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## 9. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

### A. **Sceirine Point Ranch Agricultural Conservation Easement**

Departments: Community Development for Eastern Sierra Land Trust

(Susanna Danner, Kay Ogden, Eastern Sierra Land Trust) - Proposed resolution #R16-29, supporting Eastern Sierra Land Trust's application to the California Department of Conservation's Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALCP) for funds in support of the Sceirine Point Ranch Agricultural Conservation Easement Project.

**Action:** Adopt proposed resolution supporting Eastern Sierra Land Trust's application to the California Department of Conservation's Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALCP) for funds in support of the Sceirine Point Ranch Agricultural Conservation Easement Project.

**Fesko moved; Johnston seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**R16-29**

**Wendy Sugimura:**

- This is through a state funded grant program.

**Kay Ogden, Eastern Sierra Land Trust:**

- ESLT recognizes the land is critical to sustain the Eastern Sierra environment. ESLT works with land owners to preserve land for recreational, historical, environmental, critical habitat.

**Susanna Danner:**

- Shared story of Sceirine family. Legacy of over 100 years. This conservation easement is recognized through the Bi State Plan and will ensure the sage grouse will not be listed. Property has economic value to County. Very grateful the family has decided to work with ESLT.

**David Sceirine:**

- Water rights are also protected through the conservation easement. Helps with water quality, forestry project he has planned for quaking aspen in canyon, protects from other entities that may try to buy and move water. Plan for future ranching in the area will be enhanced. Few downsides, many upsides. No fringe development. Still can make improvements as technology advances as USDA and NRCA approves.

### B. **Board Rules of Procedures Update**

Departments: CAO

(Leslie Chapman) - Review and update the Mono County Board of Supervisors Board Rules of Procedures.

**Action:** 1. Review proposed changes to the Mono County Board of Supervisors Board Rules of Procedure, provide comments, corrections and edits. 2. Approve proposed changes including changes made today for the Mono County Board of Supervisors' Rules of Procedure. 3. Provide further direction to staff if desired.

**Corless moved; Alpers seconded**

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**Vote 5 yes; 0 no**  
**M16-85**

**Leslie Chapman:**

- Corrections and markups are in packet.
- General walk-through of rules, procedures, qualities, guidelines.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- The reason we're doing this is to be more open and responsive to the public.

General Board discussion regarding accountability, evaluating the Board's performance as a whole, verbiage in document, clarification on points of definition.

**C. Request for Snow Removal Assistance - Yosemite National Park**

**Pulled by Staff, contracts are not ready yet**

(Jeff Walters) - Upon its opening each spring State Highway 120 through Yosemite National Park (YNP) provides a significant benefit to businesses and visitation in Mono County. In prior years, The Board of Supervisors has actively supported and assisted the National Park Service and Caltrans with snow removal and opening of Highway 120. The Park Service has requested assistance from Mono County again this year. In order to promptly respond the Board of Supervisors would need to authorize Public Works to provide snow removal assistance.

**Action:** Consider and potentially adopt Resolution No. R16-\_\_\_, "A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Authorizing the Public Works Director to Execute and Administer Cooperative Agreements and to Utilize Department of Public Works Personnel and Equipment to Assist with Snow Removal Activities Associated with the 2016 Opening of Highway 120 Within Yosemite National Park." Provide any desired direction to staff.

**D. Mill Canyon Road MOU**

Departments: Public Works - Road

(Jeff Walters) - Mill Canyon Road, located near Walker, was closed in August of 2015 by the Mono County Board of Supervisors due to unstable conditions of the hillside the road intersects. Recently the Marine Mountain Warfare Training Center requested Mono County allow them to "repair" a section of the road and allow their staff to use the road on occasions for military exercises. Other agencies including the Antelope Valley Fire Protection District, United States Forest Service, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife are also interested in using the road to perform various duties and responsibilities the road provides access to.

**Action:** Approve and authorize Chair's signature on the Memorandum of Understanding with the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center allowing them to repair a section of Mill Canyon Road to gain access through the slide area. Provide any desired direction to staff.

**Fesko moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M16-86**

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**Jeff Walters:**

- Road is still slipping, has had multiple discussions with other agencies regarding the condition of the road. The County would keep road closed with gate, used only by agencies who would need to unlock and relock gate.

**Doug Power, Community Plans Liasion Officer for MWTC:**

- This is access we need in summer months, mid-May to mid-October, for monitoring training, insertion, extraction, potential for casualty evacuation if that occurred. MWTC Fire Dept would need to utilize their ambulance along Mill Canyon to get to Walker. Not daily, only as needed.

General discussion regarding condition of road, watching for future fissures and movement. MWTC has agreed to do some repair work to the road, as well. Public Works will monitor the road.

**E. Mono County Jail Tour and Letters of Support for Proposed Grant Funding**

Departments: Sheriff

(Sheriff Ingrid Braun) - Presentation by Sheriff Ingrid Braun regarding the Mono County Jail's existing facilities and opportunity for grant funded improvements. Tour of the Mono County Jail and consider sending letters of support for the proposed jail facilities grant funding.

**Action:** Tour the Mono County Jail. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign letters of support for grant funding for jail facilities to Senator Tom Berryhill and Assembly Member Frank Bigelow.

**Alpers moved; Johnston seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M16-87**

**Ingrid Braun:**

- AB 109N requires housing and care for long term prisoners, which current facility does not have space for. Grant is great opportunity, need to have Board support.

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

*No one spoke.*

11. CLOSED SESSION

**A. Closed Session--Human Resources**

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Stacey Simon, Leslie Chapman, and Dave Butters. Employee Organization(s): Mono County Sheriff's Officers Association (aka Deputy Sheriff's Association), Local 39--majority representative of Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) and Deputy Probation Officers Unit (DPOU), Mono County Paramedic Rescue Association (PARA), Mono County Public Safety Officers Association (PSO), and Mono County Sheriff Department's Management Association (SO Mgmt). Unrepresented employees: All.

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**B. Closed Session-- Public Employment**

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: Finance Director.

**C. Closed Session - Existing Litigation**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: Ray Tems v. Mono County.

**D. Closed Session - Existing Litigation**

Departments: County Counsel

(Stacey Simon) - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: Mono County v. Ian Fettes.

**Action:** Approved agreement to settle with Ian Fettes.

**THE REGULAR AGENDA WILL RECONVENE AFTER CLOSED SESSION IF NECESSARY**

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

*No one spoke.*

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ATTEST

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FRED STUMP  
CHAIRMAN

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HELEN NUNN  
SR. DEPUTY CLERK

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BOB MUSIL  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

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