



**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 Mammoth Lakes BOS Meeting Room, 3rd Fl. Sierra Center Mall, Suite 307, 452 Old Mammoth Rd., Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

**Regular Meeting
January 20, 2015**

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

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

*Break: 10:35 a.m.
Reconvene: 10:42 a.m.
Closed Session: None.
Adjourn: 11:49 a.m.*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Alpers.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Ron Day:

- RACE Communications update; in Crowley today. Cable coming out at Sierra Springs, will go all the way to Chalfant.

Joe Parrino:

- Updates on off-road and super cross.
- Asked Supervisors to pull up event on YouTube and check out the stadium and the crowds.
- The Mountain is hurting right now, time for Plan "B" or Plan "OHV". He feels the off-roaders are the money source right now.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Action: Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 6, 2015, as

corrected.

Johnston moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M15-13

Supervisor Johnston:

- On p. 3 of draft minutes, item #d, under Supervisor Stump's comments, should say, "Thanked Supervisor Johnston for putting up with him for a whole year."
- On p. 10 of draft minutes, item #9e, under the 'Federal' portion of his comments, last bullet point should read, "Item #1g(i) – Discussed issue of access to public lands."
- On p. 12 of draft minutes, under adjournment, should say, "Adjourn at 3:03 p.m. in memory of Bennett Kessler, Inyo County resident and Effie Hershey, Mono County resident, who both recently passed away."

Supervisor Alpers:

- On p. 3 of draft minutes, board reports, first bullet point, should read, "Spoke with Brian Winzenread of Caltrans, District 9, Highway 158 was temporarily closed; asked that County be kept briefed regarding the Alger Creek ice overflow issue. He received calls from constituents regarding this matter."
- On p. 8 of draft minutes, item #9b, under his comment, first bullet point should read, "We have been over this issue repeatedly for a long time."

Supervisor Corless:

- On p. 8 of draft minutes, item #9b, under her comments, second bullet point, should read, "Thinks this is best for County but that conversations with the Town of Mammoth Lakes and other regional entities still need to take place."
- On p. 10 of draft minutes, item #9e, under her comments, add bullet point to read, "She will get her suggested wording changes and typo corrections to CAO Jim Leddy in reference to general changes discussed."

3. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Alpers:

- 1/15 – Attended State of the County last week at the Sierra Center Mall conference room; thanked staff for putting this on, it was very professional. Manifestation of where we've been going for past couple years. Impressed with turn out, both regional and local. Hopes we offer some sort of outreach going forward, get information out to people. Looking forward to this being an annual event. It would be very helpful if our local business owners and managers could tailor some of the ideas, concepts and techniques to Eastern Sierra circumstances. Overall, well done and sets the stage for next year's State of the County conference. Our role as county leaders: these are the types of events we need to press on with.

Supervisor Corless:

- ESRC – at meeting 1/14, group worked on wrapping up objectives, standards and guidelines in a framework that will be submitted to the INF. The group does want to request more time for consideration of additional alternatives or language for existing alternatives, so our board and other local elected bodies will likely see a presentation and request for support in Feb. This will also be an item of the upcoming Coll. Planning Team mtg on 1/29.
- Town of Mammoth Lakes/Sherwins Area Recreation Plan (SHARP) trails mtg. – good agreement on trails planning in district 5, working with Inyo NF on analysis of trails
- State of the County – great event, incredible turnout. I think this demonstrates tremendous interest in what we're doing—I hope we can use the list to reach out to attendees re: strategic plan and other county initiatives
- Upcoming: Broadband Forum on Thursday; thanks, Nate, for helping me prepare.

- Constituent and neighbor John McGrath on 37 years as a Mammoth Mountain patroller, Monday was his last day.
- Reintroduction of Angela Evans, The Sheet

Supervisor Fesko:

- 1/14 – Attended Agenda Review Committee.
- 1/15 – Attended Mono County State of the County in Mammoth - I had the honor as Chair of the Board to give opening remarks. The turnout was ~200 people. There were people from all of Mono County including many from Inyo. Our staff, Jim Leddy, Alicia Vennos, Jeff Simpson and Greg Newbry did a fantastic job organizing and presenting this function. A big thank you to Kathy Peterson, Jacob Sloane and Jenny Senior for their part in this event. The event presented three presenters discussing things such as funding, advertising promotions, and trends in Tourism.
- 1/16 – Attended a meeting with the Eastern Sierra Recreation Collaborative. This meeting was informative and seems to be moving in the right direction.
- 1/17 – Discussed recreation opportunities with constituents in Walker. Also discussed the possibility of a dog park near the public restrooms in Walker. This area is used quite heavily by tourists on their way thru the County.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Attended State of the County last week; echoes Supervisor Corless' comments; State people (from Ca) didn't realize the impact that Vegas advertising has for us. Should follow up on that with them.
- Yesterday – Met with Drew Hill (along with Supervisor Corless) regarding their proposed sign as well as other Sierra Center Mall issues.

Supervisor Stump:

- Attended the State of the County Event and agreed with the positive comments made by fellow Supervisors. Referenced the Title of the article in The Sheet, "Wishful Thinking", about the event and said that sometimes wishful thinking is necessary for progress to occur.
- Last Friday afternoon participated in a Conference call with Race Communications about their fiber optic / high speed internet projects. County represented by himself, Scott Burns and Nate Greenberg. Received an update on current projects - engineering is close to complete, they will be bring a unified project description to Community Development for permitting soon. Also, the community of Paradise is included in one of Race Communications current grant applications. Originally was under the impression that it was just Swall Meadows in this portion of the County that was included bur Race confirmed that Paradise service is in the grant proposal also.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding work activities.

Jim Leddy:

- **January 14, 2015** – Attended the Mammoth Area of Governments meeting. The group had a presentation from Assessor Barry Beck.
- **January 15, 2015** – The South County Employee Roundtable was held from 8:00 to 8:30 am just before the State of the County. 8 people in attendance and the topic of the employee commute effort. ESTA will be emailing directly those employees who participated in the second survey and who voluntarily gave their email addresses.
- **January 15, 2015** – Attended the State of the County. 170plus attendees and great information provided to attendees. Kudos to Economic Development Department for their efforts to make it so successful.

6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Bob Musil (Clerk-Recorder):

- Mentioned small gifts that went out to poll workers and volunteers of the November General Election; gave out same gift to board members; he asked that everyone take part in recognizing those that took their time to help with the election.

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. Approval of Undersheriff At-Will Contract

Departments: County Administrator's Office/Sheriff's Office

Proposed resolution approving a contract with Michael Moriarty as Undersheriff, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

Action: Adopt Resolution #R15-02, approving a contract with Michael Moriarty and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

Johnston moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R15-02

B. Approval of DA Investigator Chris Callinan's Contract

Proposed resolution approving a contract with Chris Callinan as Deputy DA Investigator and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

Action: Approve Resolution #R15-03, approving a contract with Chris Callinan and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

Johnston moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R15-03

C. Hiring Freeze Variance - Vacancy in Crowley

Departments: Public Works

Due to an upcoming departure in Road Area I (Crowley) there will exist a Maintenance Worker II-III vacancy. Public Works has followed the Mono County protocol to fill the vacancy created. This vacancy is a full-time position in the Crowley area and requires an in-county recruitment first for Public Works Maintenance Worker employees and if no requests to transfer were received then the position would be advertised out-of-county.

Action: Authorize Public Works Director, in consultation with Human Resources, to recruit in-county to fill the upcoming vacancy in Road Area I. If no requests are received in-county then recruit out-of-county to fill same vacancy.

Johnston moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M15-14

D. Budget Amendment to Replace Layoffs with Furloughs

Departments: Finance

Budget Amendment to replace layoffs with furloughs.

Action: Approve budget amendments to replace layoffs with furlough budget reductions, recognize additional revenue from the Sheriff's trust, and appropriate difference of \$57,098 from contingencies to balance the overall budget.

Johnston moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M15-15

E. 2015 Calendar of Regular Meetings of the Board of Supervisors

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Rule 3 of the Mono County Board Rules of Procedure specifies that: an annual calendar of meetings shall be adopted by the Board at their first meeting in January. The calendar will include all known regular meetings. Any meeting may be canceled upon the order of the Chair, or by a majority of Board members.

Action: Approve proposed calendar of regular meetings for 2015. Cancel meeting regularly scheduled for December 1.

Stump moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M15-16

Supervisor Stump:

- With no meeting December 1st and there being a lot of time between end of November and second meeting in December, suggests an additional meeting in November in lieu of that meeting to keep December 8 reasonable.

Supervisor Alpers:

- Asked Board Clerk to check on past agendas and to work with CAO on the load levels of previous years. We can call special meetings whenever we need to.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Concerned that a meeting during the week of Thanksgiving could impact staff time off for the holiday.

Bob Musil:

- Happy to look back at past meetings.
- Asked Board to approve agenda item as presented, can always add another meeting.
- Will work with Department heads to remind them of no meeting date on December 1 and to spread their items out.

Supervisor Corless:

- On list that was attached to this item, July should be the 7, 14 and 21 (not 16th).

Supervisor Johnston:

- Would rather have a longer meeting not an additional one.
- The number of agenda items can be managed.
- Community meetings – would like to see about setting up evening meetings, maybe three or so. Can be done as we go forward.

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

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

A. Department of Fish and Game Notice of Completion

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Notice of Completion from the Department of Fish and Wildlife, received January 12, 2015 regarding Phasing of Nonlead Ammunition Requirement.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

Supervisor Johnston:

- The Department of Fish and Game charges us to file Notice of Completion; maybe we should charge them back?

Supervisor Corless:

- Spoke about the baby Condor found (potential benefits of the non-lead ammo).

9. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Caltrans Request for Truck Restrictions on SR 108

Departments: County Administrator's Office

(Terry Erlwein, Caltrans) - Presentation by Terry Erlwein regarding truck traffic on State Route 108(Sonora Pass).

Action: Direct county staff to initiate process, as requested by Caltrans to restrict certain types of truck traffic from State Route 108 (Sonora Pass) in Mono County. It is recommended that LTC staff be used to accomplish this.

Alpers moved; Stump seconded

Vote 5 yes; 0 no

M15-17

Jim Leddy:

- Thanked Terry and Ryan of Caltrans for being here.
- Gave introduction and background on item.
- Hadn't heard anything from any other counties.

Terry Erlwein (Caltrans, District 9 truck engineer):

- They are prepared to do as much of the legwork as possible to help.
- Any questions about proposed process?
- District 10 appears cooperative.
- Project location entirely in Mono, we should be able to take lead.

Supervisor Corless:

- Asked about CEQA review and who is responsible?
- Public review process – making sure everyone is properly informed.

Ryan Dermody (Caltrans):

- Two steps re CEQA approval, Caltrans would do it, but the County would need to sign off on it.

Scott Burns:

- Feels very confidently that this would be a categorical exemption.
- LTC staff would fall into category where they can do the work.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Caltrans would put up signs?
- Working with other Caltrans District (10), how will that work?
- Feels this is a very good project.
- 10 hours of staff time? County staff or perhaps LTC staff would be better?

Supervisor Stump:

- Asked about the need for other counties to weigh in? In relation to project location?

Supervisor Fesko:

- Economic impact of not doing this is too great. Appreciates this, is in support of this. Thanked Caltrans.
- We should send other Board a letter as information, to let them know.

B. Highway 6 Safety Improvements

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Supervisor Fred Stump) - Discussion of speed and safety issues along Highway 6 in the Tri Valley portion of Mono County.

Action: 1. Direct staff to work with Caltrans to seek a legislative solution: namely seek a bill to lower the speed limit on the section of Highway 6 which is of concern; 2. Direct staff to monitor the issue and seek enhanced enforcement by California Highway Patrol at current speed limit levels.

Stump moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M15-18

Supervisor Stump:

- Handed out recently received letter to be included as part of packet.
- Request for left turn lane, lower speed and cross walk were discussed at recent meeting.
- Staff to look into 'Safe Routes to School' funding.
- Thinks we should bundle these requests together (left turn lane, reducing speed limit and cross walk).
- Spoke about Benton schools and fact that they will bus many kids to Bishop next year.
- Would like board to consider the legislative remedy of establishing 45 mph speed limit.
- A pedestrian bridge over highway 6, expensive and would take extensive planning.
- Given data received, thinks that this is overdue. Thinks we can be proactive and try to make this happen.

Jim Leddy:

- Interactions between Supervisor Stump and Terry Erlwein of Caltrans, looking at safety.
- We'd have to go to Legislators to allow this to take place.
- Putting together a proposal to the Legislature and trying to find an author. He will be typing a couple pages and seeing if they are interested in carrying it.
- Letter out by end of week and then working with lobbyists to push through.
- There will be a lot less staff time involved than the Hwy 108 project.
- The more focused an issue can be, the better.
- Reduction of speed limit alone is cleanest way to go.

Supervisor Alpers:

- Appreciates the need for this, commended Supervisor for taking this on. Dealing with any type of legislature is challenging.

Supervisor Fesko:

- He also understands issue, worried about staff time.

Supervisor Corless:

- Supports this; asked if there were other issues in the county that needs the same support. Address at the same time?

Supervisor Johnston:

- Is an undercrossing feasible?
- Vehicular issues with left turn pocket; also, we have no money. We should add on a request for funding in the legislature; seems it would be a good add on.

Terry Erlwein (Caltrans):

- Can shorten timeline for turning lane.
- The more we try to tack onto the legislation, the less chance of success.

C. Authorization to Apply for the Energy Partnership Program Grant

Departments: CAO, Community Development, Finance, Public Works

(Megan Mahaffey and Vianey White) - The California Energy Commission (CEC) Energy Partnership Program (EPP) offers services to help identify the most cost-effective energy saving opportunities for facilities. There is no cost to participate in the program which offers technical assistance services of up to \$20,000 of the CEC consultant's costs. The EPP is an annual program and there is no cap on the number of submissions for Technical Assistance. \$20,000 in EPP funding covers approximately 150,000 square feet in facility energy audits, depending on the depth with which the County chooses to conduct the audits.

Action: Approve the Energy Partnership Program Resolution #R15-04 and submission of the Energy Partnership Program Grant Application to the California Energy Commission to receive an award of \$20,000 in contract services towards Energy Audits for Mono County Facilities.

R15-04

Megan Mahaffey:

- Gave overview of item and offered general background.
- There is no fiscal impact.
- Expecting something similar as far as energy audits.
- Hoping to maybe move forward with some items before snow flies next year.
- Our dollar will be able to be stretched further due to past work done and experience.

Vianey White:

- Brought additional information relating to grant application package.
- Has copies if Board would like them.
- Discussed potential funding sources.
- Another application can be applied for if not all square footage is covered.
- We will go as far as we can with the \$20,000 and our own buildings; can reapply if necessary.
- Past audits don't give any direction to move forward.
- May get contractors to do work (if not Joe's staff).

Supervisor Johnston:

- Thanked staff; definitely a step in the right direction to becoming energy efficient.
- Energy audits – isn't it more than \$20,000?
- Audits of buildings where we lease from another owner – really the landlords, right? How does that get implemented?

Supervisor Corless:

- Thanked them on their good work.

Supervisor Fesko:

- What happens to energy audits that we've done previously? Are they still good?

Supervisor Stump:

- Asked about Exhibit A – lists every building in county? Is that how square footage was calculated?
- Doesn't include the three housing units county uses?

- CAO's office negotiations for Bridgeport are being taken into account? Take out Crowley and Lee Vining Community Centers (they've both been solarized).

D. Mono County Strategic Planning Update and 2015 Goal setting

Departments: County Administrator's Office

(Jim Leddy) - Presentation by Strategic Planning Steering Committee regarding Mono County Strategic Planning effort.

Action: Move that the Board approve the general framework on the Mono County Strategic Plan; direct staff to circulate draft Strategic Planning document through County regional Planning Advisory Committees for feedback and then return back to Board of Supervisors.

Corless moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M15-19

Jim Leddy:

- Gave background and historical overview of how this planning evolved.
- It is now time to take this back out to the public.

Powerpoint:

- Planning Elements
- Why?
- Employee Internal Engagement.
- Planning Drafts.
- Staff Insight and Early Drafts.
- Draft Integration of Board Identified Issues, Projects and Insight.
- Framework Elements Vision and Mission.
- Framework Elements Strategic Directions.
- Framework.
- Methods, Measurements and Potential Projects.
- Methods.
- Success Measured By.
- Projects.
- All Together – Filtering with Focus.
- Future Efforts with Strategic Directions.
- Keeping a Living Document Alive.
- Public Engagement.
- Huge Thank You to Our Staff.
- Went over Requested Actions: Review Framework, Endorse Framework, Direct staff to seek public feedback on framework, Identify Projects – Focus on 2015.

OTHER COMMENTS:

- Recommends parallel track between Supervisors' input.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Although a slow process, it was very thorough and much needed.
- Ball field project in Walker – all promoted with idea that it would promote economic development.
- Kudos to staff.
- Issue of Economic Development, Sustainability, Access – everyone has different pictures and definitions of what those concepts are/mean.
- All communities have different needs. There is a lot of gray in this document. A bit scary to define everything.
- In general thinks framework is good, not going to get tied up on individual projects at the moment. Feels that each district's needs need to be kept in mind.

Supervisor Johnston:

- We are on the right track here doing this type of investment in our staff. We're making it ok for people to give us ideas on how to do things better. Mission statement is good.
- Strategic Directions: "Protect Natural Resources and Enhance Public Access" – either take off or revise. We have good public access as far as it's balanced on protecting our natural resources. Mentioned some wording changes under 'methods'.
- Also mentioned details under energy columns such as encouraging distributed generation vs. industrial generation in Mono County.
- Promoting Regional Airport in Bishop (not in our county)? Not something that makes a lot of sense.
- Add more on Digital 395.
- Permanently waive building fees – didn't we come to some sort of agreement on this?
- Expand recreational opportunities?
- Geothermal equipment?
- Improve water quality at Crowley Lake?
- Biomass Feasibility Study – completed. Change wording.
- Really looking at whole health of our communities; it's very broad. Kudos to staff.

Supervisor Stump:

- Complimented Mission Statement – broad enough but still very good.
- Public Access – board may need to define what we agree upon regarding basic constructs and wording used.
- Industrial Solar – agrees with Supervisor Johnston.
- Fiscally sustainable, fiscally cautious – needs to be included elsewhere in plan, not only referring to solar.
- Likes the idea of encouraging communication between staff.
- In looking at what HAS been accomplished already, he's very encouraged. Thanked staff. Agrees we need baseline definition of terms to proceed.

Supervisor Alpers:

- All-encompassing project-easy to get started but to actually put something together like this is miraculous. He thinks what has been done is terrific.
- Very important to get out to RPACS and out to communities right away.
- Creating another filter for Supervisors to go through when they come up with ideas for their districts.
- Overall work that's been done and the engagement of employees and soon to be constituents is great.

Supervisor Corless:

- Is happy to endorse this framework, so much has been done on this.
- Typographical errors that she'll give to Jim Leddy.
- On the 17th when they have workshop, she'll get into the nitty gritty at that time. Appreciates the information provided from the past.
- Realizes that 2014 was a very stressful year for Mono County employees. Important as a Board to abide by this plan, to be part of the team creating the Best Mono Imaginable.
- Idea as County as a Convener, maybe fit into Methods page?
- Analyze what we do every day – needs to fit into the Strategic Plan.
- Access issue – agrees with Supervisor Stump.
- Looks very forward to the workshop.

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Supervisor Stump:

- Brought up that there is an issue of concern by the Tri-Valley Water Commission – Stacey Simon is working on this. This will be an ongoing discussion. Thanked her.

11. CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed Session--Human Resources

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Marshall Rudolph, John Vallejo, Leslie Chapman, and Jim Leddy. 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.

12. REGULAR AGENDA AFTERNOON- NONE

ADJOURN 11:49 a.m.

ATTEST

TIMOTHY E. FESKO
CHAIRMAN

SHANNON KENDALL
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD