



**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
April 21, 2015**

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

*Supervisors present: Alpers, Corless, Johnston and Stump.
Supervisors absent: Fesko (representing Board of Supervisors at a meeting in Reno.)*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Corless.

*Break : 10:30
Resume: 10:43
Closed Session: 11:30
Resume: 1:30
Adjourn: 1:33 p.m.*

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE

3. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

4 BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Alpers:

- 4/16 - First 5 Commission meeting held at MCOE Conference Room in Bridgeport.
 - Approved contracts for:
 - School Readiness Summer Bridge Program with Mammoth Unified SD and Eastern Sierra for kids going into Kindergarten.

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- Safe Kids Coordination Program which provides free bicycle helmets and car seats for the kids.
- Kindergarten Roundup Program was very successful Countywide.
- The Commission provided project suggestions for the Mono County Strategic Plan for County Administrator Jim Leddy. These suggestions include increasing child care and encouraging early literacy.
- Commissioners Barbara Miller and Kim Escadero-Karch have resigned for personal reasons. Their service was acknowledged with gorgeous plaques in their honor.
- 4/17 - The April ESTA meeting was cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.
- Thank Jim Leddy & Jeff Walters for work on Mono City speed issue.

Supervisor Corless:

- Continue working on our Town Hall event—"Cooperating to Compete: A Community Conversation." Tuesday, 4/28 6:30-8:30 at the Forest Service auditorium in Mammoth. Huge thanks to Jeff and Alicia in Economic Development, Lawson Reif at Inyo National Forest.
- Things are slowing down in Mammoth; visitor numbers are lower, so everyone's looking forward to fishing opener. The Lakes Basin is open—she enjoyed running and hiking around there the past couple weeks, lakes look fantastic and kudos to Inyo National Forest for getting roads and campgrounds open early. Received an inquiry from a constituent about cleaning up fishing line and gear, and thinks it would be a great idea for the fisheries commission to support a regular cleanup event in Mammoth. She'll be bringing the idea to the commission in May, and Cal Trout has offered to help too.
- There is concern in Mammoth regarding the state water board's just-released urban water use regulations—Mammoth Community Water District is on the list for mandatory 36% cuts. The district already announced level III restrictions to achieve 30% reduction over the past 5 year average use. The data doesn't seem to add up right—because the proposed cuts are based on Mammoth's year-round population, not accounting for visitors. Meanwhile, though, comments are due by Wednesday. CSAC has a briefing scheduled on Wednesday as well. You can visit the website at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/drought/emergency_mandatory_regulations.shtml#
 - It was decided to create an emergency item to allow the Board to send a comment letter. See last item after closed session for information.
- Local Mental Health Board Training: attended in San Pedro Friday at the recommendation of Robin Roberts, hosted (and travel paid for) by the California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions. It was very informative and she looks forward to working with Robin to refine the goals of the committee to better serve our communities. She'd like to schedule a workshop at 5/12 meeting to provide an overview of what this advisory board's role is and how we as supervisors need to support it.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Not present at today's meeting.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Reported that Obama signed HR 2 which funded the Secure Rural Schools Act extended funding. It also included a 2-year extension of the Children's Health Insurance Program and the Home Visiting Program.
- Reported that State Senator Beall released details of SB 16 which would address issues with highway funding needs; generally would increase user fees.
- Noted that the state is projecting that there will be about 1.3 billion more revenue than thought. It would be about 73.2 versus 71.9 billion.
- Worked on his recommended person for appointment to the EMS committee.
- Talked to former Supervisor Hazard and asked staff about providing a D-395 mug for him and his wife.

Supervisor Stump:

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- 4-18 - Attended the Lower Rock Creek Mutual Water Company Meeting in Paradise -like most small water entities they are struggling to keep up with mandates and infrastructure needs. Their well is down 2 to 3 feet.
- 4-20 - Attended the Eastern Sierra School District Forum in Benton - The school district informed the Community of additional cuts to Edna Beaman School.
- Talked with Karen Farrel-Ingraham, they will be rebuilding in Swall Meadows.
- Thank you to Benton Road Department crew for work on road shoulders.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Jim Leddy:

- Chairman Fesko invited to announcement that Sage Grouse will not be listed as endangered.
- **April 16th** – Attended the First Five meeting in Bridgeport. Received ideas from the Commission for potential project of consideration in the Strategic Planning Framework.
- **April 20th** – Attended via teleconference a meeting with Ron Day, Angelle Nolan and Sheriff Ingrid Braun continuing the discussion of the potential establishment of a volunteer Equine Rescue Unit. Ron and Jolene Day are working on a proposal to help horses rescue in emergency situations. Sheriff Braun will connect Ron and Jolene with Sgts. Beard and Clark to discuss the proposal in greater detail. The idea will ultimately need to come before the Board for consideration.
- **April 20th** – Met with several departments to discuss implementation of Bridgeport Office re-organization. Process is proceeding per the Board approved proposal of April 14th.
- May 21 or 22 strategic planning meeting with Trindel.

6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

- Scott Burns – update on Sage Grouse issue, had handout for Board. Commended Wendy Sugimura for her work.

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. Golden State Finance Authority Joint Powers Agreement Amendments

Departments: Board of Supervisors

Proposed resolution approving revisions to the Golden State Finance Authority Joint Powers Agreement.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution #R15-27, approving revisions to the Golden State Finance Authority Joint Powers Agreement.

Alpers moved; Corless Seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Fesko

R15-27

B. California Arts Council JUMP Starts Grant

Departments: Probation

Mono County Probation Department proposes to seek California Arts Council JUMP StArts Grant

Action: Approval for the Mono County Probation Department to seek grant

funds of \$50,000 for the Youth Arts Program.

Alpers moved; Corless Seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Fesko

M15-83

- C. Appointment of Rick LaBorde and Reappointment of John Connolly to CSA #1
Departments: Clerk of the Board

Appointment of Rick LaBorde to CSA #1 Board to fill recently expired term of Lynda Salcido. This term will expire 11/30/2018. Reappointment of John Connolly to CSA #1 Board whose term expired on 11/30/2014. This new term will also expire on 11/30/2018. This item is being sponsored by Supervisor Stump.

Action: Appoint Rick LaBorde to CSA #1 Board and reappoint John Connolly to the CSA #1 Board, both terms expiring 11/30/2018.

Alpers moved; Corless Seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Fesko

M15-84

- D. Hiring Freeze Variance - Maintenance Worker II-III Vacancy
Departments: Public Works

Due to an upcoming requested transfer of a Maintenance Worker II there will exist a vacancy for a Maintenance Worker II-III in Bridgeport/Lee Vining. Public Works has followed the Mono County Public Employees MOU protocol to fill that vacancy.

Action: Authorize Public Works Director, in consultation with Human Resources, to recruit in-county to fill a Maintenance Worker II-III vacancy in Road/Facilities. If no requests are received in-county then advertise out-of-county to fill same vacancy.

Alpers moved; Corless Seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Fesko

M15-85

- E. Property Tax Software Maintenance Agreement
Departments: Finance

Proposed contract and addendum with Megabyte Systems, Inc., for software maintenance and web services.

Action: Approve proposed contract and addendum with Megabyte Systems, Inc., for software maintenance and web services pertaining to the County property tax system not to exceed \$120,000.

Alpers moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 3 yes; 1 no: Johnston; 1 absent: Fesko

M15-86

Supervisor Johnston:

- Wanted it on the record that the only consent item he was in protest to was #7e, the Megabyte item.

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

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

A. Application for ABC License for Mono Inn

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Correspondence received regarding an Application for Alcoholic Beverage License for Mono Inn, dated April 6, 2015.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

9. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Public Land Issue Update

Departments: Clerk of the Board

(Ken Brown) - Ken Brown, Executive Director for Western Counties Alliance (a non-profit organization), will give a brief update on Public Lands Issues. Chairman Fesko has agreed to sponsor this item.

Action: None.

Ken Brown:

- Alliance brings attention to public land issues.
- PILT will be funded, payment in June. 2014 payments 437 million, 2015 442 million.
- Challenge is how feds will make payments. Feds propose 405 million in June, balance in October in next federal fiscal year.
- Funding is on an annual basis, not permanent.
- PILT is valuable to counties providing services on public lands.
- Possible offsets for funding:
 - Land Water Resource Fund – has a billion in fund
 - Mineral Oil Royalties
 - Foreign Aid
- Office of Interior Budget will pass on suggested offsets.
- There are areas where purchase of lands makes sense, but should be collaborative.
- No SRS payments for rural schools; rural schools revenue will be down.
- 2014 California received 35 million+, 2015 8 million+.
- SRS will be restored for 2016 and 2017.
- There is discussion to reverse phase-out.
- Wild Horse/Burro Program – there are areas where land cannot sustain them, causing resource damage. Feds need to determine sustainable levels.
- Lands Council wants to move Public Land Transfer issue forward, will see how it works out, but it is a longshot.
- Geothermal – California ranks #1 in federal payments.
- Greater Sage Grouse – good comments submitted by various organizations regarding federal listing. Lawsuit has been filed challenging science used by feds.
- Southern Utah has not joined, but good collaboration.
- Please consider having Mono County join WCA. Dues have gone down. Inyo County is a member.

Supervisor Alpers:

- What was response to offset suggestions?

Supervisor Johnston:

- Are there areas where federal purchase of private lands makes sense?
- Has Southern Utah Wilderness joined alliance?
- People come to Mono County for open spaces.

Leslie Chapman:

- Mono County is a "B" county, will not be impacted as bad as others.

Supervisor Corless:

- President Obama signed SRS funding.
- John Muir's birthday; she read one of his quotes, believes recreation is fountain of life. Would like to see more focus by WCA on recreation.

Supervisor Stump:

- Is there discussion on reversing phase-out of SRS?
- Is there way to assess impacts by burros?
- Mono County habitation efforts predated proposed sage grouse listings.
- Membership will be considered in budget discussions.

B. Town of Mammoth Lakes Informational Update

Departments: CAO, Board of Supervisors

(Dan Holler) - Town of Mammoth Lakes Informational Report.

Action: None.

Dan Holler:

- Budget will be challenge.
- Looking at zoning changes to be developer ready.
- Parking and transit issues being looked at.
- Enhanced Infrastructure Finance District still being looked at.
- Reviewing Housing Ordinances and Impact Fees.
- Housing Strategy update for workforce housing.
- Currently working with Mammoth Lakes Housing on rehabbing an apartment complex, \$400,000+.
- Summer project will be undergrounding of main street power lines, made possible by funding from town, county and SCE.
- Next summer will be sidewalks on Main Street.
- Rainbow Lane project by John Hooper is going forward.
- Working on pathways and parking with school district.
- RFQ for airport terminal expansion going out in May. Hoping to start work in FY 2018/2019.
- Working on rehabbing airport apron using rehabbed materials.
- Connector path on Lake Mary Road.
- Lakes Basin is open. Town has Sani-Huts in place.
- Looking at relocation of Ice Rink, new Police Station.
- Replacing Finance System.
- Upgrading technology in Suite Z.
- Working with I-Star on White Stag demolition; may use as interim parking for the Village.

John Wentworth:

- Synergy Summit- how services are delivered to public; first meeting April 30th.
- Mammoth Lakes Recreation hiring Executive Director.
- Working with Supervisor Corless and Councilman Fernie on meeting April 28 re: Opportunity to Compete.
- Nationally, 646 billion generated annually by outdoor recreation.
- May 10, Open House on Digital 395 and regional providers.

- Reviewing issues related to single night SFR rentals.

Supervisor Corless:

- Thank you for coming and for work on early opening of recreation facilities.
- Thank you for information on meeting April 30th.
- Will present information to town on May 6th on behalf of county.

Supervisor Alpers:

- Very ambitious list.
- Reviewed underground project time frame and cost.

Supervisor Stump:

- Thanked Supervisor Corless, Holler and Wentworth for arranging this.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Peter Bernasconi was big help.

C. Review of Local Emergencies

Departments: CAO

(Jim Leddy) - Review state of local emergencies, which were proclaimed by the Sheriff as Director Emergency Services on February 6, 2015, and ratified by the Board on February 10, 2015 and the second local emergency proclaimed by the Mono County Health Officer on February 11, 2015 and ratified by the Board on February 17, 2015.

Action: Continue the state of local emergencies.

Johnston moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Fesko

M15-87

Jim Leddy:

- Will have request for reserve spending on May 5th.

Supervisor Stump:

- Community appreciates resolution, wants it to continue through cleanup.

D. Wheeler Crest Design Review Committee Membership Expansion

Departments: Community Development Department

(Scott Burns) - Proposed Ordinance amending Mono County Ordinance 91-07, which established a Design Review Committee for the Wheeler Crest Planning Area, in order to modify Committee membership criteria and increase number of members to a maximum of seven.

Action: Introduce, read title, and waive further reading of proposed ordinance, as modified per discussion.

Johnston moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Fesko

M15-88

Scott Burns:

- Several people interested in joining committee.
- Propose increasing membership from 5 to 7, allow non-resident property owners to serve, allow Supervisors to recommend members.

Stacie Simon:

- Integrated public comment into resolution. Made change to language.

E. CAO Transition

Departments: CAO

(Jim Leddy) - CAO Jim Leddy announced his retirement on April 14, effective on May 31, 2015. The Board will discuss with CAO Leddy projects and priority-setting for his remaining time with the county.

Action: None.

Jim Leddy:

- Thanks to Board and staff for supporting him over last 2 years.
- Will work with all departments to ensure projects go forward.
- Has list of ongoing projects.
- Strategic Planning – has been to every RPAC except June Lake.
- 112 items on plan – unsustainable. Will increase more before it gets whittled down.
- Thanked Supervisor Corless for work and support of Strategic Planning, and other Supervisors for their interest in other projects.
- Described process of going to RPAC meetings.
- Paramedic program needs to be focused on.
- Labor negotiations ongoing.
- Working on State of the County and Annual Report. Should come out in January.
- Round Valley Fire Recovery is winding down, next stage is rebuilding.
- Sonora Pass truck issue will be coming back.
- Good to have employee roundtable meetings continue, maybe every other month.
- Energy Task Force meets tomorrow, discussion of responsibility will be on list. There will be a point person for all ongoing items.
- Rollover budget in June, followed by town hall meetings, then actual budget hearings.
- Need consistency in transition.
- Will be discussing transition at May 6th management meeting.

Supervisor Corless:

- Important to have this as an open session item.
- Need to include staff in discussion.
- Need to address HR manager.
- Would like to integrate budget and strategic plan.
- Willing to assist with annual report.
- May be a good idea to put out some comments ahead of May 6th meeting.

Supervisor Alpers:

- Thanked Jim for help while going through his vision issues.
- Strategic Planning is vital.
- Wants to continue community budget hearings.
- We have talent in managers and an ongoing strategic plan; need to continue moving forward.
- Need to encourage questions, and get everyone on same page.

Supervisor Stump:

- Department heads need to be involved in determining direction of transition and interim leadership.
- Will work with Jim on communication to staff.
- Will continue to revisit discussion at May meetings.
- Let staff know we all have to go through this together.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Will Jim be handing off items to different department heads or other people?
- What about Energy Task Force?

Lynda Salcido:

- Acknowledged Jim's work for the County, especially on strategic plan.
- Employee communication has been well received, needs to continue.

Robin Roberts:

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- Need to continue Jim's work on strategic plan maybe have department heads pick up slack.
- Need clarity on responsibilities (Interim CAO, division of duties, etc.) to mitigate confusion in daily work.
- Volunteered Lynda and herself to assist with transition.
- Need to continue department head meetings.

Leslie Chapman:

- Echoes previous comments
- Department heads are committed to keeping momentum going.
- Need communication from Board to ease management and employee stress and reduce rumors.

Ingrid Braun:

- Wants to keep momentum going, willing to assist in transition process.

Bob Musil:

- Ditto, offered personal and department assistance going forward.

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

11. CLOSED SESSION

There was nothing to report out of 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.

B. Closed Session - Conference With Legal Counsel

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: one.

C. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel

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

D. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: 1. Facts and

circumstances: personnel complaint.

12. REGULAR AGENDA AFTERNOON – EMERGENCY ITEM ADDED

Motion to have an emergency item added to the agenda was made during Supervisor Corless' board report.

Action: Move that the Board determine that there is a need to take immediate action with respect to the proposed agenda item (letter to State Board regarding water usage), that the need for Action came to the County's attention subsequent to the agenda being posted and therefore, that the Board add the item to the agenda.

Corless moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Fesko

M15-89

Letter, which has been drafted by staff, was reviewed and approved after closed session, in the afternoon.

Action: Move to approve requested letter as amended.

Johnston moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Fesko

M15-90

Jim Leddy:

- Has draft letter to send to SWRCB, requesting they use 16,400 population figure (daily average population) rather than permanent population.

Supervisor Corless:

- Information about the need for this item is found in her board report.
- Wants letter to mention existing level 3 restrictions.

Supervisor Stump:

- Suggested board come back after closed session.

ADJOURN: 1:33 p.m.

ATTEST

FRED STUMP
VICE-CHAIRMAN

BOB MUSIL
CLERK OF THE BOARD