



**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
October 13, 2015**

9:00 AM Call meeting to Order by Chairman Fesko.

*Supervisor present: Alpers, Corless, Fesko, Johnston and Stump.
Supervisors absent: None.*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Corless.

*Break: 10:18 a.m.
Reconvene: 10:32 a.m.
Closed Session: 12:30 p.m.
Adjourn: 2:56 p.m.*

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1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

John Schoonover:

- Here as representative with Friends of the Library.
- Looking for funding as they are experiencing a deficit in funding.
- Looking for new revenues.
- Original idea was to cut hours in Bridgeport.
- Office of Education due to have another meeting soon; not sure if action will be taken, will be very hard to undo once it's done.
- They'd appreciate any help the board can give.

Ann Schoonover:

- Also concerned about the library in Bridgeport.
- They are also looking to demote main librarian.
- Explained hours of library.

Abbie Bridges (Librarian):

- Due to many years of fiscal mismanagement, library is now in a budget crisis.
- The library has been using reserve funds for all Mono County libraries.
- They're in need of about \$67,000 – this is what would help run all Mono County libraries. The Bridgeport library needs about \$15,000.
- They are hoping for a short term loan or possibly funding for this year.
- Back in early 60's the Board of Supervisors, according to California Codes, are the ones that select the county librarian. Current county librarian is not credentialed which is a requirement.
- If the County librarian was removed, it would solve the budget crisis.
- Reminded the Board how vital the libraries are to tourism.
- She's concerned that the meeting on the 22nd could result in unchangeable results.
- Supervisor Stump: mentioned that he attended the meeting in Mammoth; he also wrote a letter to their board that was read at the meeting two weeks ago. Part of the problem the library system has is the debt on the building, which was inherited by Stacey Adler.
- Supervisor Fesko: suggested we get this item agendized. Would like this on the 10/20/15 agenda.
- Marshall Rudolph: this item could be agendized for 10/20 – may want to invite Stacey Adler – can't really loan money to unwilling parties. Gave some information regarding the Public Records Act.

Bob Wilson:

- Resident of Twin Lakes.
- Gave his concerns and history on the library issue.
- Asked for itemized breakdown of budget as this was not given to him when he asked.

Brian Lahren:

- Gave further information on budget, funding issue.
- Further history about the use of the library by all the kids.
- There is a lot of money brought paid out to school boards and superintendents.

Sandy Pritchett:

- Gave additional historical and other information relating to library.

Per Supervisors:

- Item to be on 10/20 meeting in Mammoth during the afternoon session.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE

3. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Alpers:

- In total support of Stacy Corless doing the board updates on a temporary basis; appreciates her stepping up.
- 10/6 - Attended the June Lake CAC held at the June Lake Community Center. Pleased to announce that Sheriff Braun and the June Lake Historical Society have reached a tentative agreement regarding the use of the June Lake Sheriff's substation building as a Visitor Center and headquarters for the Historical Society. The Sheriff's Dept. will continue to use one room in the building as the substation. He will keep the Board informed as to changes and upgrades to the building. There is concern over the prolific buildup of Eurasian Milfoil aquatic weeds in Gull Lake. This

invasive species is fast growing and was most likely inadvertently introduced by lake boaters. I know of no USFS or LRWQCB policies on how to control this particular weed species. He will keep the Board updated on this issue.

- 10/11 - Attended Memorial Services for Connie Black held at the Double Eagle Resort and Spa. Ralph Lockhart, Connie's son, led the service that was highly attended by friends and family from out of the areas as well as local. At the conclusion of the Service, Ralph unveiled a beautiful plaque honoring Connie and her previously deceased husband Ron, at the base of a wood carving to 2 bald eagles located near the entrance of the property.
- 10/12 - Toured the June Lake Loop to observe tourists and locals out amongst the fall colors. The Silver Lake Resort area, ranging from the SCE Hydro Station to the inlet to Grant Lake, was packed with photographers, bikers, hikers, fishermen, rollerbladers and general fall color observers. The Resort, RV Park and USFS Campground were still full. He thinks our Economic Development and Tourism staff has done an excellent job of promoting our gorgeous fall weather and attractions.

Supervisor Corless:

- 10/10 Event—great things in District 5! Thanks to Friends of the Inyo, especially Laura Beardsley for planning, and Casey Penn, Paul McFarland and Lindsay Anderson for working the event; Mark Drew and Andrew Skaggs of Cal Trout; and the Fisheries Commission, especially Sue Burak, who championed this event and volunteered on Saturday. Here are statistics from the event:
 - Volunteers: 14
 - Hours per volunteer: 3.5
 - Willows planted: 110
 - Pounds of trash picked up: 500lbs
 - Fire rings dismantled: 2
 - Feet of trail maintained: 30ft
- Noticed that Senator Berryhill and Congressman Cook's office are planning to hold office hours in Mammoth on 10/23, wondering if any board members have gotten notice and are planning to attend? Will reach out to their offices.
- Meeting with Stacey Adler this week regarding library issues.
- Weekly/monthly board report: Would like to offer to take this over in the interim (through end of year).

Supervisor Fesko:

- Nothing to report this week.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Recognized and congratulated Bob Musil and his staff for a successful election regarding Measure Z.
- Attended the Town's special meeting regarding the continuing workshops on the strategic goals and priorities, and bringing the non-governmental agencies together. A handout from the meeting was distributed to Board members. Next meeting will be held on November 17th, 1 to 5 PM, Suite Z.
- Noted the letter from the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District to various legislators regarding the wildfire smoke issues. The letter was well written and commended Supervisors Stump and Kingsley and Great Basin staff for their work on the letter. Also provided a copy to other interested citizens.
- The Governor has signed a number of bills; these will be released in a CSAC special bulletin today.

Supervisor Stump:

- 10-7: Attended the CSA 1 Community Workshop. Strong support for the skate park project (gave information on the history of the project).
- Asked to adjourn board meeting in memory of Dr. Tomi Bortolazzo who was

found deceased in her home.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

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

Lynda Salcido:

- CHIAC – health executives throughout state meeting. A lot of work to be done in her own Department
- Shared that Dr. Tomi Bortolazzo (urologist) was found dead at home last evening.

6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Sheriff Braun:

- Spoke briefly about Dr. Bortolazzo, very unexpected death.
- Went to CSSA quarterly conference; one bill signed that will impact Sheriff are new requirements for every contact the Sheriff's has. Will be a mandate where reimbursement will need to be sought after. (Supervisor Stump asked about GPS being sufficient location. Asked similar question to CHP Lieutenant who was in the audience.)
- Director of ICE was here talking about their program.

CHP Lt. Jeff Holt:

- Explained the way they handle documenting their contacts with citizens, on highway, etc.
- Sobriety checkpoint question by Supervisor Johnston: entry into Mammoth. Asked why at entry and not when they are exiting Mammoth? The Lt. gave explanation as to why they conducted sobriety checkpoints where they do. They used 203 as a common location. You have to give citizens an "escape point" by posting signs, giving public notice.

Leslie Chapman:

- Received award from State Comptroller's office. She read the letter received out loud.
 - Supervisor Stump asked that she have her staff sit in the board room at some point in the future, after award is received to receive congratulations and commendation publicly from the Board.
 - Supervisor Johnston: suggested she submit to newspapers and media to let community know.

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. July & August Treasury Transaction Reports

Departments: Finance

Treasury Transaction Reports for the months of July & August 2015.

Action: Approve the Treasury Transaction Reports for the months of July & August 2015.

Corless moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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B. FY 2015-2016 Department of Boating and Waterways Equipment Grant

Departments: Sheriff

The Mono County Sheriff's Office has received the annual Equipment Grant contract from the California Department of Boating and Waterways in the amount of \$15,050.00.

Action: 1. For the Board of Supervisors to authorize the Sheriff's Office to participate in our annual California Department of Boating and Waterways Equipment Grant program for fiscal year 2015-2016. 2. Authorize the Board of Supervisors to sign the contract via Minute Order with the California Department of Boating and Waterways for fiscal year 2015-2016. 3. Amend the fiscal year 2015-2016 Board approved budget as follows: increase projected revenues in Federal Boating and Waterways Grant by \$15,050 and increase appropriations is Special Department Expense and Equipment Maintenance and Repair by \$5,350 and \$9,700, respectively (4/5ths vote required.) 4. Authorize Sheriff Ingrid Braun to sign all contract and reimbursement forms for said contract.

Corless moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL) - NONE

9. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Response to Grand Jury Report

Departments: Board of Supervisors, CAO, County Counsel (Lynda Salcido, Marshall Rudolph) - Response by Board of Supervisors to the 2014-15 Mono County Grand Jury's final report.

Action: None.

Marshall Rudolph:

- He'll take the lead on this with input from CAO Lynda Salcido as needed.
- This is a joint response (from County Counsel and CAO) for various reasons, need to stay in the legal realm AND address the 'issues' in a substantive way.
- Explained information submitted with packet.
- The Board only needs to be concerned with county affairs, not town related issues.
- Explained the differences in response by Sheriff and Assessor (as elected officials).
- This is the same format we've used in the past: cover letter, attachment A – goes through portions of report with findings/recommendations.
- Asked Board how they'd like to go through this item to get to the signing of the letter.
- Suggests he take the feedback and incorporate changes and bring back for approval on consent agenda next week (10/20).

Animal Control Findings/Recommendations:

Supervisor Fesko:

- Mentioned some brief spelling errors.

Supervisor Corless:

- Animal Control Recommendation #1 – mentioned that the Town had added language about “collaboratively working with the county”, suggested we echo something of the same. Doesn’t change the substance of reply, it just puts in “collaborative” wording.
- Feels overall, we should review the Town’s response focusing on Animal Control.

Supervisor Stump:

- Points out that the Town had to back away from Animal Control due to budgeting issues.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Feels that the Animal Control issue by the Town is a “cop out”, we shouldn’t make it easy for them to not contribute. We need wording in the response that says the Town needs to help fund it again.
- Asked what we’re doing right now for Animal Control recording keeping? Suggests we change wording regarding the record keeping.

Leslie Chapman:

- We are in the process of digitizing Animal Control records via Innoprise.

Assessor’s Office Findings/Recommendations:

Supervisor Stump:

- Recommendation #2 – has issue that we may have restrictions legally on what we can do – should that be in there?
- Any reference as to the Assessor being an elected position? The Board is very limited as to what they can do.

Marshall Rudolph:

- Acknowledged that the legal restrictions aren’t necessarily spelled out in recommendation #2.
- The statute puts you in a box with certain wording.
- Suggested wording about the Assessor’s position being an elected position and the Board not having much ability to take too much action.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Asked about wording on recommendations.

Jail Examination Findings/Recommendations:

Supervisor Johnston:

- Not sure why we disagree with Finding #1.
- We could push out to 15-16 or midyear budget.
- Finding #2 sounds flippant.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Unused holding cell – is it used or not used?

Sheriff Braun:

- She agrees with Finding #1 as it has come up every year in Grand Jury report. She worded her response in the context of “would LIKE to implement it”.
- Discussion about the holding cell in Mammoth being not used often.

Supervisor Stump:

- Thinks we need to change it that we agree with the finding.
- Is there a way to put that we are “studying” the implementation?

Marshall Rudolph:

- If you put a time on when you might implement hiring a cook, might not

- be a good idea.
- We can agree with the finding and say we can't implement due to lack of funding.
- How about it WILL be implement IF Board has funding in 2015-16 Fiscal Year.
- Gave variations to wording.
- We can just "agree" and what for implementation? Recommendation requires further analysis.....
- In Re to Finding #2 – he was trying not to respond with too much information.
- In Re to Finding #3 – maybe we need to say it's not used "very often", not that it's unused. Board could "generally" agree with finding.

B. Strategic Plan 2015-16 Priorities and Timeline

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Stacy Corless) - Presentation of 2015-16 strategic plan priorities and activities, developed from Board of Supervisors feedback (following the July 7 strategic plan workshop) and final budget approval.

Action: Approve 2015-16 strategic plan priorities and activities, changing the wording from "priorities" to "areas".

Alpers moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 1 no: Johnston

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Supervisor Corless:

- Thanked the Strategic Planning Team for coming up with plans to implement.
- Handed out printouts.

Mono County Strategic Plan Power Point (all slides will be posted to the web):

- A tool to establish direction and provide alignment for the organization
- An effort to align the organization with the community
- A document to help prioritize projects/programs and budget to them
- An evolving plan to adapt to community needs and promote sustainability
- A road map to move Mono County toward a shared vision
- The Mono County Strategic Plan is a lens to focus project and program priorities, then budget to those priorities.

Additional Comments:

- Explained more about what is being asked of the board today.
- The board is basically being asked to send out policy discussion.
- The goal is not to get into too great of detail. All open for discussion by the Board. They need direction that they've got the RIGHT priorities, not that they all contain every single detail at the moment.
- In future years, as this gets refined, the tactical steps will be defined more accurately.
- We're trying to keep this high level, not tactical.

Megan Mahaffey:

Power Point continued:

- Mono County Strategic Plan Background
- How do we get to the "best Mono imaginable"
- Working together toward the same set of goals
- 177 Employees = 67% Participation

- Mono County Strategic Plan Framework (Vision, Mission, Values, Strategic Directions)
- Mono County Strategic Plan Integration
- 2015-2106 Priorities

Nate Greenberg:

- Plan before Board today is setting long term goals; on annual basis establishing priorities which more or less house our projects.

Power Point continued:

- Are we doing what we're supposed to be doing
- Timeline will allow for measurement implementation
- Performance Measurement and Accountability
- What is needed today
 - Direction to take the next step in Mono County Strategic Plan
 - Approve Mono County Strategic Plan 2015-2016 Priorities and Timeline
 - Direction to Implement Mono County Strategic Plan based on 2015-2016 Priorities and Timeline

Additional comments:

- He agrees that the "final document" is not necessarily in front of the board and compiled.
- Would it help to change words "Priorities" to "Initiatives" or something else?

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Supervisor Johnston:

- For him getting the General Plan updated is the #1 thing; it's not even listed as a priority.
- Asked about Solid Waste Planning – where is it?
- There's no timeline, no set projects.
- Mentioned a Strategic Management Plan done by Caltrans that is really good.

Leslie Chapman:

- Today the board is seeing high level priorities.
- Once we get to mid-budget we'll be revisiting the department goals/objectives which are the projects in the Strategic Plan.

Supervisor Stump:

- When you have an emergency incident, you have a plan. One of the first pages gives overall goals. Then it gets further broken down. He thinks that what is being done here.
- You do need to be able to reference the Department budget pages to get the total picture, but he sees a parallel of an incident plan and this plan.
- Sounds like there are some major disagreements between the team and Supervisor Johnston's vision – we all need to understand that there are going to be bumps in the road. Staffing levels need to be recognized during this entire process.
- We've already weighed in on the budget documents.

Supervisor Fesko:

- At first glance, he asked "where is all this tied together"?
- He doesn't want to have to go to two separate documents to see how it all fits together.
- He'd like to see projects and how they relate before mid-year.
- We need to give the Strategic Planning Team the leeway to continue work on this with what is in front of us today. He's comfortable with doing this; he has faith in the staff.

- We need to just get the process in step.
- Appreciates staff's work on this; feels that the Board has given the team a lot of leeway. He has faith in the process. Looks forward to January/February.

Supervisor Alpers:

- Each of the 24 items should have a list that's generated to see what applies to them and how they are prioritized.
- We need to keep the team moving; they are waiting for direction so they can continue.
- He thanked Supervisor Corless.

Robin Roberts:

- Mentioned that this is something that people have worked very hard on without much direction from CAO (since there isn't one).
- The details are all in the budget narratives that the Board has already voted on.
- It's not completed, doesn't have *everything* it needs. What's missing for Supervisor Johnston are the things they avoided.

Scott Burns:

- General Plan is a "mandated" requirement, we are doing it, we have to do it.

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 Lynda Salcido. 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 – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: Luman v. Mono County Personnel Appeals Board et. al.

C. Closed Session - County Counsel Performance Evaluation

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Counsel.

D. Closed Session - Public Employment

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: HR Manager.

E. Closed Session - Public Employment

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: Risk Manager.

F. Closed Session - Public Employment

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrator.

ADJOURN at 2:56 p.m. in honor of Dr. Tomi Bortolazzo who recently passed away.

ATTEST

TIMOTHY E. FESKO
CHAIRMAN

SHANNON KENDALL
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD