



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  
November 10, 2015

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Flash Drive	#1001
Minute Orders	M15-225 to M15-229
Resolutions	R15-76 to R15-80
Ordinance	ORD15-08 NOT USED

9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 a.m.

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

*Break: 9:22 a.m.  
Reconvene: 9:29 a.m.  
Break: 10: 56 a.m.  
Reconvene: 11:03 a.m.  
Closed Session: 11:11 a.m.  
Reconvene: 12:43 p.m.  
Adjourn: 12:45 p.m.*

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Stump.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD  
*No one spoke.*
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE
3. RECOGNITIONS
  - A. Resolution in Appreciation of Jeff Ulrich

Departments: Board of Supervisors

Presentation of Resolution of Appreciation for retiring Bridgeport District Ranger Jeff Ulrich. This item is being requested by Supervisor Tim Fesko.

**Action:** Approve resolution of appreciation for retiring Bridgeport District Ranger Jeff Ulrich.

**Fesko moved; Stump seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M15-225**

**Chairman Fesko:**

- Read and presented resolution

#### 4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

**Supervisor Alpers read this announcement:**

Three years goes by quickly in the busy lives of county supervisors. What we have accomplished in that time as a team for this County, its constituents and visitors has been, in my mind, nothing short of spectacular. A number of issues, such as solid waste, carb compliance and the paramedic program, that have been "kicked down the road" by previous Boards, are now being addressed head on by the current Board. Positive new leadership in so many departments and continued stabilization of the workforce has been crucial. Veteran department heads are shining in such difficult areas as endangered species, carb compliance, emergency medical services, senior programs, facilities O & M and economic development to name just a few. The infrastructure improvements countywide have been significant, including the Board's commitment to renewables, and road and street improvements in almost all of our communities. Our emergency service and response programs, especially in the south County, have shined considering the monstrous fire emergencies in Paradise/Swall Meadows, June Lake, Lee Vining and Bridgeport. Our continued commitment to improved cellular service and high speed digital access through Digital 395 and the soon to be connected communities throughout the County will pay dividends in the near future. Our relationship with the Town of Mammoth Lakes is at a high point with our IT contract, parcel fee and solid waste flow agreements, and a quarterly public information exchange between our two entities. Through the CPT and outreach from individual Supervisors and department heads, our shared working environment with Federal, State, County, Municipal and Tribal jurisdictions, including major utilities, is moving forward in good faith with a high level of communication. Adopted Boardroom protocols, published legislative objectives, and the strategic planning process we have embarked upon are activities unmatched in the administrative history of Mono County. I don't have the time this morning to embellish the myriad of accomplishments, both big and small and by all involved, that I could as we have business to conduct. I do, however, sense that Mono County is on the path to become that sparkling example of quality local government that I always imagined it could be.

It is with this sense of pride and team accomplishment that I am announcing that I will not seek re-election to the Mono County Board of Supervisors in 2016. In my judgment, the time is right for a District Three succession plan. By my announcement today, individuals interested in running for this seat will have at least 3 months of study and observation available to them before making a decision. With the veteran leadership currently in place, it will be much easier and faster for a new leader to be brought up to effective speed on the job. For me, It is time to move on to specific projects and challenges that I have always dreamed of engaging. I like what JFK once said "Those who dare to fail miserably can achieve greatly." That

being said, I am looking forward to a great year of productive accomplishment throughout the Mono County operation in 2016.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Congratulations to Leslie Chapman; she is looking forward to working with her in this new capacity, continuing the strategic planning process, and building the CAO's office, including hiring a Human Resources director.
- Mammoth Mountain is open and snow is falling—great start to the ski season.
- EMS meeting: good progress, many thanks to committee members, especially Rosemary Sachs, her appointee who represents Mammoth Hospital.
- Thanks to the Antelope Valley RPAC and to local residents for an engaging—if somewhat contentious—meeting on Thursday. She hopes that we can schedule special evening meetings in all county communities so that we can have more interaction with constituents.
- Recording issue: news from Mammoth Lakes Board of Realtors that Inyo-Mono Title, after 32 years, will be cutting back on the days per week that has staff handling recording in Bridgeport—due to employee status changes. Realtors are concerned, and the MLBOR will be discussing at their meeting tomorrow. She brought this issue to Leslie and Bob, and hope the county can help facilitate a solution—perhaps recording in Mammoth one day a week, and investigating moving to the electronic recording delivery system.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- November 3 – Attended CSA #5 in Bridgeport. Two items of interest are: (1) The CSA is moving forward with the contract with Foxx Communications in its attempt to get internet access into the Twin Lakes area. (2) The Bridgeport Friends of the Library were present to open discussion about funding for a Visitors Center at the library. This would help drive even more people into this facility.
- November 4 – met with Community advocates for the EMS program to discuss their thoughts and concerns on the program. Updated them on the current status of the EMS Ad-Hoc committee.
- Met with Community Leaders to discuss future projects in and around Walker.
- November 5 – attended the EMS Ad-Hoc meeting in Lee Vining. The entire Board of Supervisors were present to hear a presentation by Ad-Hoc members on how the current system on the ground operates. At the next meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>, we shall start working on the two options in front of the committee at this time.
- Attended the Board of Supervisors Special Meeting in Walker. This meeting was held in conjunction with the regular Antelope Valley RPAC Meeting.
- November 9 – attended the Local Transportation Committees meeting. CalTrans reported on a number of projects in Mono County, ranging from ideas, to project study, to environmental study, to design, and construction. Just some are: Conway Guardrail, North Sherwin Shoulders, Lee Vining ADA, Sheep Ranch Shoulders, Aspen-Fales shoulders, N Main Street Sidewalks, Virginia Lakes Turn Pocket, Little Walker Shoulders, Crestview Maintenance Truck Shed, etc.
- Thanked staff on many levels – Gerry LeFrancois and Scott Burns for their efforts on the planning side. Also thanks to Clerk-Recorder for all work involved in getting agendas out.
- Handout re: Mono County Projects (to be posted to web); brief discussion on some of them.
- Dick Noles passed away, adjourn meeting in honor of him.

- Catherine Swallow also passed away, a woman known to the area that was in assisted living in Gardnerville, NV. Asked that meeting also be adjourned in her honor.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Attended the EMS meeting in Lee Vining on November 5th.
- Attended the Antelope Valley RPAC on the evening of November 5th.
- Also attended the LTC where there were quarterly reports from each jurisdiction; noted that the adoption of the Regional Transportation Plan will be in December; heard a report from CALTRANS regarding the draft Hwy 89 Route Concept; and received an ESTA update among other items.
- Participated in the Treasury Oversight Committee meeting on Monday, November 9th; the summary report will be forthcoming at our next Board meeting.
- Noted that he will be attending the all day Mammoth Lakes Housing strategy session on November 12.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- 11-4: Tour of Hwy 6 culverts with Josh of Public Works followed by a meeting at Cal Trans Dist. 9 office to discuss Hwy 6.
- 11-5: EMS Committee with full Board.
- 11-5: Walker RPAC meeting/special meeting.
- 11-9 : LTC, Cal Trans gave more information on Hwy 6 work and announced that Dist. 9 is now fully independent from the Fresno office

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

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

**Leslie Chapman:**

- Wednesday morning, management meeting. We will be changing the format a little bit, putting the Department Heads in charge of meetings; Robin Roberts will take over meeting for a period of time. She's already sent out monthly survey.
- Thursday, EMS meeting: thanked entire board for showing up.
- Thursday night, Antelope Valley RPAC meeting – that community is very engaging.
- Treasury Oversight meeting – not sure how long she'll be leading that meeting; will bring back full report next Tuesday.
- Thanked Lynda Salcido for moving things forward, has already spent time with both Lynda and Marshall getting up to speed.

6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

*No one spoke.*

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. EMS Ad Hoc Committee - Time Extension

Request by the EMS Ad Hoc Committee to extend deadline for final report to March 1, 2016.

**Action:** Approve request by the EMS Ad Hoc Committee to extend the deadline for their final report to December 17, 2015.

**Stump moved; Corless seconded**

**Vote: 4 yes; 1 no: Johnston**

**M15-226**

**Pulled by Supervisor Johnston:**

- He was not in support of this committee from the beginning; having said that it has progressed the past few months.
- He did learn a lot from the presentation at the last meeting although he was surprised that this presentation didn't happen for six months.
- Solutions – the options are still nebulous and it doesn't look like there is an eminent recommendation for us.
- He is shocked at how many people are there, spending time, etc. at these meetings.
- He asked six months ago how this was being paid for, budgeted?
- He is not in favor of a huge time extension on this; hoping for a resolution soon.
- In regards to allocation of resources: he agrees we should have done this when committee was formed. Instead, we have sent a message that paramedics can go above and beyond utilizing overtime while the rest of the staff is on furloughs. It is not fair.

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- Shares some of same concerns as Supervisor Johnston.
- He feels if options are prioritized that we could maybe get information by January, maybe not as late as March.
- He thinks the committee will be relieved to have this over with.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- He agrees that even though the committee needs additional meetings, there wasn't a consensus on it going until March.
- He thinks this can be dealt with by December.
- He is not in favor of recommended action; he would support amending to December 15<sup>th</sup> or as close to that time as possible. He's ok to extend to December 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Next year we need one item (for one hour per month) to address EMS.
- Feels like the rankings will be pushed forward by setting date to December.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- She agrees with the December 17<sup>th</sup> date.
- At some point we have to allocate sufficient staff resources and financial resources to do what needs to be done; going to require professional analysis.
- Credits Lynda Salcido and Rob DeForrest for suggesting this committee to try to improve this program.
- We did go through a budget process on August 18<sup>th</sup> and this committee was accounted for, not item by item, but accounted for in the budget.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Explained there were a lot of people involved that had no previous EMS knowledge; it has taken time to get people up to speed.
- The Committee has always struggled with what information to give to Board.
- The March 1<sup>st</sup> date is not a firm date. All upcoming holidays were taken into account. It was a matter of trying to get past busy season and coming back and regrouping.
- He's fine with a shorter time period than March; he just doesn't want to shortchange the committee.

- He's ok with the 17<sup>th</sup> of December.

**Leslie Chapman:**

- All of the costs are sunk costs – there is no additional money being spent aside from everyone's general job descriptions, etc.

B. Ordinance Amending Chapter 7.50 of the Mono County Code

Departments: Social Services, County Counsel

Proposed ordinance No. ORD 15-08 amending chapter 7.50 of the Mono County Code pertaining to the provision of General Assistance to indigent residents of Mono County.

**Action:** Adopt proposed ordinance No. ORD 15-08 amending chapter 7.50 of the Mono County Code pertaining to the provision of General Assistance to indigent residents of Mono County.

**Stump moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes 0 no**

**ORD15-08**

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL) - NONE

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

9. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. ESTA Annual Report

Departments: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

(John Helm) - Presentation of the 2014/2015 ESTA Annual Report.

**Action:** None.

**John Helm (ESTA):**

**Powerpoint – ESTA – Annual Report 2015**

- 8 years of Operation
- Inyo and Mono Counties
  - Majority of services in Mammoth and Bishop area
- Current Governance
- ESTA Service History
- Operating Revenue Source FY 2015
- Operating Expenses FY 2015
- Reserves
- Service – passenger trips (40/hour)
- Service - hours
- Service – miles
- Key Performance Indicators

Additional Comments:

- Looking at temporary service in June Lake – Oh Ridge to other lakes on fixed frequencies.
- We are looking at alternative types of fuel sources.
- He'd be pleased to share any insights he has with YARTS (Dick Wittington).

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Gave kudos to John for his involvement and work with ESTA.
- Has a friend that utilizes service for her children; she's always been complimentary.
- Asked whether their budget allowed for some leverage?

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Asked about accident statistics.
- Alternative fuel options – are we looking into any of these types of transportation?

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Thanked John for his work with ESTA; it's important to realize what the transit system provides for our visitors and guests.
- She and Supervisor Alpers sit on the YARTS board; it has come to that board's attention that there is a lack of planning – would he be willing to give YARTS board a presentation?

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- It's a dream to see where our transit system is now – recognized John's work on ESTA.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Looking at numbers, ESTA is doing something right; hats off to John and staff.
- Looks forward to a steady progression moving forward.

**Marshall Rudolph:**

- JPA amendment – the board can now add an additional member of the public for the board; maybe put on a future agenda?
- You might want to choose a specific process for this.
- Put on the December 8<sup>th</sup> agenda to discuss this?

**B. Bodie Road**

Departments: Public Works - Road

(Jeff Walters) - Public Works and California State Parks have previously worked on the unpaved section of the Bodie Road to improve the road's surface for vehicles. Another round of work would consist of hauling in material, grading, wetting it down and compacting. This would build up and improve the road surface and reduce the costs associated with future road repairs.

**Action:** Authorize the expenditure of approximately \$25,000 in equipment and labor out of the Road Fund to assist in maintaining the Bodie Road from the easterly end of State Route 270 to the entrance of the Park. The State Park will be responsible for assisting with their own equipment and a single operator.

**Fesko moved; Corless seconded**

**Voted: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M15-227**

**Jeff Walters:**

- Gave history/explanation of item.
- This \$45,000 will continue to improve the road.
- It is good to fill cracks in the cold, you don't waste materials.
- Negotiations with state parks are ongoing; working with county

counsel, etc. At some point we will have a final agreement.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Asked about crack filling – ok to do when it's cold?
- Doing this now builds upon what we've already done.
- Feels the push internally has been good; he is seeing collaboration, wanting to work together. Good partnership.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- He has no problem with this request.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- She supports this; she is seeing a great partnership between us and the parks, this is a good thing.

C. Mono County Property Assessed Clean Energy Programs (PACE)

Departments: Finance

(Gerald Frank) - Consider adding two program administrators to Mono County's PACE program, Ygrene and California First.

Action: 1. Adopt proposed California Statewide Communities Development Authority Resolution #R15-76. (California First Program) and, 2. Adopt proposed California Home Finance Authority Resolutions #R15-77, #R15-78, #R15-79 and Collection Agreements (Ygrene Program).

**Johnston moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**R15-76**

**R15-77**

**R15-78**

**R15-79**

**Gerald Frank:**

- We currently have two PACE programs in our county; it's been suggested that we add more.
- Gives better access to funds.
- Gave history on Hero and Fig Tree Programs and projects completed.
- Explained what a larger pool would offer.
- Mono County (minus the Town of Mammoth Lakes) has residential projects only.
- Dan Holler wasn't interested in Fig Tree program when we acquired it.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Great program.
- Is it only residential projects that have been done?
- Agrees it's a good idea to bring this up to the Town.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Asked contractor questions.
- The Town just uses Hero?
- What projects are financed through which different companies? Or are they general?
- Maybe talk to County/Town Liaison program about PACE program.



**Supervisor Stump:**

- Even though the program is administered through Finance, the Town has only signed up with one program?
- How much back checking is done? He's worried about how much work is being done by Finance?
- Why so many resolutions?

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- He is in support of this and the competition.

**Stacey Simon**

- There are four different resolutions for two programs because one relates to relationship; it made the other one more paper heavy.
- The process is just different depending on company.

D. CARB Compliance - Vehicle Replacement Cost Overage and Extension

Departments: Public Works - Road

(Jeff Walters) - The Mono County Board of Supervisors previously authorized Public Works to go out to bid for one new Dump/Plow/Water truck to replace two existing trucks. The bid was closed on October 28th and low bid was nearly \$15,000 above the Board approved budget of \$224,547.

**Action:** Authorize Public Works to use Motor Pool funds to cover the difference until the sale of the old trucks. Utilize the proceeds from the sale of the old equipment and, if necessary, funds from the Road Insurance monies from the Round Fire to repay Motor Pool.

**Johnston moved; Stump seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M15-228**

**Jeff Walters:**

- History of item explained including bid history.
- They need existing dump truck to help plow through Winter.
- Asking board to take \$15,524 as upfront payment from motor pool (for new dump truck) and then when winter is done or truck is eminent they can repay the funds from sale of old trucks.

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- Agrees that preparing for El Nino winter is smart; this is something we're going to have to do.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Maybe we go out to bid again?
- \$14,524 is under what they need, they want to borrow from motor pool and then use existing truck (that this new truck will replace) plus other old trucks and then repay motor pool.
- He can support this; we need to move forward with CARB compliance – he's just ask that in the future to look at process to get a little closer to actual prices.

E. Bid Results for the Bridgeport Memorial Hall Remodel Project

(Joe Blanchard) - The project consists of demolition,

constructing mechanical/storage rooms, serving bar, accessible wheelchair lift, theater stage and seating area, and second floor restrooms at the Memorial Hall Building located at 73 North School Street in Bridgeport.

**Action:** Based on the staff report indicating that no bids were received in response to a formal solicitation for bids, approve and authorize Public Works Director to construct the project by force account with Public Works staff pursuant to subdivision (c) of Public Contract Code section 22038.

**Fesko moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M15-229**

**Joe Blanchard:**

- Explained no bids have been received for this project and that CSA#5 is putting up the money for this remodel.
- Went over code section about how the Public Works staff can then take over project if approved by Board.
- Noisy fans won't be replaced but after this remodel the entire building will be ADA compliant.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Asked about cost of project and materials.
- Will noisy fans be replaced?

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Explained how important this is to citizens in Bridgeport.
- Even though project costs are lower, there is no way to know exactly how much it will be. The way it is set up there is wiggle room.
- The CSA fund is healthy but there are other projects they want to work on.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- This is a very good representation of a community participating. Asked about how much taxes are, etc? Is it extra?

**Marshall Rudolph:**

- There are no extra tax costs for this.

F. Employment Contract with Leslie Chapman

Departments: Board of Supervisors, County Counsel (Marshall Rudolph) - Resolution Approving an Agreement re Employment of Leslie Chapman and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment. This agreement reflects Ms. Chapman's recent appointment as County Administrator (she was previously the County's Finance Director) and modifies her compensation accordingly.

**Action:** Adopt Resolution R15-80, Approving an Agreement re Employment of Leslie Chapman and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment.

**Alpers moved; Corless seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**R15-80**

**Marshall Rudolph:**

- This is the contract to memorialize Leslie Chapman's terms of employment as CAO; will supersede her current contract as Finance Director.

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Is there some type of recognition being proposed for Lynda Salcido?
- Asked that staff work on engineering staff recognition – there has been a lot of road work lately.

11. CLOSED SESSION

**Marshall Rudolph:**

- Reporting out of closed session, for item #11e (closed session item below): the Board took action to extend paid administrative leave for both a Deputy Sheriff and a Public Safety Officer retroactive to October 31, 2015 and continuing until January 10, 2016 or until the Sheriff takes final disciplinary action, whichever happens first. This was unanimous action by the Board, with all members present.

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 - Public Employment

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

C. Closed Session - Public Employment

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

D. Closed Session - Public Employment

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

E. Closed Session: Performance Evaluation

2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS.  
Government Code section 54957. Title: Public Safety Officer; Deputy Sheriff.

F. Closed Session - Public Employment

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

G. 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.

ADJOURN at 12:45 p.m. in memory of Dick Noles and Catherine Swallow.

ATTEST

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TIMOTHY E. FESKO  
CHAIRMAN

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SHANNON KENDALL  
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD