



**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
March 8, 2016**

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

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

*Break: 9:57 a.m.
Reconvene: 10:05 a.m.
Break: 11:28
Reconvene: 11:40
Closed Session: 1:15 p.m.
Reconvene: 2:00 p.m.
Adjourn: 2:53 p.m.*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Corless.

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1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

John Peters:

- Wanted to give a heads' up, the State of CA is considering eliminating the CHP office in Bridgeport. Officers would report to Bishop and work from home. Requests that the Board take action. The State Finance department is asking the CHP to justify the feasibility of a facility here.

Supervisor Fesko:

- His understanding is different, would like to look further into it and possibly agendize.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE**

3. **RECOGNITIONS - NONE**

4. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Suspended for today due to time constraints.

5. **COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

Suspended for today due to time constraints.

6. **DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS**

Scott Burns:

- Reporting back on the Notice of Application from Federal Energy Regulatory Commission from last meeting. Consulted with Supervisor Johnston; there is an E-comment process, we can register comments regarding the scenic highway and how it relates to the county general plan.

Stacey Simon:

- Introduce new County Counsel employee, Steve Kerins.

Leslie Chapman:

- Suite Z is the decision on where to hold Strategic Planning meeting.

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. **Travel Request - Finance - Werthwein GFOA Accounting Academy**

Departments: Finance

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) offers a training program called the Accounting Academy: An Intensive Introduction to Governmental Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Reporting. The training program will provide Joanne with a solid basic understanding of governmental accounting. Objectives include fund accounting, government-wide financial reporting, budgetary reporting, interpreting financial statements, and public sector internal control and auditing. This training is a 5-day intensive course held at the GFOA Offices in Chicago, Illinois.

Action: Approve out of state travel for Joanne Werthwein, Fiscal and Technical Specialist IV, in order to attend the GFOA Accounting Academy at the GFOA Offices in Chicago, Illinois.

Johnston moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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B. **Consolidation of Elections**

Departments: Elections

Request from the Mammoth Unified School District to consolidate a special election with the June 7, 2016 Primary Election.

Action: Consider and potentially adopt Resolution R16-17, consolidating the Mammoth Unified School District Special Election with the Statewide Direct Primary Election, and directing the Mono County Elections Division to conduct the election and canvass the returns.

Johnston moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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C. Resolution to Amend the Personnel Allocation List

Departments: Sheriff-Coroner

Proposed Resolution #R16-18, authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the County of Mono List of Allocated Positions to eliminate the position of Lieutenant I in the Sheriff's Office and add the position of Lieutenant I/II.

Action: Adopt proposed Resolution No. R16-18, authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the County of Mono List of Allocated Positions to eliminate the position of Lieutenant I in the Sheriff's Office and add the position of Lieutenant I/II. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Johnston moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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D. Resolution Adding Position of IT Specialist III to Allocation List

Departments: Information Technology, CAO

Proposed resolution #R16-19, authorizing the CAO to amend the County of Mono list of allocated positions to add an Information Technology Specialist III position and eliminate a Chief Information Security Officer position within the Information Technology Department.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution #R16-19, authorizing the CAO to amend the County of Mono list of allocated positions to add an Information Technology Specialist III position and eliminate a Chief Information Security Officer position within the Information Technology Department. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Johnston moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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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 by Linda Dore Foodservice/Catering

Copy of Application for Alcoholic Beverage License dated February 25, 2016, received from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control on behalf of Linda Dore Foodservice/Catering, LLC, dba Epic Cafe.

9. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Resolution of Support for Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District's Request for Basin Boundary Adjustment

Departments: Community Development, County Counsel

(Brent Calloway, Stacey Simon) - Presentation regarding request for a basin boundary adjustment to the Owens Valley groundwater basin proposed by the Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District (TVGMD) and Inyo County pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Proposed resolution supporting request for adjustment.

Action: Receive presentation. Consider and potentially adopt proposed resolution in support of TVGMD's and Inyo County's request for basin boundary adjustment. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Alpers moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Stacey Simon:

- Basin boundary adjustment is to redefine the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin. Rather than permeable flow of ground water, there's a geologic barrier that directs water west, rather than south toward Inyo Co. Inyo believes it's appropriate to redraw the Basin. Inyo simply asking Mono to support their request.
- Based on geologic barrier but also coincides with county line.

B. Inyo National Forest Over-Snow Vehicle Planning

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Erin Noesser, Inyo National Forest) - Over-Snow Vehicle Planning Workshop

Action: Receive overview presentation and provide any desired direction to staff.

Erin Noesser:

- Gave power point presentation on over snow vehicle use.
- Types of vehicles
- General area of project
- Current OSV management
- Current areas of closure
- Help needed from outside agencies
- Questions?
- Fat bikes will be addressed by the manager in the future, right now they are banned on trails. Will be crafting a proposed action to minimize impacts.
- This is applicable to the Inyo Forest only
- Encourages feedback and comments from the Board for issues Mono feels is important.
- They gather lots of info each year about tracks, they do not want people to trespass. Work with law enforcement to identify areas; usually have one or two on patrol to address the

issue.

Supervisor Corless:

- Appreciates the work involved and keeping trails open. Questions regarding the minimization process? Other types of vehicles, such as fat bikes?

Supervisor Johnston:

- Question on trespass issues.

C. Sage Grouse Conservation Award

Departments: Community Development

(Steve Nelson, BLM Area Manager) - Announcement of Mono County's nomination for Sage Grouse Conservation award.

Action: Authorizing out-of-state travel in the amount of \$1,500 to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to receive award and designate Wendy Sugimura who will travel and receive the award on behalf of the County.

Alpers moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Steve Nelson:

- Pleasure to announce that Mono County was nominated for and will be the recipient for the 2016 National Wildlife Conservation Award, largely for the work done with sage grouse. Through the effort of Planning Dept, no other county in nation that had this kind of support or commitment to conservation. Thank you and congratulations.

D. Community Service Area 5 Appointments

Departments: Clerk of the Board, Community Development

Consider the appointment of two new members to the Board of Directors for Community Service Area #5. One appointment will fill an existing vacancy and the other will fill the unexpired term of Marlys Harper, who just resigned.

Action: Appointment of Lynda Pemberton (term to expire 12/31/2018) and Joanne Werthwein (term to expire 12/31/2016) to fill two vacancies on the Board of Directors for Community Service Area #5.

Fesko moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 1 no; Johnston

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Supervisor Johnston:

- Disagrees with appointing county employees to bodies that recommend to Board on monetary issues. Cannot support.
- It's not personal, only public perception. Should encourage our employees to participate in functions but not those that recommend to Board.

Supervisor Stump:

- There have been previous discussions over concerns about employee volunteers being part of the Finance division of the County.

Stacey Simon:

- There is no legal problem with it.

Leslie Chapman:

- Approved on a departmental level. There are several layers of control between CSA and payment.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Just the fact that we have county residents who want to serve, happy that people step up.

Steve Noble:

- He has been Chair of CSA #5 for a few years, on committee for about 10 years. Finds that county employees bring diversity of thought to the committee. Excited about these two people. Has not found conflicts having county employees on the committee. Joanne will not be a signee on financial forms.

E. Interim Ordinance Suspending Establishment of Transient Rental Overlay Districts

Departments: Community Development, County Counsel

(Scott Burns, Stacey Simon) - Proposed interim ordinance temporarily suspending the establishment of transient rental overlay districts (TRODs) in Mono County.

Action: Adopt proposed ordinance as an urgency ordinance (4/5 vote required.)
Provide any desired direction to staff.

Alpers moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Stacey Simon:

- This will be good for 45 days, but may be extended for 10 months 15 days, then again up to 1 year.

F. Temporary Employment Agreement with Adrienne Ratner

Departments: County Counsel

(Stacey Simon) - Appointment of Adrienne Ratner as a limited-term (March 14, 2016 through September 14, 2016), full-time Deputy County Counsel II and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

Action: Adopt Resolution #R16-21, approving contract with Adrienne Ratner as limited-term, part-time Deputy County Counsel II and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment. Authorize the Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Corless moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R16-21

G. EMS Task Force Report

Departments: EMS Taskforce

10:00 a.m.

(Various) - Mono County EMS Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Report and Recommendations.

Action: Receive report and recommendations from the EMS Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, Provide Board input and discussion, and Provide next-step guidance to staff.

8 committee members were present in Bridgeport.

Leslie Chapman, Dr. Rick Johnson, Jack Copeland, Bob Rooks, Frank Frievalt, Mike Geary, Rick Mitchell, and Ralph Lockhart.

Supervisor Stump:

- There will be no decisions made today; will need future agenda items to make decisions.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Brief background on the formation of the Ad Hoc EMS committee. Thank you to members for time and effort: listed members of committee. Limited support staff, Stacey Simon, Helen Nunn, and special thanks to Don Nunn. Special thanks to Bill Van Lente.

Dr. Rick Johnson:

- Expressed regrets on behalf of Lynda. Thanks to members of committee, many members were volunteer and unpaid. Thanks to Stacey and Helen.
- Referred to the report in the agenda packet.
- The committee began with several models, landed on three: modify existing system, integrate Fire with EMS, or privatize. The committee deemed that modifying the existing system was the most feasible for Mono County.
- Explained the definitions of fiscally sustainable, high quality, and countywide as determined by the committee.
- Note: this report represents a consensus opinion, but not unanimous.
- Since the committee last met, Inyo Co has issued an RFP for service.
- 4 categories within recommendation: cost containment, revenue enhancement, modifications to enhance deployment, modifications to enhance management capacity.
- 4 things needed to move forward and implement changes: Creativity, flexibility, sacrifice, commitment.

Bob Rooks:

- Went through the historical perspective of EMS services.

Frank Frievalt:

- Overview of model not recommended: integrate fire with EMS.
- Reasons fire has always had a close relationship with EMS; reasons why this model is not the preferred model.
- Positive points in this model, but not feasible at this time.
- Cornerstone for any successful model. 55 items, what is possible? Some points may be improbable, but we won't know until we get into the detail.
- More than just about maintaining the program. Key points: we need a 5 year strategic plan. Implementation side has to be a key piece. Several things make current situation tough, including the current MOU, and tightening up the budget.

Jack Copeland:

- Spoke to the privatization of the EMS model.
- Many other counties do have this option, and still subsidize and have to manage the program or pay a management fee. Unable to gain real information about what this option would look like in Mono Co.
- RFP would be required with this option.

The Board held a general discussion and question and answers session with committee members for further clarification of the EMS committee' report.

South County, questions or comments?

No one spoke.

North County, questions or comments?

Rick Mitchell:

- He sent letter to the Board, will read into record. (Email may be read in Additional Documents from this meeting).

Open to Board for comments:

Supervisor Johnston:

- Originally voted against the committee and against the subsidy. Appreciates all the work and ideas, but we're still doing the same thing. We need a strategic plan. Wants to stick with the current MOU, feels it is fiscally sustainable at the moment. Things should be pursued. Need to figure out the Tri Valley area. Should focus on making the system as efficient as possible.

Supervisor Alpers:

- Agrees with Johnston to an extent. Supported the committee, the detailed examination was needed. Changes are inevitable. Not sure where we go from here. Was worth the effort.

Supervisor Corless:

- Feels there are very clear implementation and recommendations in the report. Wants to direct staff to make changes. Would like to abandon idea of county wide privatization model and give explicit direction to move forward with recommended model. Shows commitment to the process. Challenging to create new policy to improve EMS system. Probably will not be short term cost savings; may have to budget same amount next year, but thinks there will be long term savings. Thinks good to look at other revenue producing ideas.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Thanks again to committee members and staff. The committee took a lot of time figuring out what each of the 3 directives meant. End result is the first step of many steps in the process. Not sure where we go from here, but looking at long term, we need to do something. We can grow as the needs grow. If we want a service, we need to figure out how to pay for it. Does not want to create something that sits on a shelf and collects dust. Feels this workshop is one of many. Needs to be further refined.

Supervisor Stump:

- Thanks everyone for being here. Concur that additional agenda items are needed, would like to see focus on existing program first. Looking at points, discussing, creating direction for staff. Could include revenue generation, deployment models, to looking at MOU, clarifying which are mgmt rights vs. bargaining unit. Will not be solved by our next budget cycle. Needs to be a thoughtful discussion, not done in a hurry.
- Thanks to committee, thanks to medics for attending as well. His goal is to do this together.

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

11. CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed Session--Human Resources

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

REGULAR SESSION WILL CONVENE AFTER LUNCH

12. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

13. **REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON**

A. **Energy Task Force Workshop**

Departments: Energy Task Force

(Megan Mahaffey, Wendy Sugimura, Joe Blanchard) - Mono County Energy Policy Update.

Action: 1. Review energy audits and provide feedback on resulting projects listed.
2. Review Net Zero Energy policy and provide direction for any desired revisions.

Megan Mahaffey:

- Gave background on the Energy Task Force since its conception in 2013. Tasked with evaluating numerous county buildings.
- Led the discussion through the power point provided in the agenda packet.

Joe Blanchard:

- Continued the discussion through the power point.

Wendy Sugimura:

- The policy behind this is in the general plan that was Board approved. Existing policy provides the umbrella to reduce resource consumption and operations.
- Focus was on county facilities rather than private projects.
- Intent of policy is to incentivize and encourage private energy-efficient projects, not regulate them. What should we be talking about as far a policy change? We could add policy to move toward energy efficiency but not regulate them.
- Re: energy audits on two projects, rooftop solar and landfill. Will research and bring back to Board.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Thank you for the work on the audit. Hopes for a policy that has incentives/method for new homes to be as energy efficient as possible.
- New subdivisions have different ways to design homes for energy efficiency. Passive solar, PACE, etc.

Supervisor Fesko:

- In Antelope Valley, talked of lot splits/subdivisions, had an exclusion to go solar instead of underground utilities.

Supervisor Stump:

- We need to leave room for those who have a limited budget for this.

Tony Dublino:

- Discussion re: solar farm, design challenges, potential solar on top of landfill? Costs associated with building out.

B. **Exception to PERS 180-Day Wait Period and Hiring of Retired Annuitant as IT Specialist III**

Departments: IT, Finance, County Counsel

(Nate Greenberg and Stacey Simon) - Resolution making required certifications for an exception to the 180-day wait period under Government Code sections 7522.56 and 21224 to allow the limited term, part-time employment of PERS retiree Gary Coverdale as Information Technology Specialist III, as necessary to fill a critically needed position before the 180-day wait-period has passed, and authorizing such employment.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Alpers moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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ATTEST

FRED STUMP
CHAIRMAN

HELEN NUNN
SR. DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD