



**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
May 10, 2016**

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

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

*Break: 10:36 a.m.
Reconvene: 10:43 a.m.
Break: 12:16 p.m.
Reconvene: 12:29 p.m.
Closed Session: 12:30 p.m.
Reconvene: 1:45 p.m.*

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Alpers.

1. **OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**
No one spoke.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE**
3. **RECOGNITIONS - NONE**
4. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

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Supervisor Alpers:

- 5/3 - Attended the JLCAC meeting held at the JLCC. Tony Dublino presented the Draft Facilities Plan for community comments. The CAC Board requested that they have time to review the document and provide comments at the next CAC meeting on 6/7. Jake Suppa presented his sustainable agricultural land strategy planning process during which he will inventory agriculture lands, evaluate which are the most productive and critically threatened, develop appropriate strategies, programs and actions to ensure their long term protection. Presented the idea of the JLCCIF (June Lake Community Center Improvement Fund) where Mono County would make a small contribution (~\$2,000 this year) to be matched with some percentage by community groups and individuals such as the JL Women's Club, second homeowner, JLC of C., local businesses and interested citizens. Alice Suszynski, assisted by Joe Blanchard, has prepared a plan and scope of work for a variety of interior improvements at the JLCC. Leslie Chapman is currently developing a fund to accommodate contributions for the Community Center.
- 5/4 - Attended the LAFCO meeting held at the T/C conference room in Mammoth. Will defer to Supervisor Stump on this report.
- 5/5 - Attended a meeting sponsored by Lee Vining businessman Chris Lizza regarding the Glass Mountains Potential Recommended Wilderness Area proposal. The meeting was attended by Chris Lizza, Jora Fogg, Preservation Officer-Friends of the Inyo, Frances Hunt, Eastern Sierra Organizer-Sierra Club, and Jean Dillingham from June Lake. I was briefed on the status of the proposal and those in attendance extolled the virtues of Wilderness designation for this spectacular area.
- 5/9 - Spoke at length with Dr. John Boynton, part-time Mono Basin resident, about the future of Conway and Mattly Ranches and the planning processes currently underway. We have received detailed email messages from Dr. Boynton providing excellent suggestions to Tony Dublino and Jake Suppa as we move forward with the Ranch planning process.

Supervisor Corless:

- Town Council 5/4—approval of Recreation Commission recommendations for \$34,800 in youth sports funding, to which Mono County contributed \$6,000. Recreation commission recommendations, as per our budget stipulations, county funds only went toward programs that served youth throughout the entire county (such as little league and AYSO).
- There were over \$50,000 in requests from organizations. The Commission strongly advocated for programs requested additional funding for next fiscal year. Town Council discussed and will consider a Resolution for additional one-time monies on May 18, 2016.
- A special meeting of the Recreation Commission is scheduled on **Monday, May 16 from 5:00 – 6:00pm** in Suite Z to discuss youth sports funding/organizational sustainability. Will attend and can report back to county staff—it'll be recorded too.
- Council also discussed future funding and options for town-county partnership.
- Reminder that the town council and board will hold a joint meeting next Tuesday in Mammoth.
- Wild Wild West races in Lone Pine—congrats to Jenny Senior on her finish and all the Mono/Mammoth racers—we were well represented! Many thanks to the Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce for a great event.

Supervisor Fesko:

- May 3, attended CSA#5. CSA members looked over the budget on memorial hall and discussed other possible improvements for the future. Thanks to Joe Blanchard for all of his help along the way. The elevator shaft is currently being constructed. Thanks to staff for their continued efforts on this project.
- May 5, Antelope Valley RPAC. Constructive discussion took place regarding the concerns by the residents along the river. It was good to see constructive discussion. It appears that all sides are happy with the outcome.
- May 7. I attended the Beta Sigma Phi Cinco De Mayo Dinner at the Antelope Community Center. This is a great fund raiser and the turnout was more than expected.
- May 9. Attended LTC along with Stump and Johnson.
- The Bridgeport Indian Colony has decided to pursue a Indian Community Grant to begin their first phase of construction of a Public Facility Project (Community Center). The first phase will

be to obtain a grant for the infrastructure of the facility. They have designated 3.3 acres for the facility. The structure will be utilized by their community as well as the businesses and the community of Bridgeport.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Attended the Local Transportation Commission meeting Monday; items discussed included:
 - *Old Mammoth Road repaving will be underway soon.
 - *Funding is being sought for upgrading the Red's Meadow Road.
 - *The Hwy 6 Corridor Study was presented.
 - *Bike to Work Day will be June 20th (there's a competition among various agencies).
 - *There is a Fix Our Roads Rally scheduled at the State Capital on May 19th.
- On a personal note, we attended my son's graduation banquet at San Diego State University. He is graduating with a degree in Aero Space Engineering and is the student President of the Engineering Department. The official graduation is this coming week

Supervisor Stump:

- 5-9 : Attended LTC along with Supervisors Johnston and Fesko.
- 5-4: Attended LAFCO meeting, Steven Kalish was appointed alternate member to the Board.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Leslie Chapman:

- Acknowledge Joanne Werthwein's fishing picture in the Western Outdoor News.
- Deep into plans with joint meeting with the Town.
- June 3rd is set for the State of the County event, she will ask Alicia Vennos to report next week.

6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Stacey Simon:

- Jenny was third overall, and the 1st woman to hit Whitney Portal
- Ethics training to satisfy AB1234 requirement on May 20th in June Lake, also sent out to Boards, committees, and commissions.

Jeff Walters:

- Update on Tioga: the road is "punched" through. Experienced some breakdowns of equipment, but would rather it happen now than during a period of deep snow next winter.

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. County Maintained Mileage for FY 16-17

Departments: Public Works - Road

Adopt Resolution #R16-33, "A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Specifying Additions to and/or Exclusions from the Maintained Mileage Within the County Road System and Establishing Maintained Mileage for Fiscal Year 2016-17."

Action: Consider and potentially adopt annual resolution confirming maintained mileage in the County Road System. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Alpers moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R16-33

B. Employment Contract for Director of Finance -Janet Dutcher

Pulled by Supervisor Fesko

Departments: Human Resources

Proposed resolution approving a contract with Janet Dutcher as Director of Finance, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

Action: Approve Resolution #R16-34, approving a contract with Janet Dutcher as Director of Finance, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment. Authorize the Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Alpers moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R16-34

Leslie Chapman:

- Benefits on contracts include health insurance, PERS, bump that covers retiree medical SDI, unemployment insurance, worker's comp, everything that goes along with payroll.

C. Mono County Local Planning Council Zip Code Based Child Care Priorities

Pulled by Supervisor Stump

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approve adoption of new zip code priority for Benton for Fiscal Year 2015-16 in response to changes to Mono County Local Planning Council Zip Code Priorities for Fiscal Year 2015-16. This item is sponsored by Supervisor Fesko.

Action: Discuss changes to Mono County Local Planning Council Zip Code Based Priorities for Fiscal Year 2015-16. Approve addition of existing zip code for Benton to priority 1 child care list for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Alpers moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Supervisor Stump:

- This only incorporates an existing zip code into an area; it is not creating a new zip code.

D. Board Appointment to the First 5 Commission

Departments: CAO

Appointment of Berta Jimenez to the First 5 Mono County Children and Families Commission

Action: Appoint Berta Jimenez to the Mono County Children and Families Commission to serve a three-year term, commencing June 1, 2015 and expiring June 2, 2018.

Alpers moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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E. Cancellation of May 17, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors -

Call of Special Meeting

Pulled by Supervisor Stump

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Cancel the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on May 17, 2016 and call a special meeting to be held on May 17, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Suite Z, Town Council Chambers, Mammoth Lakes (morning session to be a joint meeting with the Mammoth Lakes Town Council).

Action: Cancel regular meeting and call special meeting for May 17, 2016.

Alpers moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Supervisor Stump:

- This is a legal requirement for a special meeting. Our own meeting is taking place after the special meeting. Next week's meeting is not being cancelled.

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

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

A. Letter Regarding Deer Herd Crossing Mitigation

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Letter from Liz O'Sullivan to Stuart Itoga, CDFW Deer Program Coordinator regarding deer crossing mitigation on Highway 395 from McGee Creek Maintenance Station to Highway 203.

B. Officer of the Year Awards Ceremony

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Flyer announcing that the Bridgeport Christian Fellowship is holding its Officer of the Year Awards on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

C. Letter from Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Correspondence dated April 26, 2016 received from the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District regarding Owens Valley 2016 State Implementation Plan.

9. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Tobacco Control Policy Update

Departments: Health Department/Tobacco Control

(Nancy Mahannah, PHN, Health Program Manager) - Presentation by Nancy Mahannah, Health Promotions Manager, regarding tobacco policy updates and possible future ordinances.

Action: Consider advancing tobacco use prevention policy by directing staff to investigate the possibility of new ordinances.

Nancy Mahannah:

- Went thru her PP presentation, answered general questions from the Board.

Supervisor Corless:

- Would support 20 foot ban.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Would support the priorities Nancy came up with. So much evidence to support long term health of citizens and visitors to Mono County.

Barry Beck:

- Strongly encourages the board to move forward. On behalf of staff of assessor's office, signs on building now that say 20 feet away. Feels 20 feet is not far enough away. Huge health issue; would like to see full smoking ban on all county property. Happy to work on recommendations on what "county property" includes.

Supervisor Stump:

- Feels moving forward on this demonstrates commitment to public health.

B. Mono County Audited Financial Statements

Departments: CAO, Finance

(Leslie Chapman) - Presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Statements (CAFR), the Single Audit Report, The Treasury Oversight Committee Report and the GANN Limit Report.

Action: 1. Hear brief presentation of the annual audit reports including financial highlights. 2. Provide feedback and staff direction if desired.

Leslie Chapman:

- There is more current financial data through the budget process. Is going to focus on the balance sheets.
- Went through the financial report in the agenda packet, answered general Board questions.

Supervisor Stump:

- Asked for explanations for triple flip, HOPTR? The public doesn't always understand these reports. Put together reports as a document to enable citizen's understanding.

C. Conway Ranch Strategic Facility Plan Update

Departments: Public Works

(Tony Dublino) - Presentation of the Draft Conway Ranch Strategic Facility Plan. Update Board on the public meetings held to date, discuss feedback and comments received, and how the feedback has influenced Draft.

Action: Consider the Draft Conway Ranch Strategic Facility Plan, and whether additional outreach is necessary. Provide any comments and/or direction to staff relating to the Plan and next steps.

Tony Dublino:

- Explained the RPACs were presented with the information,
- Will come back to Board with a final draft after some input from RPACs, see whether the

Board will adopt the document, lay out final steps for the environmental impact.

Supervisor Alpers:

- Would like to hear in the future about contacting two aquaculture facilities for pilot programs, endangered species, etc: UC Davis and Humboldt State. 75 acres has a substantial infrastructure. Flow through hatchery may not be appropriate, but there is technology out there to support something the property will sustain.

Supervisor Corless:

- Thanks to Tony. Attended Mono Basin RPAC meeting, saw the desire to keep Conway as open space.

Supervisor Johnston:

- With regard to the Public hearing process, who would hold them? Who pays for environmental impact report? If the point is aquaculture on this property, we've found it's cheaper and efficient to buy from someone else rather than raise onsite.
- With regard to grazing, he is not opposed to grazing on the property, but how do we separate domestic sheep and bighorn sheep? Put in a fence? Thinks there must be grants available.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Wants to speak with other communities before making decisions. Wants to be optimistic about aquaculture. Perfect water for Lahonton cutthroat trout.

Supervisor Stump:

- Also thank you to Tony. Need to go through additional planning process to implement ideas on the property. Likes the idea of continuing with sheep if we can. He is also concerned with general fund spending.

Stacey Simon:

- In general, there is an exemption from CEQA for planning and feasibility studies, needs to do research to see if this falls under it.
- Decision should be made whether this document is a policy document that gives direction or is simply a planning/feasibility study. Can work that out with Tony.

D. Long Valley Mineral Materials Contract

Departments: Public Works – Road

(Jeff Walters) – The Long Valley Mineral Materials Site, otherwise known as the Airport Pit, is located on Inyo National Forest land and requires a contract with the Forest Service in order to excavate material necessary for work on county roads.

Action: Authorize the Public Works Director to sign this year's contract (and attached stipulations) for the excavation of materials from the Long Valley Mineral Materials Site, and to do so each year thereafter unless the contract is substantively changed.

Johnston moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Jeff Walters:

- There are 2 pits right now that we take material out of. Very expensive to drive materials out to site. May 1 to October 31 is excavation time period.
- Very clean materials, very little waste. Good road base, shoulder material. Reclamation plan about another 20 years. Has to supply information to forest service how much we take out every year.

E. Baseload and Flexible Generation Power Letter

Departments: CAO

(Larry Johnston) - Multi-agency letter of support regarding the importance of baseload flexible generation power to be signed by several counties and sent to the California Public Utilities Commission.

Action: Approve the letter, with an amendment to the first sentence to include all signing agencies, and with any other non-substantive changes necessary to facilitate approval by other agencies, and authorize the Board Chair to sign letter on behalf of Mono County.

Johnston moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Supervisor Stump:

- Newest version of the letter was distributed at the meeting. Intended to be a multi-county letter addressing geothermal, biomass, and biogas.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Imperial County is sponsoring, regarding geothermal and biomass resources. Trying to meet 50% requirement. We are trying to position ourselves into the future. If we sign on, there's no particular commitment monetarily, but it does fit several things we're interested in, including forest health and tree conservation.

F. Letter of Opposition to AB 2395

Departments: Board of Supervisors

Proposed Letter of Opposition to AB 2395 (Telecommunications: replacement of public switched telephone network)

Action: Consider and potentially approve a letter of opposition to AB 2395, and authorize the Chairman to sign the letter on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

Fesko moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Supervisor Stump:

- Having reviewed documents, his opinion remains the same; the Board should approve the letter of opposition.

New letter distributed at meeting.

Supervisor Fesko:

- The delay was due to AT&T's response and other counties' responses. Three main points: the Tel com should be paying for the permission, the 100 days is far too short a time period, and the customer will need a longer time period.

Supervisor Corless:

- Suggestions to add points: legislation is pro-technology, add clause that we value investment in technology, however, burden should be on company not consumer. Discussion showed letter does express these ideas.

G. Sheriff's Office Staffing

Departments: Sheriff

(Sheriff Ingrid Braun) - Sheriff Braun will brief the Board of Supervisors on staffing shortages and recruitment concerns in the Sheriff's Office, specifically for Deputy Sheriff and Public Safety Officer positions.

Action: No action required.

Sheriff Ingrid Braun:

- Briefing the board on staffing changes and reduction in patrol hours. Put out press release to inform the public. No staffing between 12-6 am, rely on calling out deputies. Not on call, no obligation to answer their phones. Recent changes in office, three vacancies, now 6 vacancies. Anticipates 2 more deputies leaving soon. Needs bodies as PSO and Deputies, can't afford to hire deputy from within PSO right now and lose 6 months to academy, 6 months to train.
- Reminds the board everyone has made sacrifices. Says if her budget allowed her to hire more deputies she would, but recruitment is limited because of what she's allowed to pay employees. Says it's a recruitment problem, not a budget problem.
- Regrets the press release came across the way it did. Better communication and better conversations on these topics in the future.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Feels her press release did an injustice to the Board, distressing that's how it was presented. Her budget is not the reason for patrol cuts, staffing is the reason.
- Takes exception to the first paragraph of press release, blaming the Board for her staffing problem.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Asked if she can do something to correct the press release.

Supervisor Stump:

- This needs to be a public conversation between public officials. Press release has highs and lows. Was also contacted by the public regarding this press release. Would also appreciate a clarification press release.

John Peters:

- He experienced a public forum where the undersheriff addressed this issue. Very informative about all issues the public had. The willingness to be in the community and address issues is a great asset the sheriff's dept brings to our communities.

H. Potential Board Committee Reassignment - RCRC

Departments: CAO, Board of Supervisors

(Leslie Chapman) - Request by Supervisor Johnston to consider reassignment of Board member(s) to the Rural Counties Representatives of California (RCRC) Board.

Action: Maintain assignments the same as present.

Alpers moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 1 no: Johnston

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For a complete recap of this item, please refer to the video at:

http://monocounty.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=094b6c09-17bf-11e6-b3ab-00219ba2f017

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): 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.

B. Closed Session - Existing Litigation

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

C. Closed Session - Exposure to Litigation

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: Condition of Mill Canyon Road in Antelope Valley.

THE REGULAR AGENDA WILL RECONVENE AFTER CLOSED SESSION IF NECESSARY

12. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

ADJOURN 3:23 pm.

ATTEST

FRED STUMP
CHAIRMAN

HELEN NUNN
SR. DEPUTY CLERK