



**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
August 9, 2016**

9:03 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Stump.

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

*Break: 10:45 a.m.
Reconvene: 10:55 a.m.
Closed Session: 12:30 p.m.
Reconvene: 1:15 p.m.
Break: 2:18 p.m.
Reconvene: 2:28 p.m.*

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Fesko.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Gary Nelson, Mono City homeowner:

- Comments on Inyo National Forest plan, Mono City in particular. His letter to the Board is included in the Additional Documents section of the website.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE

3. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Board reports have been suspended in the interest of time.

Supervisor Stump:

- Very grateful to staff for all their efforts during the evacuation of Swall Meadows this weekend due to the fire.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO report is being suspended in the interest of time.

6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Barry Beck:

- Reintroduced Aimee Brewster as our new Assistant Assessor.

Aimee Brewster:

- It feels good to be home. Excited to be back; looking forward to it.

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. Hiring Variance Request - Public Safety Officer II

Departments: Sheriff

Request for variance from Mono County Personnel System, Section 080 – Salary Upon Hire, policy to allow the Mono County Sheriff's Office to hire one qualified, lateral Public Safety Officer (PSO) II at "C" step.

Action: Approve the requested variance of Mono County Personnel System, Section 080 – Salary Upon Hire, policy.

Fesko moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M16-169

B. USGS Joint Funding Agreement FY2017 and Agreement with Ormat

Departments: Community Development

Proposed contracts with USGS and Ormat pertaining to geothermal well monitoring

Action: Authorize Community Development Director to sign the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Joint Funding Agreement (JFA) 17WSCA600095610 and the 2017 agreement with ORMAT to fund the Long Valley hydrologic monitoring program for fiscal year 2017.

Fesko moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M16-170

C. Assessor's Office Reallocation

Departments: Assessor

Proposed resolution #R16-57, A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the County of Mono list of allocated positions to eliminate one Appraiser II position and add one Appraiser Aide position in the Assessor Department. Salary ranges as follows: Appraiser Aide (\$4,008 - \$4,871 per month) and Appraiser II (\$4,764 - \$5,791 per month).

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

Fesko moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R16-57

D. Resolution for Mono Arts Council Grant Application

Departments: CAO

Proposed Resolution Designating Mono Council for the Arts as the Local Partner for the California Arts Council's State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) and Supporting Mono Council for the Arts' 2016-17 SLPP Grant Application.

Action: Approve Resolution #R16-58, Designating Mono Council for the Arts as the Local Partner for the California Arts Council's State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) and Supporting Mono Council for the Arts' 2016-17 SLPP Grant Application.

Fesko moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R16-58

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 from County of Inyo Re: California Water Commission

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Correspondence received from the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, regarding their communication to the California Water Commission.

Supervisor Johnston:

- A very well written letter, the logic is prevalent. Appreciates their work.

Supervisor Stump:

- Decision won't be finalized until December; the Big Pine Tribe letter seems to have carried more weight.

Supervisor Corless:

- Wants an opportunity to support the item with a follow up letter.

Steve Kerins:

- He attended the meeting, thinks it's less than likely the Water Commission will consider this plan for the basin. Can draft a letter, can have it on the agenda in the future.

B. Thank You Note from the Benham Family

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Thank you note from the Benham Family.

9. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Comments on the Inyo National Forest Plan Revision & Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Departments: Board of Supervisors, CDD, Economic Development

(Wendy Sugimura) - Discussion of comments to submit on the Inyo National Forest Plan Revision and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

Action: 1. Review initial comment areas and provide direction to staff. 2. Direct staff to bring a final comment letter for Board consideration to the August 16 meeting, or authorize the CAO to sign and send a final letter based on Board direction.

***Chairman Stump gave the lead on this item to Vice-Chairman Corless.*

Note: The information below is a summary of what occurred at the meeting. This item is very detailed and complex generating a lot of discussion. To hear this item in its entirety, please view the video on our website at <http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/meetings>

Wendy Sugimura:

- Handed out an outline. Will be included in Additional Documents section on the website.
- There is not a lot of language in the plan specific to adjustments or land trades. It is more focused on the types of land they seek to acquire, not the process.
- Is not sure if the wild and scenic river designation places restrictions, can look it up.
- Assumes historical sites are included within the cultural section of the document.
- The County will have another opportunity to ask whether the recommended designation requires the Forest Service to manage the land as wilderness. Deb Schweitzer will be attending future meetings and we can ask her.
- Based on her experience with sage grouse, federal agencies have said they cannot advocate for funding on their behalf.

PUBLIC COMMENT MADE BY THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

Fran Hunt, Sierra Club
Richard Hihn
Wilma Wheeler
Pam Kobylarz
Sam Roberts: President of Board of Friends of Inyo
Vern Clevenger
Rich Boccia, Mammoth Lakes Recreation
Lisa Cutting, Mono Lake Committee
Margy Verba
Deborah Lurie
Walt Hoffman

Board discussion:

Supervisor Stump:

- Wild and scenic designation supports the recommendation of Sierra Club and Mono Lake Committee.

- Rock Creek Fire was started by an illegal campfire. Invasive species work needs to be emphasized along the habitat community.
- Logging was brought up. Used to be logging in the 70s. The timber here is not high value, slow growth rate here.

Supervisor Johnston:

- This year is 100th anniversary of National Park Service. A bit dismayed at Town's position, he understands that TOT is important, but is not the only priority. They know Mono County is wild by nature. He likes alternative C but problem is limited funding. A commenter wrote in a letter that OHV doesn't allow the rider to hear the birds or silence ... "wild by motor" is not our motto.
- Thinks there should be emphasis on the Forest Service doing a carrying capacity analysis every few years. Crux of what's being done in Yosemite.
- We need to take a strong stand on the areas that are needed for wilderness. If we don't, it'll be lost forever. Request as much as we can get now.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Happy to see everyone come out. Didn't hear any opposition to the majority opinions. Government agencies treat it as wilderness areas, adding areas will be treated as wilderness. Wilderness in the northeast had a fire, and they were not able to go fight that with any means. The number of dead trees on the west side are coming here too, which is a huge fire management problem. Agrees with the Town.

Supervisor Alpers:

- Trying to stay in policy level, trying to not get in the weeds. Supports alternative B and what other supervisors have said. Supports adding wilderness designations. People have a tremendous affinity for the past, interpretive value. Going from trying to tame the west to trying to save the west.

Supervisor Corless:

- In a fortunate position to be able to debate these issues and be stewards for these lands. Hears the board asking to add areas to alternative B. Heard support for other citizens' proposed areas: Dexter, Horse Canyon, Excelsior. Thinks we need additional areas added to alternative B. Comfortable recommending specific areas, but feels the public outreach part was bad. Newer maps were released only a few months ago, didn't give people a chance to investigate. Supports recommendations put forward for wild and scenic rivers.
- Agrees with TOML and Mammoth Lakes Recreation around desired conditions for our recommended wilderness area. Need mgmt practices to meet those conditions. Also add the concept of considering other spec designations.
- She is hearing to recommend the 4 areas, work on boundary adjustments, wild and scenic rivers citizens recommendations, meeting desired conditions of management of existing wilderness area.

Wendy Sugimura has noted the agreement among the board for specific recommendations in each of the areas of the document.

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Sheriff Braun:

- Fires are well contained. Clark fire is 85% contained, 8,219 acres. Started Thursday morning. Some wind, fought by dipping into pond at old Alpers Ranch.
- Rock Creek Fire was human caused on Friday. 122 acres, concern for Swall Meadows. Swall Meadows was evacuated as precaution. No homes were lost, now at 95% contained.
- Small fire on Hwy 167 was out quickly, also human caused. Lee Vining FD took care of it.

Supervisor Corless:

- Would like to get a thank you card out to the church and the lodge that helped with sheltering displaced residents of the Rock Creek Fire.

B. CARB Compliance Options - 2016

Departments: Public Works - Road

(Jeff Walters) - Mono County is required by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to comply with its diesel emissions regulations for the county's fleet of diesel powered on-road and off-road heavy equipment. Public Works has developed options with associated costs and compliance dates.

Action: Hear staff report regarding options for compliance with California Air Resource Board's diesel emission regulations. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Jeff Walters:

- Went through his staff report for the Board, explained why specific vehicles are or are not considered exempt. There are two different options before the Board.
- Both plans involve replacement, maintenance, etc.
- Recommends utilizing Option 1 as long as possible, addressing the ever-changing circumstances with the machinery.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Remembers 4 years ago, the cost was up at \$26m, happy to see it much less now. Questions regarding the use of Carl Moyer funds versus using the cost to replace as a part of CARB compliance numbers.

Janet Dutcher:

- We are talking about replacing an aging fleet, which we should have a plan for. Can borrow from pool, but there are other stakeholders. In 5 years it has to be paid back, have to figure out how to make payments; we still have to identify a funding source. Not sure if our budget has the elasticity to absorb another payment.

Supervisor Johnston:

- The Treasury Oversight Committee has okayed this. Option to spend \$362k this year, it has to come from somewhere, with a bigger hit to the general fund.

Board Consensus to continue with Option 1.

Leslie Chapman requested to hear item 13a next because of staff in attendance.

C. County Comprehensive Facilities Plan

Departments: Public Works

(Joe Blanchard) - Annual Capital Projects Workshop

Action: 1. Discuss the Mono County Public Works Project Approval policy using the flow chart, project approval process, and project request form. 2. Review staff recommendations and accept prioritization of projects 2016/2017 budgeted work plans or reprioritize and accept changes.

Joe Blanchard:

- Went through the staff report for the Board.

Supervisor Alpers:

- Thank you for the work on Mono Lake Park.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Very nice to see things being accomplished.
- Sees how the perception could be that #1 would come before #3. Numbered items don't mean that's the order of priority. Should be left up to staff to manage the projects and make decisions on priorities.

Supervisor Corless:

- Appreciates the process and documentation. Not totally clear on some things, sees some small things versus larger things. Is each project comprehensive, or are we seeing this list because, for example, because simply putting in a fire ring is easy to check off the list, versus the Davison house development and analysis? Can the priorities also reflect the complexity of the project? May need a bit more detail.

Supervisor Johnston:

- We finally have a great list we've never had before.

Leslie Chapman:

- The list is just what's been through the project, a conceptual list. The process for projects will be flushed out by the group. Priorities are given to safety, or grant funding, or expiring leases, for example. Many factors come into play. We have lots of outside forces that are lobbying for certain projects, but our staff can look at the complete list of projects and see what's important.

Supervisor Stump:

- This is a much better list than 2 years ago, and can see how the process can work.

D. SCE Title 24 Lighting Project

Departments: Public Works

(Peter Chapman) - Southern California Edison's On-Bill Financing program for energy efficiency lighting upgrades.

Action: Approve moving forward with Southern California Edison's On-Bill Financing for energy efficiency upgrades and direct staff to obtain contractual agreements to be presented to the Board for approval at a later date. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Johnston moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Peter Chapman:

- Went through his staff report for the Board.

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
No one spoke.

11. **CLOSED SESSION**

No closed session items were discussed at this meeting.

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.

AFTERNOON SESSION WILL RECONVENE NO EARLIER THAN 1:00 P.M.

12. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

13. **REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON**

A. Child Support Awareness Month Proclamation

Departments: CAO

(Susanne Rizo, Regional Director/Attorney, Eastern Sierra Child Support Services) - Proclamation declaring August 2016 Child Support Awareness Month in Mono County.

Action: Approve the Proclamation declaring August Child Support Awareness Month in Mono County.

Corless moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Suzanne Rizo:

- Boards throughout the State adopt August as Child Support Awareness Month.
- Donate for backpacks: They have collected 156 so far, expect 200. Their Mammoth office is the place to drop off backpacks at 126 Old Mammoth Rd above Good Life Café.

B. Tax Sale of Tax-Defaulted Property

Departments: Finance

(Gerald Frank) –Request for Approval to Sell Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Power of Sale.

Action: Approve Resolution #R16-59, A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors approving the sale of tax-defaulted property subject to the power of sale.

Alpers moved; seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R16-59

Gerald Frank:

- This would be an internet sale in November, 112 are timeshare parcels. Minimum bids on all parcels is \$914,185. Reoffer sale sometime in January.
- All parcels are 5 years in tax default or more. Every year a notice is sent to owner. Before the sale, parties of interest letters are sent, and title searches are completed to make sure all parties are noticed.

C. CCP-AB109 Recommended Budget

Departments: Probation

(Karin Humiston) - Karin Humiston as Chairperson for the Community Correction Partnership Executive Committee to present the 2016/17 Recommended Budget for

the Community Correction Partnership (CCP).

Action: Receive recommended budget funding program activities for the Community Corrections Partnership as submitted by the Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee, and provide staff direction if desired.

Karin Humiston:

- This is a 5 year plan. Wants to recommend the committee be present on the day the budget is presented to the board. AB109 the BOE made an error this year not to our benefit. Finance suggested we go with 90% of what we thought we'd get. Recommend approval.
- There is no more money coming our way, we need to work within our means. Principal behind AB109 is to reduce our prison population through changed sentencing, pushed more into the communities, probation can supervise. Most of the funds have to go to the supervision of inmates. The Sheriff receives medical costs. Also important to provide DA's office with assistance.
- Other counties are in the same boat, having been short funded by the BOE. Wish the State knew how short they are going to be.

Supervisor Corless:

- The partnership is very important for law enforcement, public safety. Suggests more public outreach. There is a structural deficit in the budget.

Tim Kendall:

- 5 year plan will dictate the spending. In the future with the strategic plan and realignment, our goals will become more focused.

Janet Dutcher:

- State law says the Board of Supervisors is the only governing body for county to set budget. The CCP cannot set budget, only sets recommendations. CCP makes programming decision, but does not have the authority over spending.
- Alpine and Sierra Counties are flush with money, other counties don't have the resources to fund all the sections of realignment. Impact of 10% is \$50k per year until resolved.

Sheriff Braun:

- The PSO position deals directly with the AB109 inmates, so is a reasonable request. Aware that funding may not be available in the future to be supplemented by the general fund.

Robin Roberts:

- Has budgeted for a potential decrease in funding, aware it would hit the CCP as well.

Board Consensus is to accept the budget

D. Probation Restructure

Departments: Probation

(Karin Humiston) - Approval of resolutions to amend the allocation list to : Eliminate 4 DPO I/II positions and add 4 DPO I/II/III series positions. Salary ranges are as follows: DPO I, Range 51, \$3,488 - \$4,240; DPO II, Range 55, \$3,575 - \$4,680; DPO III, Range 59, \$3,664 - \$5,166, and Eliminate 1 DPO III position and add 1 DPO IV, salary range 63, \$4,691 - \$5,703, and Eliminate 1 Fiscal and Technical Specialist IV and add 1 Administrative Services Specialist, salary range 69, \$4,535 - \$5,513.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution numbers R16-60, R16-61 and R16-62. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Alpers moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 1 no: Johnston

R16-60

R16-61

R16-62

Karin Humiston:

- Went through her staff report and her power point. A copy of the power point is available under the Additional Documents section on the County website.
- Does not feel they can wait for the survey. They cannot handle their current workload with the allocations as they are, too much work for her officers at their current levels.
- If we don't do this, she has an immense amount of work that won't get done. Two PO IIIs cannot handle the workload. The PO II cannot do the work of a III.

Leslie Chapman:

- This cannot go through unless you adopt the budget, it's not part of the rollover budget.
- Will be part of the workshop, will be part of the department requested budget. Not general fund, has a funding source that will be approved with the budget.
- The process to promote any employee is it has to come to HR with evaluation and reasons for person to be promoted to new level. Not required for Board, it goes through HR and CAO.
- Salary survey is one of the goals of HR for next year.
- The negatives she heard were in conjunction with still being on furloughs. Others separately, said not complaining because one department gets lifted up. South county tends to be more positive than north county.
- Amending allocation list is the not the same as promotions.

Janet Dutcher:

- Today is making a transactional decision on allocation list, but cannot be funded until the budget is adopted after the public hearings have been held.

Supervisor Stump:

- Asked for clarification of what positions are being eliminated, what positions are converted, clear up the chain.
- Probation staff is part of the County and they need to recognize that. How does the rest of the county see this? What kind of reaction can we anticipate from the county? These are not automatic raises.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Feels this is out of sync with the budget, it also lacks a salary survey with other counties, not opposed to the I/II/III, but feels out of sync.
- Thinks it's still premature. Doesn't disagree, but wants to hear the budget hearings first. Wants to keep it in context with the rest of the departments. Still wants to see a salary survey. Suggesting a postponement. Salary surveys are too far away. But could get more information. Needs to be in context with other depts.
- Wants to see the report from the State. Wants to see other counties similar in size, their allocations and salaries to compare pay and workloads.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Understands a step or a raise is not automatic, it still has to go thru HR and CAO
- Would like to see salary survey. Wants to make sure we look at this county wide, maybe take a step back.
- Urges staff to move forward with other items of reallocation of staffing as soon as possible so we can make sure we're dealing with all county employees fairly.

Karin has been instructed to bring in the report from the state.

Special meeting on Thursday in Suite Z at 9 am

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

ADJOURN at 4:20 pm

ATTEST

FRED STUMP
CHAIRMAN

HELEN NUNN
SR. DEPUTY CLERK