



**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Regular Meetings: The First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified just below.

MEETING LOCATION Board Chambers, 2nd Fl., County Courthouse, 278 Main St., Bridgeport, CA 93517

**Regular Meeting
October 2, 2018**

9:01 AM Meeting called to order by Chair Gardner.

*Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Halferty, Peters, and Stump.
Supervisors Absent: None.*

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Halferty.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Technology Innovation Award Presentation

Departments: Information Technology

(Nate Greenberg) - The California Counties Information Systems Directors Association (CCISDA) presented Mono County with an Operational Effectiveness Technology Innovation Award at the Fall 2018 conference. The award was received by IT Director Nate Greenberg for the Verizon Push-to-Talk radio project which was recently implemented by Communication Manager Kirk Hartstrom. Nate will be presenting this award to Kirk and his team.

Action: Informational item only.

Nate Greenberg, IT Director:

- Provided explanation of the award, the project for which the award was given, and presented the award to Kirk Hartstrom.

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

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

Leslie Chapman, CAO:

- Coffee with Co-workers.
- Meetings with department heads.
- Coaching call regarding medically assisted treatment in the criminal justice system.
- Labor negotiators had a meeting preparing to go into ongoing negotiations.
- Met with Tony Dublino and Hospital CEO to discuss land transfer issues around the Mono County civic center.
- Service awards.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Regarding Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Travelled to Sacramento with Steve Nelson from Bureau of Land Management in Bishop.

Sheriff Braun:

- Emergency Action Plan Workshop hosted by Southern California Edison.

5. 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. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of Board minutes for the regular meeting of September 11, 2018.

Action: Approve the Board minutes for the regular meeting of September 11, 2018, as amended.

Stump moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain

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Supervisor Stump:

- Page 15 of 16. Changed dates from 6-6, 6-10 to 9-6 and 9-10.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Abstained, was not present.

B. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of Board minutes for the regular meeting of September 18, 2018.

Action: Approve the Board minutes for the regular meeting of September 18, 2018.

Peters moved; Halferty seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no
M18-209

C. Inyo National Forest Plan Revision Objection Letter

Departments: Community Development

Letter to the Inyo National Forest objecting to provisions within its Forest Plan revision related to the "Wilderness and Wild & Scenic River" designations and "Sustainable Recreation and Designated Areas" plan.

Action: Approve objection letter, as amended, and authorize the Board chair to sign.

Corless moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Wendy Sugimura:

- Acknowledged Michael Draper for putting it together in a short amount of time with very little information.
- This is not an open comment period on the Forest Plan. This is an objection period.
- You can only object on things on which you have already made comments, limited to what was already submitted in the County's comments back in 2016.
- Made changes to the letter originally submitted with the agenda (available in additional documents).

Supervisor Stump:

- Is current management approving what prior management has done?
- Page 3, #3 - Wildfire. Glad this is there.

Jora Fogg, Friends of the Inyo:

- Supports the letter, including the changes.
- It will be crucial for the County to follow through with this letter.

Lisa Cutting, Mono Lake Committee:

- The committee supports this letter / process.
- The committee is also submitting an objection letter.

Priscilla Hawkins, Lee Vining:

- Support including Wilson Creek. Encourages people to go actually see Wilson Creek.

Fran Hunt, Range of Light Group:

- Thanked Board and Staff for work on this issue.

Letters from the public are available in additional documents.

Break: 9:45 AM

Reconvene: 9:52 AM

Moved to item 7C.

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - NONE

All items listed are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board, and are available for review. Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. 2018 Economic Outlook and General Fund Fiscal Performance

Departments: Finance

(Janet Dutcher) - Presentation discussing the 2018 Economic Outlook, analysis of trends, and review of the County's General Fund fiscal performance for the year ended June 30, 2018.

Action: Receive presentation and discuss.

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Presentation.

Break: 11:43 AM

Reconvene: 11:50 AM

B. Phase II Budget Amendment

Departments: CAO, Finance

(Leslie Chapman, Janet Dutcher) - Present information about the amount of General Fund carryover available for spending in Fiscal Year 2018-19, review the phase II budget requests submitted by departments, board members, citizens and community organizations, discuss CAO recommendations, and conclude with Board deliberation over the details of the phase II budget adjustments (requires 4/5ths vote).

Action: Approve the phase II budget adjustments, as presented.

Corless moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no;

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Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Presentation to communicate how much is in the carryover fund available to be spent.

Leslie Chapman:

- Presentation, CAO Recommended Budget.

Public Comment:

Sheriff Braun:

- Asking for people. Focus is on the jail side. Down 5 allocated positions. Public Safety Officers are working on average 60 overtime hours a month. What can't be considered in a cost-benefit analysis is the fatigue and morale. Limits opportunity to promote. Also down 5 positions on the Sheriff side.
- **Leslie Chapman:** Actives: 17/18 – 11; 16/17 – 9; 15/16 -10; 14/15 - 16. The department has been funded at the same level for 3 years, 4 years ago was much higher.

Jill Stark, June Lake Trails Committee;

- Asks that the County give more money to trails.

Jim Ricks, Northern Mono County Chamber of Commerce:

- Encourages the Board to keep the funding for fish planting.

Wendy Schneider, Friends of the Inyo:

- Introduced Alex Ertaud, Stewardship Director.
- Flooding is one of the things that our team addresses.
- Have submitted a scope of work. Requested funding for 3 volunteer events.

Rick McCoy, Boulder Lodge:

- Fish enhancement. Believes we can increase what the County takes in through fish enhancement.

Dave Doonan, White Mountain Fire:

- First Responders Fund. Leveraging money for volunteers. Look forward to making this an operational budget, showing the Board the successes of this department.

Lisa Oepkes, June Lake Motel:

- Don't need one year of bad fishing to deter guests.

Tim Kendall, District Attorney:

- Here one behalf of Community Corrections Partnership (CCP). Request and encourage Board to schedule a workshop.
- Supports the request by Sheriff. Affects court process. Public safety issues.

Barry Beck, Assessor:

- There is an allocation for Auditor-Appraiser, but was unfunded in the June budget review. Asking to get allocation funded. Generates assessed value more than the equivalent to the cost of the position.

Gaye Mueller, Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair:

- Thanked the Board for considering the recommendations of the Commission.
- Thanked the Board for the fish enhancement allocation. Pointed out that it is a trophy trout program.

Supervisor Stump:

- Support entire package with exceptions:
- The Air Service subsidy – do not support in its current configuration. Willing to divert that money into the jail. Along with the proposed ESCOG contribution. Reduce the economic stabilization fund by \$149,000 to get the number asked by the sheriff for the jail. Either that or for preparedness. There will be TSA changes that will start to affect charters as far as number of people on the plane.

Supervisor Peters:

- Clarified the contribution to airline subsidy in prior year. Would not recommend increasing it over last year.
- Couple of things that were not addressed:
- Address workload when it comes to public safety. Important to be prepared for incidents.
- Always look back to strategic priorities to make sure that they are being addressed.
- Address workload when it comes to recovery.
- Vehicle maintenance.

Supervisor Corless:

- Propose to stick with the CAO Recommendations.

Supervisor Halferty:

- Touching the reserves concerns her. Believes the reserves should be higher.
- Needs more information about CCP.
- Does not support ESCOG contribution.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Mick Jagger: You can't always get what you want.
- Approve this budget today, support the proposed budget, move it to phase III.
- Money set aside for affordable housing, use it for a housing person in community development department.
- Important to put dollars in the bank for the future.
- Need to find ways to increase revenue.

Moved to Closed Session.

C. Five Year Capital Improvement Plan

Departments: CAO

(Tony Dublino) - Staff will recommend a 5-Year Countywide Capital Improvement Plan for approval. The Plan establishes a schedule for implementation of mid-range capital projects and capital purchases.

Action: Approve the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan, as presented.

Peters moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no;

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Tony Dublino: Assistant CAO:

- Handed out Mono County Capital Improvement Projects map (available in additional documents).
- The document itself does not incur a fiscal impact - this is merely a planning document to prepare for implementation.
- Typo in Staff Report. All grouped in Appendix A. FTEs in the staff report instead of CIP.

Move to item 7a.

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

9. CLOSED SESSION at 1:57 PM

A. Closed Session - Existing Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: *Michael Hallum v. County of Mono et al.*, (Mono County Superior Court Case No. CV170086).

Reconvene: 2:41 PM

Nothing to report out of closed session.

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

The Board may, if time permits, take Board Reports at any time during the meeting and not at a specific time.

Supervisor Corless:

- RCRC Annual Meeting: Thank you to Scheereen and Megg for putting together the gift basket—it was auctioned off for \$2,500, and the event raised over \$62,000 for non-profits. Informative sessions including school safety (big focus on communication/ planning how agency will communicate); census preparation and potential issues (such as rural broadband access—no more paper and pencil), formation of complete count committees; cyber security—felt good about where Mono County is, emphasized BOS role, IT steering committee, security report card.
- RCRC Board: Voted to accept Sonoma County as a member county; Took the following positions on state ballot measures: Prop 2 (No Place Like Home)—neutral; Prop 4 (Children’s Hospital Funding) and Prop 7 (Daylight Saving)—no position; Prop 11 (Emergency Ambulance Safety and Preparedness)—yes. Forest management update—governor signed SB 901, bipartisan forest management/wildfire prevention, including five-year investment of \$200 million annually from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for forest health programs, totaling \$1 billion; update on efforts to work with CalPERS on revisions to hardship policy (to the benefit of local government) and to advocate for CalPERS to address county concerns about PERS policy changes—memo attached.
- Cal Dept of Fish and Wildlife Sage Grouse Meeting: requesting DWP to work with CDFW, USFWS to avoid listing in light of ruling. Thank you to Wendy Sugimura and Steve Nelson.
- State Forest Management Task Force Sub Committee Participation—getting plugged into the right group to talk about our Eastern Sierra issues, including smoke
- DWP Scoping Meeting.
- MLH Board Meeting: Tour the Parcel event Oct 20; closer to finalizing TOML contract; directed staff to bid on Birch Creek Condo (recused);
- Memo – sent to Board (Available in additional documents).

Supervisor Gardner:

- On Friday Sept. 28 I attended with Supervisor Halferty a meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board. We approved the purchase of a new bus for ESTA and also interviewed candidates for the Executive Director position. My understanding is that an offer will be made to a candidate soon.
- On Saturday Sept. 29 I attended the Mono Lake Committee Defender of the Trust Dinner celebration. The event reminded us all of the power of a determined group of concerned citizens, and the need to continue to be vigilant in protecting our public lands in the Eastern Sierra.

Supervisor Halferty:

- Attended the RCRC Annual Conference Sept. 19-21st- highlights include: a session on active shooters and a parent of a Sandy Hook victim: it’s important that communities have a clear communication plan; to have roles identified for responding first responders as part of the plan in order to avoid chaos; that all staff, including substitute teaches, kitchen staff and facilities maintenance workers are thoroughly trained in the active

shooter protocol; and that someone is keeping the media in the loop on a regular basis with updates no matter how little information is available

- 2020 Census - the Census is coming along with modernization and efficiency. Complete count committees are reported to be organized. The committees will get the word out about the census. CA has passed a 76\$ Billion budget item to help ensure the count of everyone.
- Kim Van the Executive Director CA USDA presented at the Board Meeting - I spoke with Kim about possible funding for the Civic Center. She said that they had funding available for such a project at 3% over 40 years - I have talked with CAO Chapman about this and encourage her to talk with Kim about this to see if there's any possible viability even at this 11th hour. At the Board meeting there was also an announcement of a new USDA Guaranteed Home Loan program that provides up to 4% gift through the program. Contact Mammoth Lakes Housing for an application and more information. 760-934-4740.
- Attended September 25 the Medication Assisted Treatment meeting, exciting potential to help those struggling with addiction
- On September 26 I, along with Supervisors Gardner & Corless and county staff attended the LADWP Notice of Preparation for their EIR on the Rancher leases changes in long valley
- On the morning of September 28 I attended my first ESTA board meeting in Bishop where we interviewed executive director candidates.
- Saturday, September 29th was National Public Lands Day and I volunteered with the Bodie Hills Partnership, the BLM, and Friends of the Inyo on a clean-up of years of trash at an old dump near the Conway Ranch.
- <http://www.gsfahome.org/programs/dpa/overview.shtml>

Supervisor Peters:

- 19th RCRC
- 25th Tourism Meeting
- 27th CSAC BH Robin Roberts
- Role of Behavioral Health in Emergencies
- Roebblen Rep
- 28th Housing Workshop
- 29th Autumn Festival/Chili Cookoff Paramedics winners
- **Upcoming:**
- Town Hall October 10th
- CERT Chris Smallcomb NOAA

Supervisor Stump:

- 9-18: Attended the joint Sierra Club - Mammoth Recreation meeting about the DWP dewatering of Long Valley. Good attendance. Mammoth Recreation is selling "Keep Long Valley Green" yard signs for \$5. I have one in my yard.
- 9-26: Attended the Tri Valley Water Commission meeting. The Commission continues to try and position itself for potential SGMA impacts both as a member of the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority and within its own area of responsibility.
- 9-29: Brush fire in the McGee Creek Campground operated by the INF on a windy day. Got to take my Supervisor hat off and put on my fire hat and go help. The Mono SO did a good job of evacuating campers quickly. The SO and CHP established traffic control on the road quickly. All the Forest Service firefighting units are back from assignment so they mounted a several engine response. Cal Fire assisted. Long Valley VFD sent five

units. Given the continuous fuel bed and the wind a good job was done by all to keep the fire less than 4 acres.

- Leslie Chapman: Unified Command meeting, SCE had reps there and discussed plans.
- RPAC in Lee Vining. Should be fairly easy to schedule them.

ADJOURNED at 3:03 PM

ATTEST

BOB GARDNER
CHAIR OF THE BOARD

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SR. DEPUTY CLERK