



**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.
Teleconference Only - No Physical Location

**Regular Meeting
August 11, 2020**

9:02 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Corless

*Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Kreitz, Peters, and Stump (all attended via teleconference).
Supervisors Absent: None.*

All votes were conducted by roll call.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Stump

Supervisor Gardner:

- "The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little."
-- FDR

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Attended Special Meetings for Tioga Inn and Budget Workshop, Antelope Valley RPAC meeting, enforcement discussion for local authorities

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent:

- Solid Waste publication – different recycling programs throughout Mono County

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 - June 9, 2020

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board minutes of the Regular Board meeting of June 9, 2020.

Action: Approve the Board minutes of the Regular Board meeting of June 9, 2020.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-153

B. Board Minutes - June 16, 2020

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board minutes of the Regular Board meeting of June 16, 2020.

Action: Approve the Board minutes of the Regular Board meeting of June 16, 2020.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-154

C. Board Minutes - June 29, 2020

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board minutes of the Special Board meeting of June 29, 2020.

Action: Approve the Board minutes of the Special Board meeting of June 29, 2020 with the requested signatory change.

Stump moved as amended; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain

M20-155

D. Board Minutes - July 7, 2020

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board minutes of the Regular Board meeting of July 7, 2020.

Action: Approve the Board minutes of the Regular Board meeting of July 7, 2020.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-156

E. Board Minutes - July 14, 2020

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board minutes of the Regular Board meeting of July 14, 2020.

Action: Approve the Board minutes of the Regular Board meeting of July 14, 2020.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-157

F. Board Minutes - July 21, 2020

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board minutes of the Regular Board meeting of July 21, 2020.

Action: Approve the Board minutes of the Regular Board meeting of July 21, 2020.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-158

G. Claim for Damages - Jonathan D. Palmer

Departments: Risk Management

Claim for damages filed by Jonathan D. Palmer, related to loss of employment with the County.

Action: Deny the claim and direct the Risk Manager, in consultation with County Counsel, to send notice to the claimant of said denial.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-159

H. Letter Supporting Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action Appeal of Denial of Head Start Grant

Departments: County Administrator's Office

(Robert C. Lawton, County Administrative Officer) - The Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action (IMACA) has served this region since 1980. IMACA conducts the only general Head Start program in a region of nearly 14,000 square miles, serving 82 preschoolers. Due in part to a

temporary under-enrollment - and not because of any observed deficiencies - the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HSS) recently denied renewal of IMACA's Head Start grant. Under the HSS appeals process, IMACA may submit a written appeal, including supporting documentation.

Action: Approve letter in support of IMACA's appeal with requested change of point of view from first person to third person.

Kreitz moved as amended; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-160

I. County Medical Services Program (CMSP) COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant (CERG) Agreement

Departments: Public Health

County Medical Services Program (CMSP) COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant (CERG) Agreement, Term July 15, 2020 to January 14, 2022.

Action: Approve the County Medical Services Program (CMSP) COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant (CERG) Agreement for fiscal years 2020-21 and 2021-22, and authorize the Chairperson to sign three (3) copies of the County Medical Services Program Governing Board Grantee Data Sheet (Exhibit D) to execute the agreement on behalf of the County as well as authorize the County Administrative Officer and Interim Public Health Director to sign three (3) copies of the agreement as required. Additionally, provide authorization for the Public Health Director to approve minor amendments and/or revisions that may occur during the contract period provided they are approved by County Counsel and do not materially affect the County's rights.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-161

J. Twin Lakes Road Maintenance Project - Invitation for Bids

Departments: Public Works Department

Authorization to Issue Invitation for Bids for the Twin Lakes Road Maintenance Project.

Action: Approve bid package and authorize the Public Works Department to advertise the Project for bids.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-162

Kalen Dodd, Associate Engineer:

- Confirmed project will be taking place in 2020
- Road will not be closed completely, one way traffic control

K. AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Enrollment Site Contract #20-10059 for July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2023

Departments: Public Health

Proposed contract with California Department of Public Health, Center for Infectious Diseases, Office of AIDS (OA) pertaining to the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Enrollment Site Contract #20-10059.

Action: Approve County entry into the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Enrollment Site Contract #20-10059 and authorize the Director of Public Health's signature to execute said contract and related attachments on behalf of the County including minor amendments that may occur in the 3-year contract period of July 1, 2020-June 30, 2023 with approval as to form by County Counsel.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-163

L. Memorandum of Understanding with Mono County Children and Families Commission (First 5) for Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment (CAPIT) services

Departments: Social Services

Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Social Services and the Mono County Children and Families Commission (First 5) for Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment (CAPIT) services.

Action: Approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Social Services to sign the proposed Agreement with the Mono County Children and Families Commission (First 5) to provide Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment (CAPIT) services.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-164

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

A. California Department of Fish and Wildlife Press Release re: Bacterial Outbreak at Three Southern California Hatcheries

A press release from California Department of Fish and Game (CDFW) regarding a bacterial outbreak at three CDFW fish hatchery facilities in the eastern Sierra and Southern California that has affected 3.2 million fish and

resulted in the euthanization of the fish in order to stop the spread of the outbreak.

Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Manager:

- Reviewed press release

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC), Annual Presentation and Contract with Mono County Office of Education (MCOE) to Perform CAPC Coordination Services

Departments: Social Services

(Michelle Raust (DSS Program Manager) and Courtney Powell (CAPC Coordinator)) - Agreement between the County and Mono County Office of Education (MCOE) to conduct Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) Coordination and a presentation by Courtney Powell regarding annual Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) accomplishments.

Action: Approve County entry into proposed contract with the Mono County Office of Education (MCOE) to Perform CAPC Coordination Services, and authorize Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Gardner moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-165

Michelle Raust, Program Manager, Child and Adult Services:

- Introduced item

Courtney Powell, CAPC Coordinator:

- Reviewed annual Child Abuse Prevention Council accomplishments

B. Revised and Restated Memorandum of Understanding with Madera County

Departments: Sheriff, CAO and County Counsel

(Ingrid Braun, Bob Lawton, Stacey Simon) - Revised and Restated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Madera County and the Town of Mammoth Lakes Regarding Law Enforcement, Emergency Response and Environmental Health services for Areas of Madera County primarily accessed through Mono County.

Action: Approve County entry into Revised and Restated MOU and authorize Board Chair to execute said MOU on behalf of the County.

Gardner moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-166

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Introduced item
- Noted "east of the Sierra Crest" language in the MOU is inaccurate, language has been carried forward from the 1994 MOU and cannot be changed

Ingrid Braun, Mono County Sheriff:

- Good compromise between Mono County and Madera County

Break: 10:05 AM

Reconvened: 10:10 AM

C. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Departments: CAO

Item will start at approximately 10:00 AM

(Bob Lawton, CAO) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including reports from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Unified Command (UC), and the various branches of the EOC, including Community Support and Economic Recovery, Joint Information Center (JIC), and Public Health. Specific topics include, but are not limited to: (1) Impacts of tourism and recreation on public lands; (2) Enforcement activities; and (3) Approve a letter to State legislators expressing County opposition to Assembly Bill 660, which would prohibit the assignment of law enforcement officer to contact tracing duties.

Action: Approve letter to Assembly Member Levine in Opposition to Assembly Bill 660.

Gardner moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-167

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- One individual under quarantine at Sierra Nevada Resort
- Continuing to provide food and referrals through IMACA
- Adequate supply of PPE
- Caught up on all contact tracing for positive cases
- One patient in Mammoth Hospital
- Mammoth Hospital to receive two high-flow oxygen machines
- Public Health preparing for flu clinics
- Resource limitations

Dr. Tom Boo, Mono County Health Officer:

- Reviewed new requirements for hotels, lodging, and short-term rentals within the Town of Mammoth Lakes
- Rapid testing, antigen testing
- 580 restaurant employees presented for testing: 35 tested positive from 20 restaurants (6% positivity rate)
- Monitoring list – County must be below all thresholds for three consecutive days in order to be removed from monitoring list. Being removed from monitoring list does not lift restrictions, restrictions stay in place until lifted by the State.

Public Comment (written Public Comments can be found on meeting webpage under Supporting Documents):

- Rhonda Duggan
- Alisa Mokler Harper

Supervisor Gardner:

- Mono Basin Visitor Center update

Supervisor Peters:

- Effective 8/7, no more campfires allowed in Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, including developed campgrounds

Ingrid Braun, Mono County Sheriff:

- Placed entire County under fire restrictions – no fires allowed at County parks and one County-owned campground
- Meeting with Federal and Land Manager partners: BLM, Forest Service (Humboldt-Toiyabe and Inyo National Forest), DWP, members from Town and County

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 11:53 PM

Reconvened: 12:52 PM

Nothing to report out of Closed Session.

Moved to Item 11

A. Closed Session - Public Employment

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS. Government Code section 54957. Title: (1) County Administrative Officer; (2) County Counsel.

B. 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: one.

10. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. Budget Workshop - Capital Project Budgets

Departments: CAO, Finance

(Robert Lawton, Janet Dutcher, Megan Mahaffey) - Budget workshop for fiscal year 2020-2021. This is the second day of a three day workshop.

Today's workshop covers the Capital Projects budgets.

To view the budget schedules and other budgetary related information, please visit the following link:

[2020-2021 Recommended Budget for Adoption](#)

Action: None.

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- State & Federal Road Improvements
- Capital Improvement Projects
- Jail Facility Construction Project (slide available on meeting webpage as Supporting Document)
- Civic Center Project

Tony Dublino, Public Works Director:

- Reviewed Capital Improvement Projects budget

11. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- 8/5 - Long Valley Hydrologic Advisory Committee--update on Ormat CDIV monitoring plan, BLM plan for a new monitoring well near Old Shady Rest campground
- Presentation/Q & A at Mammoth Lakes Lions Club
- Coping with Covid public meeting
- 8/6-7 - Spent time at the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center talking to visitors, volunteered as trail host. Thank you to Inyo National Forest, ESIA, Mammoth Lakes Tourism, MLTPA for finding solution to visitor information.
- Presentation by Dr. Beth Cohen to county managers on "building workforce well-being and managing pandemic anxiety"--many thanks to organizers for providing this resource to county employees
- 8/10 - Government for Forest Health/local government working group of the state's Forest Management Task Force, introduced to new interim task force director, Patrick Wright; presentation re: biomass utilization developments, need for more flexible, portable solutions such as Burn Boss and larger biomass solutions.

Supervisor Gardner:

- 8/5: June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee meeting, presentations made by SCE about their valve replacement project at Gem Lake and by Suddenlink regarding complaints about service in June Lake
- 8/6: Tioga Inn Project special meeting
- 8/7: Kutzadika Tribal Council – status of continued efforts to obtain federal recognition and need for increased awareness of the Kutzadika Tribe and its history in the Mono Basin. Concerns regarding the Tioga Inn Project.
- 8/10: County Budget Workshop, Mono Basin Fire Safe Council

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Tioga Inn meeting on August 6th - progress was made on some items, and there are some items still outstanding. Another meeting will be scheduled shortly.
- August 10, I filled in for LTC Chair, Lynda Salcido and chaired the meeting. The Commission approved a resolution authorizing approximately \$173,000 in CARES Act funding for ESTA, and received an update from CalTrans and Town staff on highway 395 and 203 traffic data and trail count data, respectively. Accordingly, traffic is relatively flat while trail usage is up significantly due to the lack of organized events and activities.

Supervisor Peters:

- 8/5: Fisheries Commission meeting, met with Mono Lake Committee Executive Director, Economic Recovery Branch meeting
- 8/6: Tioga Inn Project special meeting, Antelope Valley RPAC
- 8/7: Met with Jan Cutts from Humboldt-Toiyabe regarding fire restrictions, has received confirmation that BLM in Nevada has instituted fire restrictions
- 8/10: LTC meeting, Budget Workshop, Northern Mono Chamber of Commerce
- Bridgeport RPAC tonight

Supervisor Stump:

- 8-6: Special Meeting Tioga Inn - Item continued
- 8-10: LTC - Action items approved - I was only in the meeting until 10:00 so I will let Supervisor Peters and Supervisor Kreitz give a more complete update
- 8-10: Special Board Budget Meeting
- 8-10: Wheeler Crest Fire Safe Council

Moved to Item 10A

ADJOURNED AT 1:36 PM

ATTEST

**STACY CORLESS
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**QUEENIE BARNARD
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**