



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

Regular Meetings: First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified below.
Teleconference Only - No Physical Location

**Regular Meeting
May 11, 2021**

9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Kreitz.

Supervisors Present: Corless, Duggan, Gardner, Kreitz, and Peters (all attended via teleconference).

Supervisors Absent: None.

The Mono County Board of Supervisors stream most of their meetings live on the internet and archives them afterward. To search for a meeting from June 2, 2015 forward, please go to the following link: <http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/meetings>.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair Kreitz.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Retirement Recognition of Rebecca A. Buccowich for Her Years of Service with Mono County

Departments: CAO

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO) - Proposed resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors recognizing Rebecca A. Buccowich for her years of service to Mono County.

Action: Adopt resolution recognizing Rebecca A. Buccowich for her years of service with Mono County.

Gardner motion. Peters seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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Supervisor Kreitz:

- Read resolution

Supervisors acknowledged and expressed thanks to Becky Buccowich.

Staff comments:

- Bob Lawton
- Janet Dutcher
- Kathy Peterson
- Justin Nalder
- Stacey Simon
- John Craig
- Francie Avitia

Becky Buccowich:

- Thank you to everybody, appreciate the send off

B. Safety Seat Checkup Proclamation

Departments: Board of Supervisors, sponsored by Supervisor Gardner
Proclamation declaring May 16-22, 2021 Safety Seat Checkup Week.

Action: Approve proposed proclamation.

Gardner motion. Peters seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-111

Supervisor Gardner:

- Read proclamation

Molly DesBaillets, First 5 Executive Director:

- Reviewed car seat safety activities

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Budget development continues
- Discussing policy items and requests from operating departments
- Participated in meeting on electrical systems and other infrastructure aspects for county jail project
- Met with Janet, Dave Wilbrecht, and Doug Johnson regarding at-will compensation study
- Visited and Alicia Vennos, Jeff Simpson, and Stacey Simon to discuss future agenda item
- EOC Finance committee
- \$2.8 million under American Rescue Plan funding - Department of Treasury suggested and permitted usage
- Recruitment update for open positions – Public Health Officer, Human Resources, Housing Coordinator

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Ingrid Braun, Mono County Sheriff:

- Dispersed camping and campfires – advocate for early fire restrictions

Francie Avitia, Social Services Eligibility Supervisor:

- CalFresh Awareness Month update

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 - April 13, 2021

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on April 13, 2021.

Action: Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on April 13, 2021.

Peters motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-112

B. Letters of Support - CAL FIRE Grants

Departments: Board of Supervisors, sponsored by Supervisor Corless

Letters in support of CAL FIRE grant applications:

- 1) Inyo National Forest grant application for the Eastern Sierra Climate & Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP) Phase I Implementation; and
- 2) Proposal “Wildfire Prevention in the Eastern Sierra: Visitor Education and Outreach” submitted by Whitebark Institute

Action: Approve letters as presented or amended, and authorize Board Chair to sign.

Peters motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-113

C. Public Health Department County Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (CMAA) Contract #21-10014 for FY July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2024

Departments: Public Health

Funding is available to local governmental agencies through the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to assist in the proper and efficient administration of the Medi-Cal Program by improving the availability and accessibility of Medi-Cal Services to Medi-Cal eligible and potentially eligible individuals and their families.

Action: Approve County entry into the County Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (CMAA) Contract #21-10014 and related certifications and authorize the Public Health Fiscal & Administrative Officer to execute said contract on behalf of the County, including minor amendments that may occur in the 3-year contract period of July 1, 2021 -June 30, 2024 with approval as to form by County Counsel.

Peters motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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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. **Bridgeport Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) Request for Action to Change Fishing Regulations on the East Walker River**

A letter from Bridgeport Valley RPAC requesting the Board of Supervisors work with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to revert regulations on the East Walker River to the regulations that existed immediately prior to March 1, 2021.

Jimmy Little, Bridgeport Valley RPAC Chair:

- Provided additional information about the letter

Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Manager:

- Feedback from community regarding this issue

Supervisor Peters:

- Staff direction to draft letter to send to CDFW

B. **Letters re: Conway Ranch Management**

Letters from Laura Cunningham, California Director with Western Watersheds Project, and Ilene Mandelbaum, Lee Vining resident, regarding Conway Ranch Management.

C. **Application for Alcoholic Beverage License - The Basin Cafe**

An application to the State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for Alcoholic Beverage License by Banta Enterprise LLC doing business as The Basin Cafe located at 349 Lee Vining Ave., Lee Vining, CA 93541.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Inyo-Mono County Veteran Services Officer Update

Departments: Veteran Services

(Gordon Greene, Inyo-Mono County Veteran Services Officer) - Receive report from Inyo-Mono County Veteran Services Officer.

Action: None.

Gordon Greene, Inyo-Mono County Veteran Services Officer:

- In Mono County every Thursday

Moved to Item 7C.

B. Mountain View Fire Update

Departments: Mountain View Fire Emergency Operations Center

(Justin Nalder, EOC Director) - Update on the Mountain View Fire in Walker, California.

Action: None.

Justin Nalder, EOC Director:

- Mary Booher limited office hours – Antelope Valley Senior Center Monday from 12-2, Thursday 4:30-6:30
- Debris removal and remediation – just over 93% complete
- 13 properties listed on ineligible/withdrawal list
- Trailer transport update

Moved to Item 12.

C. General Fund Long-term Forecast and Scenario Modeling

Departments: Finance

(Russ Branson, Consultant, Janet Dutcher, Finance Director) - Russ Branson, consultant, will present the results of a General Fund long-term fiscal forecast that includes modeling several policy scenarios and demonstrating the effects each has on the County's carryover and existing reserve balances. Long-term fiscal forecasting is a key financial resiliency behavior and will assist the Board in understanding the future consequences of current day decisions.

Action: None.

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Introduced item

Russ Branson, Consultant:

- Presentation - Review of revenues and expenses, evaluation of financial health, budget forecast, alternative forecasts, budget perspectives

Break: 11:09 AM
Reconvened: 11:16 AM

D. Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Update

Departments: Finance

(Janet Dutcher, Finance Director; Megan Mahaffey, Accountant II) - The budget development team will update the Board about the FY 2021-22 budget development process.

Action: None.

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Presentation – Budget journey (General Fund): Base Budget, Department requested, Workshop Budget, Rebalancing adjustments; Policy Items; what is in the budget and what is not in the budget; Non-GF budgets; Workshop schedule and format

Supervisor Corless left the meeting at 12:10 PM.

E. Workshop on General Plan Amendment for Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Standards

Departments: Community Development

(Bentley Regehr, Planning Analyst) - Presentation by Bentley Regehr regarding General Plan Amendment for Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Standards

Action: None.

Bentley Regehr, Planning Analyst:

- Short term rentals in ADUs
- Height limitations for ADUs

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 12:41 PM
Reconvened: 1:09 PM

Reentered Closed Session: 2:15 PM
Reconvened: 3:31 PM

No action to report out of Closed Session.

A. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Bob Lawton, Stacey Simon, Janet Dutcher, and Dave Wilbrecht. 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). Unrepresented employees: All.

B. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.

C. Closed Session - Initiation of Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: one.

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

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

11. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. PUBLIC HEARING: Short-Term Rental Activity Permit 21-002/Gordon

Departments: Community Development

(Kelly Karl, Associate Planner) - Public hearing regarding Short-Term Rental (STR) Activity Permit 21-002/Gordon, an owner-occupied short-term rental at 90 Aspen Place in Crowley Lake (APN 060-210-067). The existing four-bedroom/four-bathroom main residence would be rented while the owners occupy the detached accessory dwelling unit. Maximum occupancy is 10 people and six vehicles (four vehicles for renters and two vehicles for the property owners). The parcel is designated Single-Family Residential (SFR).

Action: No motion made. Item failed for lack of a motion.

Public Hearing Opened: 1:11 PM

Kelly Karl, Associate Planner:

- Presented item

Dan and Kara Gordon, Proponents:

- Addressed questions regarding street sign

Public Hearing Closed: 1:37 PM

B. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Departments: Public Health

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director) - 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.

Action: None.

Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director:

- PPT presentation (can be found under Supporting Documents on the meeting webpage: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/bos/page/board-supervisors-116>) – 7-day metrics, Blueprint for a Safer Economy, Mono County advancement to least restrictive yellow tier, CDC issues updated public health recommendations for fully vaccinated people, walk-in vaccination clinic schedule, testing

C. Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission Workshop

Departments: Economic Development

(Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Manager) - Presentation by Jeff Simpson regarding an overview of the Mono County Fish & Wildlife Commission, which has been an active commission of Mono County since 1984. In addition to reviewing current fish and wildlife issues, the commission is also tasked with providing recommendations to staff and the Board of Supervisors regarding fish stocking, Fish and Game Fine Fund expenditures, and matters relating to fish and endangered species. In the existing resolution, advisement regarding Conway Ranch is also included. The functions of the commission are advisory only and do not entail any governmental powers, either fiscal or regulatory. There is a desire from commissioners and staff to review and clarify the scope and bylaws of the Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Action: None.

Item postponed to May 18, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Moved to Item 7B.

12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- Will provide at next meeting.

Supervisor Duggan:

- 05/05/21 –
 - Mammoth Lakes Tourism – Board of Directors Meeting
 - I participated in the meeting focused on 2021-22 Marketing Presentation, a draft of the 2021-22 Measure A Allocation Budget and Deliverables to the Town of Mammoth Lakes, and the Draft TBID Allocation Budget for next year.
 - There was discussion of messaging to the public regarding fire use on public and private lands. Various agencies discussed possibility of greater fire restrictions in the future.
 - Local events will begin planning to resume this summer and fall.
 - IMACA – Board of Directors Special Meeting – Closed Session
 - I participated in a meeting along with Supervisor Peters to discuss team building and improving staff relations.
- 5/6/21 –
 - GBUAPCD – Supervisor Corless and I participate in the monthly Board of Directors meeting. Highlights included the second 2021-22 Annual Budget Hearing to adopt the SB 270 Sub-Budget and General Fund allocations. The Board adopted the 2021-22 Air Quality Monitoring Network Plan.
- 5/10/21 – LTC
 - I participated in the Local Transportation Commission meeting along with Commissioner Peters and LTC Board Chair Kreitz. We reviewed the Unmet Needs Matrix and requested more outreach and input from Mammoth Lakes. The outreach will be conducted at the next meeting of the Mammoth Lakes Planning and Economic Development Commission on June 9.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Last Wednesday May 5 I participated in another meeting with public lands and other agency representatives about the feral horses in the Mono Basin. The California State Parks has a proposal to erect a fence to protect some of the sand tufa that is threatened by horse activity, but funds are needed to support this project.
- Also last Wednesday I attended the monthly meeting of the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee. Topics discussed included June Lake Village traffic calming and conversion of part of the June Lake County Sheriff Substation into a museum and information center.
- On Thursday May 6 I led another progress update on the Dispersed Camping Summit. We are finalizing the five subcommittee action plans to improve dispersed camping for the summer season. A special Town Hall meeting is set for May 25 at 5:30 PM to provide the public an opportunity to learn about these action plans.
- On Friday May 6 I participated in the monthly meeting of the Kutzadika Tribal Council meeting. The Tribe is still waiting for our Congressional Representative Obernolte to reintroduce the Federal recognition legislation for the Tribe sponsored by Rep. Cook last September. Rep. Obernolte told a Town Hall meeting in April he would have this done by May 1, but it has not happened yet.
- Finally, last night I attended with Chair Kreitz another meeting of the Mammoth Voices group. The speaker was Chuck Marohn, founder of the Strong Towns Project. I found Chuck's remarks to be very interesting and quite relevant to many County and Town issues we face.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- On May 6th I participated in the Mono County Treasury Oversight Committee meeting. As interest rates continue to be low, the fund is challenged to grow the pool, but it is the first priority of the fund to avoid loss of funds - the pool fund is secure and that is good.
- Monday, May 10th, I chaired the LTC regular monthly meeting. We held a public hearing with the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council to review the feedback thus far on the unmet needs. The Mammoth Lakes Planning and Economic Development Commission will hold a public hearing on unmet needs within the Town in June and staff will bring back the full list to the Commission in July. We review the 2021/22 Overall Work Program (OWP) and will likely approve at our next meeting. The Commission asked staff to work on adding the planning of a multimodal path connecting the Tioga Inn to the town of Lee Vining in the OWP.
- Later on Monday, the MLH-Town Contract Negotiations Committee met to review and discuss the draft deliverable of the proposed three year contract with the Town.
- I closed out my Monday night by attending the Mammoth Voices speaker series which featured Strong Towns Executive Director Chuck Marohn - <https://www.strongtowns.org>. The non-profit has a focus on building strong and resilient communities. Topics included Pop 13, development agreements, single family zoning and much more. Chuck is a proponent of incremental change and he strongly recommended that we look at allowing one increment more of development in our zones, but not more, as a way to foster organic incremental growth - i.e. allowing duplexes, and nothing more, in single family zones, which would create small, organic changes and allow more people access to housing. I'd like for us to consider such a change.

Supervisor Peters:

- 5/4: attended Northern Mono Chamber of Commerce meeting – upcoming ATV Jamboree later this summer, efforts to raise money for fish stocking, annual July Fish Derby
- 5/5: CSAC and Ag and Natural Resource Policy Committee – discussions about droughts and water allocations. Attended IMACA Special Meeting – organization challenges and strategies, how to meet the needs of the community
- 5/6: Attended Antelope Valley RPAC meeting – updates on impacts already occurring from dispersed camping. Strategies up here in Humboldt-Toiyabe. Presentation by Matt Paruolo.
- NACo Broadband Taskforce
- Yesterday, attended LTC meeting

Moved to Item 9.

ADJOURNED AT 3:32 PM.

ATTEST

**JENNIFER KREITZ
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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