



**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.

Meeting Location: Mammoth Lakes Suite Z, 437 Old Mammoth Rd, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

**Regular Meeting
July 20, 2021**

9:04 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Kreitz.

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

Supervisors Absent: None.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Gardner.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Michelle, Tom's Place:

- Learned that the Fish Commission was disbanded. Fish stocking in this area is critical.
- Difficulty getting insurance coverage in California.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Week Proclamation

Departments: Probation

(Dylan Whitmore, Deputy Probation Officer) - Proposed proclamation recognizing the efforts of the Probation Department and proclaiming the week of July 18-24, 2021, Pretrial, Probation and Parole Week.

Action: Adopt proposed proclamation recognizing the efforts of the Probation Department and proclaiming the week of July 18-24, 2021, Pretrial, Probation and Parole Week.

Corless motion. Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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Dylan Whitmore, Deputy Probation Officer:

- Thanked Board for recognizing the men and women of the probation department

Supervisor Corless:

- Expressed appreciation to Dylan and team

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Holding monthly meetings with department heads
- Attended NACo conference in person – sat on in meetings of the Rural Action Caucus, National Association of County Administrators, US Census Forum, Rural Broadband issues, strategies for advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Been in touch with Forest Service District Rangers regarding Dexter and Tamarack Fires
- Congratulated Public Health Director, Bryan Wheeler, for his recent designation as President of California HIV/STD Controllers Association

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Kathy Peterson, Social Services Director:

- Retirement of Suzanne West
- Introduced Leslie Gaunt as Staff Services Analyst III
- Tamarack Fire update

Michelle Raust, Program Manager:

- Acknowledged Rose Martin's graduation from Master's program

Rose Martin, Child Welfare Supervisor:

- Thanked County for educational incentive program
- Proud of the work we do at the County and shows how effective teaming is

Scheereen Dedman, Acting Clerk-Recorder-Registrar:

- Announcement of Assistant Clerk-Recorder-Registrar

Gordon Greene, Veteran Services Officer:

- Going through accreditation training
- Eight claims for eight individuals in Mono County. Plan to increase outreach once accreditation is done.
- Office hours in Mono County every Thursday

Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent:

- Annual update on fee waivers and community clean ups for Solid Waste Division

Break: 9:47 AM

Reconvened: 9:56 AM

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. Contract for Assessor's Counsel

Departments: Assessor

Proposed contract with Michael K. Slattery of Lamb & Kawakami LLP pertaining to outside counsel services for the Mono County Assessor.

Action: Approve County entry into proposed contract and authorize Barry Beck to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Peters motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-157

B. Behavioral Health Department Restructure

Departments: Behavioral Health

Proposed Resolution Authorizing the County Administrative Officer to Amend the County of Mono List of Allocated Positions to Remove One (1.0) FTE Behavioral Health Services Coordinator II and One (1.0) FTE Behavioral Health Services Coordinator I and add One (1.0) FTE Behavioral Health Services Coordinator III and One (1.0) FTE Fiscal Technical Specialist III.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution, Authorizing the County Administrative Officer to Amend the County of Mono List of Allocated Positions to Remove One (1.0) FTE Behavioral Health Services Coordinator II and One (1.0) FTE Behavioral Health Services Coordinator I and add One (1.0) FTE Behavioral Health Services Coordinator III and One (1.0) FTE Fiscal Technical Specialist III.

Peters motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R21-53

C. Used Oil Opportunity Grant (OPP12) Application

Departments: Public Works - Solid Waste

Proposed resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors authorizing the Director of Public Works to submit and execute on behalf of Mono County an application to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery for the Used Oil Payment Program, fiscal years 2021-22 through 2025-26 (12th through 16th cycle).

Action: Adopt proposed resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works to submit and execute on behalf of Mono County an application to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery for the Used Oil Payment Program, fiscal years 2021-22 through 2025-26 (12th through 16th cycle).

Peters motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R21-54

D. Claim for Damages - Adam Flores

Departments: Risk Management

Claim for damages filed by Adam Flores, related to alleged personal injury during a vehicle collision involving a county vehicle.

Action: Deny the claim submitted by Megeredchian Law on behalf of Adam Flores, direct the Risk Manager, in consultation with County Counsel, to send notice to the claimant of the denial.

Peters motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-158

E. Interagency Assistance Mutual Aid and Joint Training Agreement

Departments: Sheriff

Interagency Mutual Aid and Joint Training Agreement made and entered into by and between the County of Inyo on behalf of its Sheriff's Department and District Attorney's Office, the City of Bishop on behalf of its Police Department, and Mono County, on behalf of its Sheriff's Department.

Action: Approve the Chair signing the Interagency Mutual Aid and Joint Training Agreement on behalf of Mono County.

Peters motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-159

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. Application for Alcoholic Beverage License - Mono Inn LLC

An application to the State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for Alcoholic Beverage License by Mono Inn LLC doing business as Mono Inn located at 55620 Highway 395, Lee Vining, CA 93541.

B. Proposed Southern California Edison Control-Silver Peak Project Notice

A notice regarding the proposed Southern California Edison Control-Silver Peak Project.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. 2021 Supervisorial Redistricting Update

Departments: CAO

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Christian Milovich, Assistant County Counsel) - Presentation by staff regarding the 2021 Redistricting Process, including discussion about public outreach, scheduling public hearings and creation of informational website.

Action: Advise staff to schedule public hearings, create website and implement plan for public outreach.

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- PPT presentation (can be found under Supporting Documents on the meeting webpage: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/bos/page/board-supervisors-122>) – Set a date for the 1st public hearing, Public input for mapping process, Set dates for all remaining public hearings

Supervisor Corless:

- Spanish translation available at hearings
- Outreach to local tribes

B. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Departments: CAO, Public Health

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discussion of planning for changes to County operations as the State moves into its "Beyond the Blueprint" stage, including, but not limited to: status of emergency declarations; returning to in-person County meetings; returning remote employees to work.

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-122>) – 7-day metrics, CDC Indicators and Thresholds for Community Transmission of COVID-

19 to Guide Masks for Public Indoor Settings Based on Vaccination Status, Mono County COVID-19 Vaccine dashboard, Mono County Masking Recommendation for Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Persons in Public Indoor Spaces, Delta Variant, vaccine misinformation, testing and vaccine schedule

C. Mono County Audit Reports for FY 2019-20

Departments: Finance

(Janet Dutcher, Finance Director) - Presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

Action: None.

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Presented a summary of the County's annual audit reports

D. Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Chapter 2.68 of the Mono County Code "Personnel System"

Departments: County Counsel and Human Resources

(Stacey Simon, County Counsel, Ryan Roe, Acting HR Director) - Proposed ordinance repealing Mono County Code Chapter 2.68 "Personnel System" which has been superseded by Personnel Rules negotiated between the County and each of its employee bargaining units and adding language to Chapter 2.68 instead referencing the Personnel Rules.

Action: Introduce, read title, and waive further reading of proposed ordinance.

Corless motion. Peters seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-160

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Presented item

E. Ordinance Amending Mono County Code Section 3.52.050 - Assessment Appeals Boards

Departments: County Counsel and Clerk

(Stacey Simon, County Counsel, Scheereen Dedman, Acting Clerk-Recorder-Registrar) - Proposed ordinance amending Mono County Code Section 3.52.050 to align with changes in state law which eliminated specified qualifications for members of County Assessment Appeals Boards in counties with populations under 200,000.

Action: Introduce, read title, and waive further reading of proposed ordinance.

Duggan motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-161

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Presented item

F. Ordinance Amending Chapter 7.28 of the County Code - Camping

Departments: Public Works

(Tony Dublino, Director of Public Works) - Ordinance amending Chapter 7.28 Camping. Extends existing prohibitions on camping in county parks to include county recreational facilities and community centers and associated parking areas. Also prohibits camping on paved county roads and within their rights-of-way. Provides exceptions relating to emergencies, special uses and where otherwise authorized by action of the Board of Supervisors.

Action: Introduce, read title, and waive further reading of the proposed ordinance.

Gardner motion. Peters seconded.

Vote: 3 yes, 2 no

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Roll Call:

Corless - N

Duggan - Y

Gardner - Y

Kreitz - N

Peters - Y

Tony Dublino, Director of Public Works:

- Ordinance draft presented to Board on July 6 was the wrong version and did not include language that had been adopted in 2016. The item is back for a first reading with comments made at the July 6 meeting incorporated, specifically adding language to provide Board discretion to designate County properties for overnight use.

Chair Kreitz:

- Concerns raised by several constituents about making this change without a solution

Supervisor Corless:

- Also received comments from constituents in opposition, will be changing vote

Supervisor Gardner:

- Has received comments supporting ordinance

*Break: 11:55 AM
Reconvened: 12:13 PM*

G. Countywide Solid Waste Services

Departments: Public Works - Solid Waste

(Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent) - Discussion of Proposals and Recommendation for next steps on Countywide Solid Waste Services.

Action: None.

Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent:

- Provided background
- Request for Proposals
- Proposals received

Tony Dublino, Director of Public Works:

- At this point, need to sit down with proposers and talk about cost before coming back to the Board with a recommendation for next steps

Supervisor Corless:

- Expressed concern about situation and recommended County Administrative Office provide more support to Public Works Solid Waste Division

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Important to make sure that Public Works has the legal and logistical support necessary for this project to be effective and efficient for residents and that the County's long term interests are best protected.

Supervisor Duggan:

- Concerned that we are being held hostage to these particular bids
- Agree with Supervisor Corless that we need to provide the Public Works department with help to get this done

Chair Kreitz:

- No option to own the Integrated Materials Management Center (IMMC) – would like that to be a requirement

Stacy Simon, County Counsel:

- Underscored Tony and Justin's comments regarding the option for the County to be the primary developer and owner of the transfer station. This option needs to remain on the table, if none of the local haulers are willing to provide the service that we need and have clearly put out in the RFP, then perhaps we get what we need by providing it ourselves.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Hope that we leave all the options on the table as we pursue this. If additional resources are needed, that we consider that as well.
- Make sure we explore all possible solutions and not feel constrained

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 12:45 PM

Supervisor Peters left the meeting at 1:30 PM.

Reconvened: 1:54 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 Anne Frievalt. 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 - Public Employment

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: Paramedic I.

D. 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. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- 7/9 - Meeting with local Regional Fire and Forest Capacity Program staff regarding the CA Fire Safe Council county wildfire program coordinator grant opportunity, Supervisor Gardner and I will work with CAO Lawton to bring something back to our board in August

- 7/9-12 - NACo conference, attended virtually
- 7/12 - Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership
- 7/14 - RCRC executive committee meeting in Sacramento
- 7/14 - Town of Mammoth Lakes, Planning and Ec Dev Commission
- 7/15 - Meeting of the Eastern Sierra Climate and Community Resilience Project outreach group
- 7/16 Golden State Natural Resources board meeting, moving toward selection of site in Northern California;
- Meeting with LA Mayor Garcetti/DWP representatives, our board should follow up on the discussion.

Supervisor Duggan:

- 7/8-13/21 – I participated in the NACo Annual Conference in Maryland along with Supervisor Peters and the other supervisors virtually. Along with several workshops focused on new members and committees, I was able to participate in policy meetings and election of officers that represent California, rural counties, and local interests.
- 7/15/21 – I participated in CSAC Webinar Initiating, Navigating, & Negotiating the Dynamics of Change in County Government. Later that evening I attended the Long Valley RPAC. There was interest in a future joint meeting with CSA1 to align priorities.
- 7/16/21 – I met with Mammoth Town Councilmember Sarah Rea to discuss creative solutions for housing.
- 7/17/21 – I participated in a workshop held by the Tri County Fair Board with interested parties to review finding from a feasibility study regarding combining the Junior Livestock Show with the Tri County Fair. There was also discussion about appointing a Mono County Representative to the Fair Board. The appointment comes from the Governor's office (a request is in and pending.) I will follow up regarding appointment status in Late September.
- 7/19/21 – I participated in the Strategic Planning Workshop facilitated by Robert Bendorf. It was a good opportunity to get to know the board members better and learn about their priorities for the county. I look forward to the feedback from the sessions held with the staff and their ideas about aligning workloads and goals.

Supervisor Gardner:

- On Wednesday July 7 I attended the monthly meeting of the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee. Topics discussed at that meeting included continued concerns regarding speeding on selected June Lake Village streets, the County Active Transportation Plan, and a COVID update.
- On Thursday July 8 I participated in the quarterly Yosemite Gateway meeting. We heard an update from Park staff about numerous projects underway and the impact of continuing to require reservations to enter the Park.
- On Friday July 9 I participated in a brief Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board meeting to approve the ESTA budget.
- From Friday, July 9 through Monday, July 12 I participated virtually in the National Association of Counties Annual Conference. I led a meeting of our Resorts/Tourism/Gateway Counties Working Group on Saturday with interesting presentations from Headwaters Economics and Recreate Responsibly. I also participated in the Public Lands Policy Steering Committee meeting consideration of policy resolutions, the Western Interstate Region meetings, various workshops, and listened to several General Session speakers.

- On Monday July 12 I participated with Supervisor Corless in the monthly meeting of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership. We heard updates from each member and the status of selected projects, including grant assistance.
- On Thursday and Friday July 15 and 16 I participated in the Bi-State Traditional Ecological Knowledge Summit hosted by the Kutzadika Tribal Council in the Mono Basin. This was an incredible event that featured speakers from tribes across the Eastern Sierra, plus others from various Federal and California and Nevada state agencies. It was very humbling to hear about the experiences of our native peoples, but also about the pride they have in their traditions and heritage in our region. There was also much discussion about how public agencies can improve consultation with our tribes.
- On Friday July 16 I met with Supervisor Corless Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, who was in the June Lake area very briefly to review the proposed LADWP Rush Creek and Grant Lake restoration project. We had only a few minutes to talk with Mayor Garcetti, but he was very supportive of working with the County on projects of mutual concern, including possible land for affordable housing. We also emphasized that we wanted to pursue opportunities to resolve current concerns with LADWP.
- Yesterday I attended with my colleagues on the Board the Strategic Planning workshop in Bridgeport. I thought we made some important first steps in moving forward in providing better strategic direction and guidance for the County.

Chair Kreitz:

- On Wednesday, July 7th, I participated in a joint workshop with the Mammoth Lakes Town Council and the Mammoth Lakes Housing Board of Directors. The two bodies discussed the renewal of the MLH contract with the Town for services. The initial proposal was for a three year contract, but after much discussion on deliverables and the Town's path forward to address housing needs, there was agreement to enter into a one year contract, with the understanding that changes can be made at anytime so long as there's agreement between the two bodies. MLH requested a 5% increase in the contract, which would be the first increase in nine years, while the Town staff recommended a 1.8% increase. MMSA VP of Development, Tom Hodges offered that MMSA would pick-up the difference. Many thanks to MMSA for their participation!
- Beginning on Friday, July 9th with the Community, Economic, Workforce Development Committee meeting, I attended NACo's annual conference remotely. Once again, the resolution I sponsored was supported by NACo, which encourages our Federal leaders to reduce the Private Activity Bonds for 4% LIHTC from 50% to 25%, thereby allowing twice as much affordable housing funding, a funding source historically used in Mono County and part of the financing structure for The Parcel development. While I enjoyed the conference, I do intent to attend in-person at the next opportunity.
- Also on July 9th, I participated in a meeting with HCD HOME staff and MLH staff, consultants and several Board members to discuss MLH's HOME application for their conversion project at 238 Sierra Manor Road - Access Apartments. HCD has some concerns around cash-flow and the gap in funding with the ever escalating construction costs. Everyone at MLH is looking for funding sources, and ways to increase the operating cash-flow of the project. I have been working with CAO Lawton, and, with Board consensus would like for staff to bring back some options for Mono County to add to our financial support of this project, which will bring eleven much needed one-bedroom apartments to the heart of Mammoth Lakes.

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- On July, 12, I met with MLH Executive Director, Patricia Roberson and Larry Emerson from IMACA and the Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care to discuss possible additional funding for the MLH 238 Sierra Manor Road project. Larry is investigating using HAAP funding for the project.
- July 12th was also the regular meeting of the MLH Board. The Board approved the one-year contract with the Town, was introduced to the 2021-2022 CA Coalition for Rural Housing, Rural West Intern Erika Guzman-Rangel; appointed four members to two new ad-hoc committees - one for the ED's evaluation and another for fundraising for the Access Apartments, which I joined the latter.
- Friday, July 16th I attended an ESCOG Regional Housing Roundtable planning meeting. Still looking at a small, initial gathering in the Fall, likely October.
- And I'd like to get Board consensus to have CAO Lawton bring forward an agenda item to discuss the possibility of using some of the Housing Reserve Funds for hiring outside help to move forward the policy items discussed at the June 15 Housing Authority meeting. As we all know CDD is short staffed and we need to keep momentum on housing priorities, etc.
- Lastly, Just want to make my constituents and others aware that tomorrow, July 21 the Town Council will be discussing their affordable housing programs, policies and funding, including possibility increasing their contribution to the MLH Access Apartments' subsidy to a total of 1.5 million dollars.

Supervisor Peters:

- Will provide at next meeting.

ADJOURNED AT 2:14 PM.

ATTEST

**JENNIFER KREITZ
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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