



**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  
November 9, 2021**

9:01 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 Supervisor Peters.

**1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

None.

**2. RECOGNITIONS**

**A. Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Presentation**

Departments: Board of Supervisors, sponsored by Supervisor Corless (Patrick Blacklock, RCRC President and CEO) - RCRC is a thirty-seven county member service organization that champions policies on behalf of California's rural counties. RCRC's President and CEO will provide an update on organizational programming and present (virtually) the proceeds of RCRC's 2021 Annual Meeting to several Mono County community-based organizations. The local recipients of these funds are the Antelope Valley Lions Club, Mono Arts Council, Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra, Eastern Sierra Conservation Corps, and Valentine Eastern Sierra Reserve Fund.

**Action:** None.

**Patrick Blacklock, RCRC President and CEO:**

- Provided background on RCRC

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Presented proceeds of RCRC's 2021 Annual Meeting to the local recipients
  - Mike Katusich, Richard Malekos, Antelope Valley Lions Club
  - Laura Beardsley, Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra
  - Agnes Vianzon, Eastern Sierra Conservation Corps
  - Kristin Reese, Mono Arts Council
  - Carol Blanchette, Valentine Eastern Sierra Reserve Fund

**3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**CAO Report regarding Board Assignments**

**Bob Lawton, CAO:**

- Solid Waste negotiations
- Mammoth Lakes Town Council staff presentation on redistricting in Mono County
- ESCOG Special meeting
- Meeting on collective bargaining agreements
- Met with Town Manager Dan Holler – discussed Emergency Operations Office brought before Board at November 2 meeting, have asked staff to look for available salary savings in County Administrators Office
- Anticipate making a presentation to Town Council regarding OES proposal
- Participated in NACo Finance, Pensions, and Intergovernmental Affairs Steering Committee
- Another call today on the Infrastructure Bill
- Meeting with First 5 Mono Executive Director Molly DesBaillets
- Participated in first Implicit Bias Training offered last night

**4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:**

- Recognized that Thursday is Veteran's Day and requested Board adjourn in honor of our veterans

**Alicia Vennos, Economic Development Director:**

- Winners of the 2021 Central California SBDC Regional Small Business Awards were announced last week – Mono County's Lynn and Don Morton, owners of Sierra Crest Real Estate in June Lake, won the Recovery/Resilient Business of the Year Award
- Roll out of the CERF Program – \$600 million Community Economic Resilience Fund established by SB 162 within the workforce services branch

**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 the Board Minutes from the Regular Meetings in October 2021.

**Action:**

- 1) Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 5, 2021.
- 2) Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 12, 2021.

**Duggan motion. Corless seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-239**

**B. Ordinance Rescinding Chapter 2.08 of the Mono County Code Pertaining to Supervisorial Districts**

Departments: County Counsel

Proposed ordinance rescinding Chapter 2.08 of the Mono County Code pertaining to supervisorial districts in anticipation and preparation of the adoption of new district boundaries pursuant to Elections Code section 21500.

**Action:** Adopt ordinance ORD21-12, Rescinding Chapter 2.08 of the Mono County Code Pertaining to Supervisorial Districts.

**Duggan motion. Corless seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**ORD21-12**

**C. Amendment to Contract Agreement with Caporusso Communications**

Departments: Economic Development

Proposed contract amendment with Caporusso Communications.

**Action:** Approve, and authorize the County Administrator to sign, amendment of existing Caporusso Communications contract with Mono County to include \$15,000 for media and public relations services for the Economic Development Department. New contract total will be \$105,000.

**Duggan motion. Corless seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-240**

**D. 2021 Snow Removal Priorities**

Departments: Public Works - Roads

The Board of Supervisors annually considers policies, procedures, and priorities for the Department of Public Works' snow removal operations that are memorialized through Board Resolution, with supporting written policies and a countywide map.

**Action:** Adopt Resolution No. R21-76, "A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Re-Establishing Snow Removal Policies, Procedures, and Priorities for County-Maintained Roads."

**Duggan motion. Corless seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**R21-76**

**Supervisor Duggan:**

- Difference between this item and the one that came before the Board last April
- Class 1 roads – resources to take care of Class 1 roads separately
- Benton Crossing Road
- Communication Plan – process to get information out to those that are waiting for their area to be plowed

**Kevin Julian, Road Operations Superintendent:**

- Last April – maintained mileage
- Snow removal priority is specifically about which order the routes will be plowed, which roads are classified for snow removal
- Benton Crossing Road – start in Benton and work out to the Green Church

**E. FY 2020-21 COVID-19 Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP)  
Supplemental Funding Award Number COVID-19-2602 Appropriations  
Request**

Departments: Public Health

FY 2020-21 COVID-19 Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP)  
Supplemental Funding Award Number COVID-19-2602 Appropriations  
Request.

**Action:** Approve increasing appropriations in the amount of \$119,428, funded with new grant revenues to support the public health response to COVID-19 retroactively for fiscal year 2020-2021 in the Public Health Department's bioterrorism fund (requires 4/5ths vote approval).

**Duggan motion. Corless seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-241**

**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. Letter from Mono County Superior Court Regarding Public Health Department**

A letter from the Mono County Superior Court expressing appreciation for the work of the Mono County Public Health Department, specifically Deputy Director of COVID Operations/Infection Preventionist, Jennifer Burrows and Community Health Outreach Specialist Magnolia Barra.

**B. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Letters re: Dams Part of the Lee Vining Creek Project, FERC Project No. 1388-CA**

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) letters regarding the following: (1) H&H Analyses for Saddlebag Lake Dam and Tioga Lake Dam; (2) Authorization to Use the Traditional Licensing Process; (3) Notice of Intent to File License Application, Filing of Pre-application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process.

**C. Letter from Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) Regarding Projects Proposed**

A letter from the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) regarding a proposal to consider the allocation of funds for a grant to provide necessary infrastructure to meet the needs of the growing community and future interest in White Mountain Research Center. The proposal is scheduled for the November 18, 2021 WCB meeting.

*Break: 10:17 AM*

*Reconvened: 10:25 AM*

**7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING**

**A. Mammoth Lakes Housing Presentation on Access Apartments Project**

Departments: Board of Supervisors, sponsored by Chair Kreitz

(Patricia Robertson, Mammoth Lakes Housing Executive Director) - Mammoth Lakes Housing will provide a presentation on their Access Apartments Project in Mammoth Lakes.

**Action:** None.

**Patricia Robertson, Mammoth Lakes Housing Executive Director:**

- Presentation – background, public outreach, income limits and rents, timeline, project costs, financing, sponsorship opportunities, Mono County contribution/possible resources

**B. Receive Strategic Planning Update**

Departments: County Administrative Officer

(Robert Bendorf) - During 2019, Mono County Supervisors and staff developed a five-year Strategic Plan, consistent with the County's Vision,

## Mission and Values.

In July 2021, the Board of Supervisors and County Department Heads held retreats, facilitated by Robert Bendorf, to discuss priorities and outcomes for a Strategic Plan Update.

Mr. Bendorf will provide the Board with an update on the process and potential outcomes and provide status on outreach strategies as well a Community Webinar scheduled for November 15, 2021

**Action:** None.

### **Robert Bendorf, Consultant:**

- Presentation – background, current strategic plan, what are we trying to achieve, strategic focus areas, strategic planning process, core strategic planning elements – assessment, engagement, development, implementation, next steps

## **C. Agreement with Beth Cohen, dba Organizational Mind Group**

Departments: CAO

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO) - Proposed contract with Beth Cohen, dba Organizational Mind Group, for ongoing Employee Wellness, 360 Evaluation, and Behavioral Health Department consulting services. The proposed contract consolidates and replaces three separate contracts with Beth Cohen for these services.

**Action:** Approve County entry into proposed contract with Beth Cohen, dba Organizational Mind Group for Employee Wellness, 360 Evaluation, and Behavioral Health Department consulting services, for a 12-month period commencing September 11, 2021, and terminating September 10, 2022, and a not-to-exceed amount of \$115,000. Authorize the Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

**Corless motion. Gardner seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-242**

### **Bob Lawton, CAO:**

- Presented item

## **D. 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.

**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-133>) – recent metrics, recent Mono County resident death, Counties with masking mandates in California, Mammoth Hospital status, Mono County vaccination rate and data
- Boosters
- Vaccines for 5-11 year olds – first clinic in Mammoth on Friday, 125 individuals

**Chair Kreitz**

- Would like to see mask mandate in Mono County lifted or only a mandate for the unvaccinated

**E. Mountain View Fire Update and Review of Emergency Declarations**

Departments: Mountain View Fire Emergency Operations Center

(Justin Nalder, EOC Director) - Review of continuing need for Board of Supervisor's November 17, 2020, Declaration of Local Emergency of and Mono County Health Officer's November 19, 2020, Declaration of Local Health Emergency for the Mountain View Fire.

**Action:** Find that there is a need to continue the local state of emergency declared on November 17, 2020 and/or the local health emergency declared on November 19, 2020 (ratified by the Board on November 24, 2020).

**Peters motion. Corless seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-243**

**Justin Nalder, EOC Director:**

- Ongoing remediation efforts
- Protocols – clean up requirements, standard for contractors
- Awaiting final decision from State regarding whether or not they will be covering the full amount of recovery costs that we incurred
- Recommend continuation of declaration of local emergency and local health emergency

**F. Resolution for Exemption from SB 1383 - Mandatory Organics Collection**

Departments: Public Works - Solid Waste

(Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent) - Proposed resolution to affirm an exemption from the requirements of mandatory organics collection services.

**Action:** Adopt proposed resolution R21-77, affirming an exemption from the requirements of mandatory organics collection services.

**Gardner motion. Duggan seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**R21-77**

**Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent:**

- Presented item

**G. Inmate Welfare Fund Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Departments: Sheriff

California Penal Code Section 4025(e) states: The money and property deposited in the inmate welfare fund shall be expended by the sheriff primarily for the benefit, education, and welfare of the inmates confined within the jail. ... An itemized report of these expenditures shall be submitted annually to the board of supervisors.

**Action:** None.

**Sheriff Braun:**

- Transport vehicle purchased
- Miscellaneous – jail education tablets

**Chair Kreitz:**

- Inmate education line item in the budget
- Request future line item specifying education expenses

**8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

None.

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

*Closed Session: 11:57 AM*

*Reconvened: 12:31 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, Anne Frievault, and Ryan Roe. 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.

**THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL RECONVENE NO EARLIER THAN 12:30 P.M.**

**10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**



None.

## 11. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

### A. CalPERS Pension Workshop

Departments: Finance

(Janet Dutcher, Finance Director; Dan Matusiewicz of GovInvest, Inc.) - Presentation by GovInvest, Inc. covering pension basics, CalPERS policy and investment strategies, current challenges, and how Mono County is doing, including projection of the unfunded accrued liability, its funded status, contribution requirements, and future budgetary impacts.

**Action:** None.

**Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:**

- Introduced item

**Dan Matusiewicz, GovInvest, Inc.:**

- Presentation – building blocks of pension funding, hurdles and considerations, how is Mono County doing

## 12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

**Supervisor Corless:**

- 11/3 National Assoc. of Counties Public Lands Steering Committee Virtual PILT (Payment in lieu of taxes) fly-in, met with Sen. Leahy's staff to talk about PILT and funding public land management agencies.
- 11/4 Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District board meeting and Mono Lake Air and Water Workshop in Lee Vining, excellent presentations from Kutzadika tribe, Mono Lake Committee, affiliated researchers and air district staff on the status of continued, persistent PM-10 pollutant levels exceeding EPA standards. Notably absent from the meeting was the LA Dept of Water and Power, who declined to send any representatives to participate in this excellent workshop.
- 11/8 Implicit Bias Training - great presentation and facilitation by Dr Rita Cameron Wedding on an important topic to improve county services for all by increasing equity and building awareness of how implicit bias impacts our work. Thank you to county clerk Scheereen Dedman for organizing, and to all employees who attended.

**Supervisor Duggan:**

- 11/4/21 –
  - I participated in the meeting of the Governing Board of the GBUAPCD along with Supervisor Corless. Highlight of the day the Mono Air & Water Workshop where APCO Phill Kiddoo and staff organized an impressive list of speakers from 9 agencies that presented the water, land, and air history of the Mono Basin. LADWP sent late notice that they would not be participating in the workshop. The esteemed panel offer various perspectives they backed up with science and data on the outlook for reaching compliance with State Water Board D1631 directives. Many voices came to the same conclusion – we must change our approach to water management in the Mono Basin to protect air

quality and critical habitats. Thanks to our hosts at the Mono Lake Indian and Lee Vining Community Center for their hospitality and again to the GBUAPD staff for coordinating the presentation.

- I participated in the IMACA Board meeting, where new Executive Director Kate Morley is settling into the position. She is continuing to meet regularly with all Department Directors, working to ensure that all contract agreements are appropriately submitted, addressing phone, internet, and IT challenges, and working with the Board on the Valley Apartment loan concerns. I requested information on local holiday activities in the community, especially events in North and South counties servicing seniors and veterans. I will share the information as it becomes available. Staff and Board openings are available, anyone interested in serving can contact Kate Morley at imaca.net.
- 11/8/21 –
  - I participated in the LTC meeting, along with Commission Chair Kreitz. Staff presented a review of legislation that pertains to transportation, particularly the Friedman Act, signed by Gov. Newsom. This bill would authorize local authorities and or Caltrans to consider the safety of vulnerable pedestrian groups to lower speed limits under certain circumstances. Along with state and federal funding, staff will priorities projects that would apply under the new law. Various correspondence was reviewed, including a letter of support for the proposed Mammoth 395 Wildlife Crossing Project grant. The Commission approved the 2022 Regional Transportation Improvement Plan, and we received updates from Caltrans and ESTA.

**Supervisor Gardner:**

- On Friday Nov. 5 I participated in the monthly meeting of the Kutzadika Tribal Council. Some of the topics discussed at the meeting included the status of the Federal recognition legislation for the Tribe, the Tribe's role in several research projects in the Mono Basin, and the Yosemite All-Tribes meeting.
- Yesterday I participated in the first phase of the Implicit Bias Training with County employees. It was good to get moving on this important work that seeks to ensure equity and justice for our employees and our residents.
- Also, yesterday I participated in the special Board meeting regarding redistricting of our Board of Supervisors five districts.

**Chair Kreitz:**

- The CCRH Annual Housing Summit kicked off on Wednesday, November 3. I attended a workshop on affordable housing and the Roadmap Home 2030.
- Later Wednesday, I participated in another meeting of the CCP report writing team. After this meeting, I briefly attended The Parcel ribbon cutting ceremony before heading to Agenda Review, and then to the Town Council meeting.
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- The Continuum of Care met on Thursday, November 4th. Wild Iris Executive Director Matias Bernal and California Indian Legal Services Directing Attorney Michael Godbe were added to the CoC Board. We reviewed the budget and upcoming funding opportunities as well as a discussion on the upcoming 2022 Point in Time Count. Later Thursday, I participated in the CCRH Racial Equity workshop.
- CCRH Board meeting was held on Friday, November 5th. The first hour was focused on our continued work on REDI. We reviewed organizational values and broke out into small groups to discuss scenarios of discrimination and how we would respond and what values these situations called us to act upon.

- November 8th I attended the LTC meeting along with Supervisor Duggan. The Commission authorized the Chair to sign a letter of support of the Highway 395 Wildlife Crossing Project for Proposition 68 grant funding application. We are also hold into a special meeting on December 6th to address the need to adopt a thirty day resolution for remote meetings under AB 361.

**Supervisor Peters:**

- No report

**ADJOURNED AT 2:12 PM in honor of Veterans Day.**

**ATTEST**

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**JENNIFER KREITZ  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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**QUEENIE BARNARD  
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD**