



**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
March 15, 2022**

9:00 AM Call meeting to Order by Chair Gardner

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>

Supervisor Peters

- Asks to Adjourn today's meeting in memory of Terry Nolan

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Corless

Chair Gardner

- "People who enjoy meetings should not be in charge of anything".
- Thomas Sowell

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – None

Opportunity for the public to address the Board on items of public interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. (Speakers may be limited in speaking time dependent upon the press of business and number of persons wishing to address the Board.) Please refer to the Teleconference Information section to determine how to make public comment for this meeting via Zoom.

2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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

Bob C. Lawton, CAO

- Discussed NASPAA - Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration
- Congratulated Janet Dutcher on her induction to Pi Alpha Alpha
- Developing 3rd Quarter Budget
- Preparing for fiscal year 22-23 proposed budget and calendar
- Re-entry into Civic Center – plans for in person board meetings and milestone for employees
- Workforce Well Being Advisory Committee – had a meeting
- Negotiations Team met to discuss progress with Bargaining Units
- Attended meeting with Dan Holler to prepare for meeting
- Presentation from potential new software for Clerk of the Board
- John Craig, Megan Mahaffey, and Russ Branson to discuss the County's long term financial forecast in preparation for Budget Meeting.
- Met with Bryan Wheeler, Caryn Slack and Ethan Dexter (Tioybe Health Clinic) - finding ways to service population in North County

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Receive brief oral report on emerging issues and/or activities.

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.)

Peters motion. Kreitz seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

A. Appointment of Two Members to County Service Area (CSA) #5

Departments: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

The appointment of Kim Bunn for a term expiring 11/30/2024, and Tajia Rodriguez for a term expiring 11/30/2022 to the County Service Area (CSA) #5 Board.

Action: Appoint Kim Bunn for a term expiring 11/30/2024, and Tajia Rodriguez for a term expiring 11/30/2022 to the County Service Area (CSA) #5 Board.

Peters motion. Kreitz seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-050

B. Appointment of Two Members to Mono County Child Care Council

Departments: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

The appointment of Andrea Walker for a term expiring 2/21/2024, and reappointment of Annaliesa Calhoun for a term expiring 3/17/2024 to the Mono County Child Care Council.

Action: Appoint Andrea Walker for a term expiring 2/21/2024 and reappoint Annaliesa Calhoun for a term expiring 3/17/2024 to the Mono County Child Care Council.

Peters motion. Kreitz seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-051

C. Requested Letter of Support for Health Net of California

Departments: CAO

Health Net/California Health & Wellness has requested a letter of support for its application to the state's Medi-Cal request for proposals for Medi-Cal managed care plan services in California.

Action: Approve non-exclusive letter of support and authorize the Chair to execute letter on its behalf.

Peters motion. Kreitz seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-052

D. Contract Amendment Approval for Prescriptive ADU and Garage Designs

Departments: Community Development

Proposed Contract amendment with RRM Design Group

Action: Approve \$24,500 contract amendment with RRM Design Group for a fifth ADU prescriptive design and updating garage prescriptive designs and authorize the County Administrative Officer to execute said contract amendment on behalf of the County.

Peters motion. Kreitz seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-053

E. Proposed Contract with Tyler Technologies

Departments: Probation

Proposed contract with Tyler Technologies pertaining to Software as a Service Agreement for Case Management System.

Action: Approve and authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign a contract with Tyler Technologies for a Case Management System for Probation Department, for the period April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2027 and a not-to-exceed amount of \$217,300 first year. With Annual fee of \$40,500 plus 5% annual increase.

Peters motion. Kreitz seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-054

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - NONE

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. Behavioral Health Department Mental Health School Services Act (MHSSA) Grant

Departments: Behavioral Health

(Robin Roberts, Behavioral Health Director) - Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) is the contracting agency overseeing the Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA). This grant was awarded to Mono County via a competitive bid process. The funding will be used to enhance county partnerships with school-based programs and expand mental health services for children and youth.

Action: Conditioned upon approval of a Sub-Grant with Mono County Office of Education, approve, and authorize County Administrative Officer (CAO) to sign, contract with the MHSOAC for the provision of Mental Health School Services Act Grant Administration Services (Mental Health Award) for a period of April 1, 2022, to June 30, 2026 and a not-to-exceed amount of \$2,500,000. This authorization shall include making minor adjustments to said contract from time to time as the CAO may deem necessary, provided such amendments do not alter the amount not to exceed and do not substantially alter the scope of work or budget and are approved as to form by County Counsel.

Robin Roberts, Behavioral Health Director

- Presented Item

Corless motion. Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-055

B. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Departments: CAO, Public Health

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director, Dr. Caryn Slack, Public Health Officer) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Action: None.

Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director

- Presented Item
- Power Point Presentation

Supervisor Peters

- Does Mammoth Water District do wastewater testing?

Bryan Wheeler – is perusing, cost is about \$15,000 and trying to work with Mammoth Water District to get approval.

C. Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Update

Departments: JEDI

(Scheereen Dedman, JEDI Coordinator) - Update on the proposed Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) training plan.

Action: None.

Scheereen Dedman, JEDI Coordinator

- **Presented Item**
- **Update**
 1. Establish updated work plan
 2. Have had two Implicit Bias Training
 3. Added Intersession meeting
 4. Prepare members to be able to “take action” with training information
 5. Working on getting JEDI Website going
 6. Thanks, CAO Lawton, for the leadership
 7. Don't forget to vote!

CAO Lawton

1. Appreciates Scheereen for providing the leadership for the county and has been great working with Scheereen
2. We take this seriously

D. Workshop - Section 115 Pension Rate Smoothing Trust

Departments: Finance

(Janet Dutcher, Finance Director) - Presentation by representatives from Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) about the use of an IRS Section 115 Pension Rate Stabilization Trust to pre-fund future CalPERS County pension contributions.

Action: Receive educational presentation and discuss staff recommendations that Mono County establish an IRS Section 115 pre-funding pension smoothing trust fund with PARS.

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director

- Introduced Item

Mitch, Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS)

- Presented Item

Mike Graves – Called in to comment

- Congratulates Mono County and the Board of Supervisors on how well the county is run and managed.

E. Workshop - Pension Obligation Bonds

Departments: Finance

(Janet Dutcher, Finance Director) - Presentation from Jeff Land of Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. and Michael Meyer from NHA Advisors about use of Pension Obligation Bonds in managing the County's CalPERS unfunded pension liability.

Action: Receive presentation and discussion with staff about use of Pension Obligation Bonds to reduce and manage the County's unfunded pension liability.

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director

- Introduced Item

Jeff Land, Oppenheimer & Co. Inc.

- Presented Item

Michael Meyer, NHA Advisors

- Presented Item

Break Session: 10:43 AM

Reconvened: 10:48 AM

F. Remote Work Policy and Dependent Care Agreement

Departments: County Counsel

(Stacey Simon, County Counsel; Jay Sloane, Risk Manager) - Proposed resolution: A resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors adopting a policy regarding remote work applicable to the Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) bargaining unit. Discussion of related Dependent Care Agreement.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution. Direct staff to implement Remote Work Policy as to any employees eligible for and approved to continue working remotely in accordance with the Policy, no later than by July 1, 2022.

Stacey Simon, County Counsel

- Presented Item
- Thanked Jay Sloane for his hard work on this policy, Jerry Fredrick the Union Representative said that this is a great policy and he has no comments.

Duggan motion. Corless seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R22-029

G. Mountain View Fire Update and Review of Emergency Declarations

Departments: Mountain View Fire EOC

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

Action: Hear report from Incident Command and involved staff regarding status of Mountain View Fire response and recovery efforts. 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).

Justin Nalder, MVF EOC Director

- Presented Item
- No official word of cause of fire
- No update on financial reimbursement

Peters motion. Kreitz seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-056

H. Conway Ranch Lease Agreement Second Amendment

Departments: Public Works

(Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent) - Amendment to the Conway Ranch Cattle Grazing Lease Agreement which allows for the inclusion of the Bowl Meadow into the approved grazing area. The Bowl Meadow represents approximately 36 acres, which would bring the total grazing area to approximately 324 acres. The total Animal Unit Months permitted under the lease would not increase.

Action:1) Find that the County's entry into an amended lease agreement for the inclusion of the Bowl Meadow into the approved grazing area is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1: Existing Facilities); and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk's Office
2) Approve and authorize Chair to sign Agreement and Second Amendment to the Conway Ranch Grazing Lease with Hunewill Land and Cattle Company, Inc. for cattle grazing on Conway Ranch for the period, previously agreed upon, ending on December 31, 2026, wherein revenues are collected at \$5/Animal Unit Month (AUM).

Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent

- Presented Item

Duggan motion. Kreitz seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-057

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – None.

Opportunity for the public to address the Board on items of public interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. (Speakers may be limited in speaking time dependent upon the press of business and number of persons wishing to address the Board.) Please refer to the Teleconference Information section to determine how to make public comment for this meeting via Zoom.

9. CLOSED SESSION

*Closed Session: 12:09 PM
Reconvened: 12:58 PM*

A. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Bob Lawton, Stacey Simon, Janet Dutcher, John Craig, Patty Francisco, and Oliver Yee. 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 Correctional Deputy Sheriffs' Association. Unrepresented employees: All.

B. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation

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

THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL RECONVENE FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION OR, IF TIME ALLOWS, ITEMS MAY BE TAKEN UP DURING THE MORNING SESSION PRIOR TO CLOSED SESSION.

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – None.

Opportunity for the public to address the Board on items of public interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. (Speakers may be limited in speaking time dependent upon the press of business and number of persons wishing to address the Board.) Please refer to the Teleconference Information section to determine how to make public comment for this meeting via Zoom.

11. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. Strategic Plan Update

Departments: CAO

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO and Robert Bendorf, MRG) - Presentation by Robert Bendorf regarding Mono County Strategic Plan Update.

Action: None

Robert C. Lawton, CAO

- Introduced Item

Robert Bendorf, MRG

- Presented Item

Supervisor Corless

- Wonderful, clear, and is something they can build on
- Would like to have included some reference to community survey results
- Behavioral Health Advisory Board – needs more members and urges rewriting and not create a new committee
- Honor the native people of the county
- Public Lands – needs inclusion of water and wildlife
- Economy – add in Agriculture since it is a big part of our economy

Supervisor Peters

- Wants to include Veteran population
- Responsible highway vehicle use

Supervisor Duggan

- Appreciates the simplified complexity

Supervisor Kreitz

- Focus area got lost, the four items should be larger than their title

Chair Gardner

- Agrees that this is an evolving
- 4/5 clean draft, then respond and react to the draft on 4/5

CAO Lawton

- Today's item is a presentation
- 4/5 Meeting – will have an opportunity to digest review, then come back with comments and propose changes at that time

12. A. 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 Kreitz

- MLH - The Board met at their regular meeting on March 7th, where the Board passed three resolutions authorizing the purchase of real

property. They included the Home Key site in Mammoth Lakes on Forest Trail, the Valley Apartments in Bishop, and the Birch Creek condo in June Lake. The Board had a special meeting on Monday, March 14th. The Board approved a resolution for MLH to enter into the Silver Peaks development agreement with Visionary Home Builders, in place of IMACA. The Board's approval was subject to MLH negotiating a satisfactory MOU, likely similar or the same as the one IMACA has.

- March 9th, I attended the regular meeting of the NACo CEWD committee. We heard from the National Science Foundation about a program they are about to launch - the Regional Innovation Accelerator Program. This is an opportunity for regions to define their projects along with academics, industry, and government.
- Later March 9th, I attended a meeting with MLH staff and Visionary Home Builders regarding the Silver Peaks affordable housing development in Bishop. After that I attended a CoC Board meeting with staff from HCD. We are continuing to daylight information and come together on recommendations to IMACA and trying to find keepers of the critical CoC programs.
- Friday, March 11, I participated in the regular board meeting of the California Coalition for Rural Housing. The Board approved supporting the campaign Protect Tribal Sovereignty & Safe Gaming, which is in opposition to the upcoming ballot initiative to allow for online gaming in California. As has happened in Colorado and other states, the tax revenue promised to the people via online gaming never materializes and tribes and others are harmed along the way.

Supervisor Corless

- 3/9: RCRC and Golden State Finance Authority board meeting, reception honoring 2021 Rural Leadership Award winners Asm. Cecilia Aguilar-Curry and former CPUC Commissioner Martha Guzman-Aceves
- 3/10: Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project meeting: Presentations on fire and forest health science
- Work with USFS Region 5 and National Forest Foundation to prepare for roundtable discussions focused on implementation of the Forest Service's 10 Year Wildfire Strategy
- 3/14: NACo Public Lands Steering Committee meeting
- Note that I will be applying for the recently announced Federal Wildland Fire Commission, at the behest of RCRC, with support from members of the CA congressional delegation (including Rep. Obernolte)

Supervisor Peters

- Attended RCRC – Met with Assemblyman Bigelow

- Attended IMACA meeting – Restructure and joint meeting with California Department of Community Services & Development which holds over dozen contract with IMACA, grant contracts that are trying to be resolved
- Attended WIR meeting

Chair Gardner

- Last Tuesday evening I participated in the monthly meeting of the Mono Basin Housing Committee. The Committee continues to work on various options to create housing in the communities of Lee Vining and Mono City.
- On Wednesday March 9 I participated in the monthly meeting of the Mono Basin RPAC. Topics at that meeting included the Mono County Local Road Safety Plan, an update on Conway Ranch and the Pumice Valley landfill, and an update from the Inyo National Forest North Mono District Ranger.
- On Thursday March 10 I participated in a meeting of the Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project. There were two very interesting presentations about Inyo National Forest climate change trends, and about operational resilience in the Western US.
- Yesterday I participated in a meeting of the NACO Public Lands Committee. We heard an update on pending and enacted Congressional action, and information about the American Conservation and Stewardship Atlas as a part of the America the Beautiful Initiative.
- Also, this past week I began planning for the Citizens Wildfire Academy, which will include seven monthly Zoom sessions for the public starting April 18, focusing on various topics related to wildfire in the Eastern Sierra. Topics will include the History of Wildfire in the Eastern Sierra, Fire Ecology, current US National Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and CalFire wildfire management and planning, current and planned fuels treatment and other projects, home hardening and defensible space, resident preparation and evacuation procedures, and smoke and insurance concerns. These sessions will feature expert speakers from our area and are aimed at providing information to residents and visitors to address the anxiety and questions many have about wildfires. The Academy is sponsored by the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments.

ADJOURN AT 12:59 PM in memory of Terry Nolan.

ATTEST

Bob Gardner

Bob Gardner (Aug 21, 2022 17:26 PDT)

**BOB GARDNER
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

Danielle Patrick

**DANIELLE PATRICK
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK – ELECTIONS ASSISTANT**