



**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: Board Chambers, 2nd Fl., County Courthouse, 278 Main St., Bridgeport, CA 93517

**Regular Meeting
March 14, 2023**

9:02 AM Meeting called to order by Chair Duggan.

Supervisors Present: Duggan, Gardner, Kreitz, Peters, and Salcido. (All attended in person, teleconference, or via zoom).

Supervisors Absent: None.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair Duggan.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Scott Armstrong, Regional Broadband Coordinator for ESCOG:

- Discussed Broadband Grant and verification of service speed.
- **Stacey Simon, County Counsel:** Requests to have the Broadband Grant be added to the next agenda.

Elin Ljung, Mono City resident:

- Discussed the challenges in Mono City, specifically about people skiing on the closed highway 395.

Sheriff Braun:

- Provided clarity on post regarding people skiing on the closed highway 395.

Cathy Hysell, Bridgeport resident:

- Discussed the challenges in Bridgeport during the storms and backup generator.

Moved to item #7a.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. General Aviation Appreciation Month

Departments: Clerk of the Board

(Steve Fong, Communications Director Alliance for Aviation Across America) - Proclamation recognizing March 2023 as General Aviation Appreciation Month.

Action: Approved the proclamation recognizing March 2023 as General Aviation Appreciation Month.

Salcido moved; Peters seconded

5 Yes, 0 No

M23-046

Chair Duggan:

- Presented item.

Mary Booher, Acting CAO:

- Read the proclamation.

B. Proclamation Honoring Those Lost-on Care Flight Crash in Stagecoach, Nevada

Departments: County Administration Office

(Mary Booher, Acting County Administrative Officer) - Presentation by Mary Booher honoring those who lost their lives in the Care Flight accident on February 24, 2023, in Stagecoach, Nevada.

Action: Approved the proclamation honoring those who lost their lives in the Care Flight accident on February 24, 2023, in Stagecoach, Nevada as amended.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

5 Yes, 0 No

M23-047

Mary Booher, Acting CAO:

- Presented item.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Moved to approve proclamation with the Board directed 3 following corrections:
- Insert Lee Vining after Bridgeport in first line, capitalize "Airport", and Contribution to be changed to lower case.

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Mary Booher, Acting CAO:

- Discussed the Supervisors appointing an Alternate Supervisor in the event of an emergency.
- Discussed the Housing Opportunities Manager and IT Management positions are now on the County's Job Opportunities page on Website.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Provided an update on the new Principal Planner, Brent Calloway, application that has been appealed, and Paula Richards withdrawing her request with the Board.

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. Reappointment to Mono County Child Care Council

Departments: Clerk of the Board

The reappointment of Pam Kobylarz-Heays for a two-year term expiring March 14, 2025, to the Mono County Child Care Council.

Action: Reappointed Pam Kobylarz-Heays to the Mono County Child Care Council, for a two-year term expiring March 14, 2025.

Gardner moved; Salcido seconded

5 Yes, 0 No

M23-048

B. White Mountain Fire Department Appointment

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code sections 13000 - 13970, the White Mountain Fire Protection District (White Mountain Fire) informed the Mono County Clerk of a vacancy on its governing board. Notice of the vacancy was posted in three conspicuous places as required by Government Code section 1780. Since it is past the 60-day time frame in which the White Mountain Fire Board could have made the appointment, under section 1780, the Board of Supervisors may make the appointment. Subsequently, White Mountain received one application, from Robin Picken. Accordingly, the White Mountain Fire Board is asking that the Board of Supervisors appoint Robin Picken a member of the White Mountain Fire governing board for a term ending November 30, 2026.

Action: Appointed Robin Picken to the White Mountain Fire Protection District governing board for a term ending November 30, 2026.

Gardner moved; Salcido seconded

5 Yes, 0 No

M23-049

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A. Letter from State Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil Requesting Emergency Support for Mono County

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Letter received from Marie Alvarado-Gil, State Senator, Fourth District regarding the request for urgent assistance obtaining additional snow removal equipment and personnel to respond to the State of Emergency in Mono County.

Action: None.

Chair Duggan:

- Presented item.

Break: 9:53 AM

Reconvened: 10:03 AM

Moved to item #7b.

7. **REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING**

A. **Authorization of Remote Participation in Board Meeting Due to Winter Storms**

Departments: County Counsel

(Stacey Simon, County Counsel) - Authorization for teleconference participation in today's meeting by members of the Board of Supervisors under the modified Brown Act procedures of AB 361, based on Governor Newsom's March 1, 2023, Proclamation of Emergency resulting from severe storms and a finding that in-person participation would result in an imminent risk to the health and safety of meeting attendees. This authorization may last through April 13, 2023, provided the above conditions remain in effect.

Action: Pursuant to subdivision (1)(B)(2) of Government Code 54953, found that: (1) on March 1, 2023, Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency in Mono and twelve other California Counties due to the effects of severe winter storms; and (2) as a result of the conditions underlying the emergency declaration, the holding of an in-person meeting of the Board of Supervisors presents an imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees who would need to drive on icy and/or unplowed roads in poor driving conditions with low visibility to reach the in-person location.

Salcido moved; Gardner seconded

5 Yes, 0 No

M23-045

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Presented item.

Moved to item #2a.

B. **Storm Update**

Departments: Emergency Management

(Chris Mokracek, Director of Emergency Management) - Presentation by Chris Mokracek providing an update on the impacts of and response to the current winter storms.

Action: None.

Chris Mokracek, Director of Emergency Management:

- Presented item.

Public Comment:

Cathy Hysell, Bridgeport resident:

- Discussion on the difficulty for the elderly community using online services for taxes and other county business.

Moved to Item #7c.

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Discussed the draft letter from Emily Fox, Deputy County Counsel on the challenges with the Bridgeport Post Office for immediate distribution.
- Staff to work with the Chair of the Board to finalize and execute letter to the Chair of the Board of Governors, USPS (Roman Martinez), Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer, Congressman Kiley, USPS Office of Government Relations, and White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Break: 12:00 PM

Reconvened: 12:11 PM

Moved to Closed Session.

C. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal of a Planning Commission Decision Denying a General Plan Amendment to Redesignate a Parcel in Bridgeport

Departments: Community Development

(Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director) - Appeal of the Planning Commission decision to deny General Plan Amendment (GPA 22-03), a proposed change of Land Use Designation from Multi-Family Residential–Moderate (MFR-M) to Mixed Use (MU), and Use Permit 22-011, in support of a transient rental use.

Action: Continue the Public Hearing on May 2nd at 9am.

Peters moved; Salcido seconded

5 Yes, 0 No,

M23-050

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Presented item.

Open Public Hearing: 12:19 PM

D. Workshop on Housing Opportunities for Mono County

Departments: County Administration Office

(Stanley Keasling, Consultant) - Presentation by Stanley Keasling regarding the development of Affordable/Workforce Housing in Mono County.

Action: None.

Stanley Keasling, Consultant:

- Presented item.

E. Letter to Liberty Utilities Regarding Compliance with Requirements to Underground Utility Lines

Departments: Community Development Department

(Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director) - The Planning Commission requests the Board of Supervisors send a letter to Liberty Utilities requesting a written response and attendance at meetings to discuss Mono County requirements to underground utility connections.

Action: Authorized the Chair to sign the letter on behalf of the Board and send it to Liberty Utilities.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

5 Yes, 0 No

M23-051

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Presented item.

F. Employment Agreement - Chief People Officer

Departments: County Administration Office

(Mary Booher, Acting County Administrative Officer) - Proposed resolution approving a contract with John ("Jack") Conry as Chief People Officer, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

Action: Adopted Resolution R23-022, approving an employment agreement with John Conry and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment.

Fiscal Impact: Estimated cost of this position for the remainder of the fiscal year is \$43,931, of which \$31,647 is salary and \$12,283 is benefits. The full cost of salary and benefits for an entire fiscal year is approximately \$163,171, of which \$117,547 is salary and \$45,624 is benefits. This is included in the County Administration FY 2022/23 budget.

Gardner moved; Kreitz seconded

5 Yes, 0 No,

R23-022

Mary Booher, Acting CAO:

- Presented item.

G. Employment Agreement - Deputy District Attorney III

Departments: District Attorney

(David Anderson, District Attorney) - Proposed resolution approving a contract with Lauren Ryerson as Deputy District Attorney III, and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment.

Action: Approved Resolution R23-023, approving an employment agreement with Lauren Ryerson for the position of the Mono County Deputy District Attorney III.

Fiscal Impact: Estimated cost of this position for the remainder of the fiscal year is \$44,192, of which \$31,836 is salary and \$12,356 is benefits. The full cost of salary and benefits for an entire fiscal year is approximately \$160,687, of which \$117,547 is salary and \$43,140 is benefits. This is included in the District Attorney's FY 2022/23 budget.

Peters moved; Gardner seconded

5 Yes, 0 No

R23-023

David Anderson, District Attorney:

- Presented item.

H. Budget Update - March

Departments: County Administration Office

(Megan Chapman, Budget Officer) - A standard, repeatable, annual budget process and timeline will allow for transparency, collaboration and ensure needed services are provided in Mono County in compliance with the County Budget Act.

Action: 1. Approved Budget Calendar for implementation by Mono County staff for FY 2023-24. 2. Approved moving forward with a standard annual budget process and timeline for FY 2023-24 and future years.

Gardner moved; Salcido seconded

5 Yes, 0 No

M23-052

Mary Booher, Acting CAO:

- Introduced item.

Megan Chapman, Budget Officer:

- Presented item.

I. Quarterly Economic Report

Departments: Economic Development

(Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Director) - Economic Development Department Staff will provide a quarterly report on Mono County economic data

utilizing research and information available through local, State and federal sources.

Action: None.

Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Director:

- Presented item.

Moved back to item #7b.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 2:59 PM

Reconvened: 3:57 PM

Nothing to report out of Closed Session.

Moved to item #7c.

A. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Mary Booher, Stacey Simon, Janet Dutcher, 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: Interim Assistant County Administrative Officer.

C. Closed Session - Public Employment

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer recruitment.

9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- No Board reports.

ADJOURNED at 3:59 PM.

ATTEST

RHONDA DUGGAN
CHAIR OF THE BOARD

DANIELLE PATRICK
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD