



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

Regular Meetings: The First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified just below.

MEETING LOCATION Board Chambers, 2nd Fl., County Courthouse, 278 Main St., Bridgeport, CA 93517

**Special Meeting
June 7, 2017**

9:04 AM Meeting called to Order by Chair of the Board Corless

*Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Peters, and Stump.
Supervisors Absent: Johnston.*

*Break: 10:00 a.m.
Reconvene: 10:08 a.m.
Break: 11:11 a.m.
Reconvene: 11:20 a.m.
Closed Session: 12:48 p.m.
Reconvene: 1:18 p.m.
Adjourn: 2:45 p.m.*

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Stump

- 1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**
No one spoke.

MOTION TO ADD "URGENT" AGENDA ITEM
Stump moved to add as urgency item; Peters seconded
Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston
M17-105

Stacy Simon:

- Request from a resident of Mono City, Katie Bellomo, Mother of family in June Lake passed away over the weekend. The family is requesting a waiver of burial fees. The request was made after the posting of the agenda and the burial is time-sensitive and must take place prior to the next regularly-scheduled meeting.

MOTION TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR BURIAL FEE WAIVER

Action: Approve the requested burial waiver, made on behalf of the affected family by Ms. Katie Bellomo.

Stump moved, Gardner seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston

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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 9, 2017, as corrected.

Stump moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston

M17-107

Supervisor Gardner:

- Page 6, his comment should read “Have homeowners expressed interest in improving their roads so they can be considered part of this mileage?”

B. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 16, 2017, as corrected.

Stump moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston

M17-108

Supervisor Corless:

- Page 1, correct spelling of names of public speakers to “Jiselle Kenny of Wild Iris, Joel Rathje, and Rick Boccia”
- Page 6, add Amanda Greenberg’s last name
- Page 16, correct spelling to “Marianne O’Connor”.

3. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- May 17-June 5: Attended CSAC Legislative Conference, as always informative—sessions re: cannabis, impacts of federal policy and call to action from fellow supervisors to stand up for people in our counties; discussion with legislators, meetings with our representatives. Highlight was luncheon speaker AG Javier Becerra.

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- Community Corrections Partnership: Update on organizational structure and meeting schedule; formed working group to complete CCP 5 year plan; informative update from Community Services Solutions on transitional services provided to released inmates.
- Meetings with Sen. Harris and Feinstein staff Friday of Memorial Weekend—
- Rep. Cook visit: Toured Bodie, meeting with local government staff and electeds. Although many wished for a town-hall style meeting, appreciate the opportunity to discuss our concerns and show our congressman around the county. Bodie was very busy—sign of a high visitation summer ahead! With our Congressman and staff, Clear that the current state of federal affairs is taking a toll/causing stress at every level.
- Community Conversation with Councilmembers Fernie and Wentworth 5/31: great turnout and discussion on regional issues: housing continues to be a big concern; need for even more communication/better understanding of financing/budgeting for projects; urge local governments to work together.
- Behavioral Health Advisory Board: Community survey results (attached, presented by Amanda Greenberg) started a great discussion about innovative ideas to address issues such as isolation and anxiety.
- Still looking for mosquito district board members.
- Flooding—Sherwin Cr Rd closed due to flooding-
- Request to sign on to a climate change recognition statement: <http://wearestillin.com/>
- Condolences and comfort to family and those affected by recent deaths, thinking especially of our first responders and crisis counselors who are helping others while also impacted by these losses.
- Note by Supervisor Stump that Supervisor Johnston is facing a major health issue and is absent while seeking treatment at UC San Francisco.

Supervisor Gardner:

- On May 16, we held a meeting in June Lake on the road situation in the Clark and Petersen Tracts. Stacy Simon, our County Counsel, and Garrett Higerd, our County Engineer, provided good information for residents about the unique legal and financial status of the roads in these areas. A Committee of interested citizens was formed to work on a potential proposal to establish a Zone of Benefit for the Clark Tract. This group has been active already.
- I continue to work with County staff and representatives of Southern California Edison (SCE) to learn about the status of the three SCE dams in the Rush Creek area, and anticipated runoff impact. We have held numerous meetings and phone calls with SCE, and will be holding a community meeting for June Lake residents on June 19. The Sheriff is the primary County emergency planning contact on this issue.
- From Tuesday May 23 to Friday May 26, I attended the National Association of Counties Western Interstate Regional Conference in Sun River, Oregon. I found the conference very useful. Subjects of interest included cannabis regulation, federal legislative and budget status, wild horses, wildfire prevention, opioid abuse, cross-sharing of county health services, public lands planning, general health care policy, and county energy efforts. I will have a report for the Board later this month.
- Community Development planning staff held four June Lake Short Term Rental workshops in late May, and will continue this process in June, starting tonight. I commend Wendy Sugimura, Paul MacFarland, and Scott Burns for the time and energy they have devoted to this project.
- On May 28 Board Chair Corless, Supervisor Peters and I participated in selected meetings with Congressman Paul Cook and his staff. The meetings gave some county leaders an opportunity to meet with Rep. Cook in an informal setting. A letter to Rep. Cook with our County policy recommendations for his consideration is included in this meeting's agenda.
- I attended the Treasury Oversight Committee meeting last Wednesday with Supervisor Johnston. The County's investment portfolio continues to do well.

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Supervisor Johnston:

- Absent

Supervisor Peters:

- 28th Tour with Congressman Paul Cook – Bodie & Mammoth Mountain
- 29th Memorial Day ceremony at BP Cemetery MWTC color guard
- 31st 8th Grade Graduation
- 1st CHS Graduation
- 2nd Community Service Solutions Annual Health Fair – Hospice Behavioral Health Social Services MCSO CHP
- 3rd Lions Club Breakfast
- 6th CSA #5
- Annual Bridgeport Gun Clubs - Gun Rights Dinner 230 people \$25,000 Kim Rhoads 6 time Olympic medal winner. 6 Olympics starting in 1992 and planning to continue in the next several Olympics
- Lastly, I would like thank Public Works, Cal Trans and the National Park Service for road clearing on 108 and 120.
- Bridgeport Reservoir came up 1 ½ feet over weekend spoke with Bert Bryan WRID re status of Concession at the marina
- Topaz is filling up
- Fire north of county line Topaz lake area
- Upcoming Events
- June 7th Community Meeting regarding Cannabis
- Town Halls June 21st BP Forest Service and Broadband – Race Communications – Fox Industries
- July 13th AV Cannabis and Broadband

Supervisor Stump:

- Attended many meetings since the last report. Tri Valley Water Commission and CSA 1 among them. Multiple meetings, conversations, and phone calls about the ongoing cannabis problem in District 2. Same around the SGMA issue in District 2. CSA 1 had a fund raising for the skate park last Saturday.
- I spent last weekend watching water levels in District 2 on the West Side of the District. Areas of concern are the Juniper Loop area in Crowley, McGee Creek next to the houses, Rock Creek in Sunny Slopes, and Lower Rock Creek in the area of the Hooper Subdivision just below Paradise. Thank you to Public Works for delivering more sand to the Long Valley Fire Department. The original pile there was 2/3rds gone as people have been filling sandbags. I made a request to the Sheriff to have inmates fill bags and stage them pre-filled at the Fire Station.
- Small amount of sewer leakage, sandbags were put out, Lahanton was notified.
- Other issues worked on include emergency responder radio system problems, issues around Race Communications projects, and the multi-agency septic tank project behind the Sheriff Substation in Crowley. Also checked weed abatement at the Mt Morrison Cemetery. Cemetery looked good and thank you to Facilities for that.
- Thank you to my fellow Board members for making themselves available for the Special Meeting - Closed Session last Wednesday.
- Noted that Supervisor Johnston is absent due to illness; wishes him the best.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Leslie Chapman:

- Will be bringing back a report to the Board on the governance workshop held yesterday.
- Employee party will be held this summer; there will be no public funds used to pay for the band or the food for this party. Wednesday June 28 will be kicked off with 3.2 m road race.

BBQ will be held at Mono Lake Park and an awards ceremony. Idle Hands (bluegrass band) will be there.

- Might want to discuss healthy communities and how the county should be involved at our strategic planning meeting next week
- It is Budget season.
- Cannabis group meeting, she remains impressed on the high quality of our staff. They will be presenting next week.
- Met with Sandra Pearce, new Public Health Director. Has some great ideas and some challenges ahead.
- Biomass Boiler event later today.

6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Sheriff Braun:

- Two emails: Sherwin Creek Campground and road are closed due to flooding. And Natl Weather Service says be prepared for anything. Thunder storms this weekend, sandbagging will occur near the creeks.

Robin Roberts:

- Cluster of suicides in Mono County in the last month, Public Health, CAO, and her dept are meeting.

Garrett Higerd:

- Jail funding accepted, working with finance to plan next steps for our portion of funds. Approved for full \$25m, about \$440k in soft costs. Will be looking at all issues around our match requirement. Next steps would be real estate due diligence, demo of old hospital building, have been talking to dept heads about their storage needs.
- Sewer leak over the weekend, he's on the board. Credit to Patrick Allen, their general manager, for averting a more significant crisis. Contractors did a great job, also had help from ML water district.

Peter Chapman:

- Update on lighting project. Contracts are coming out, the SCE bills are coming out to pay for the project. The savings from this has moved the County up a tier to silver. Mono co is receiving recognition and rebates for it.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor Stump pulled items D and G

A. IHSS Advisory Board Appointment

Departments: Social Services

The Department of Social Services requests the Board of Supervisors appoint Elena Espinosa to the In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Board. If appointed, Ms. Espinosa will serve under the category of a community-based caregiver and advocate for seniors.

Action: Appoint Elena Espinosa of Coleville, California to the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Advisory Board to serve a three-year term, commencing on June 6, 2017 and expiring on June 5, 2020.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston

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Supervisor Peters:

- Ms. Espinosa is a dedicated member of the community and will be a great addition to this board.

B. California Automated Consortium Eligibility System (CalACES)

Departments: Social Services

Approval of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement and the Memorandum of Understanding with the California Automated Consortium Eligibility System (CalACES)

Action: Approve (1) the Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, and (2) the Memorandum of Understanding between the California Automated Consortium Eligibility System and the County of Mono.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston

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C. FY 16/17 RSTP Road Funding Agreement

Departments: Public Works - Road

Annual funding through the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) is a major source of revenue for Mono County's road maintenance programs. This exchange agreement allows the State to forward non-federal highway apportionments directly to the Road Fund and the County maintains total control of how the funds are expended.

Action: Approve and authorize Chair's signature on the FY16/17 Federal Exchange and State Match Agreement for allocation of Federal Surface Transportation Program Funds through the State's regional Surface Transportation Program.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston

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D. Groundwater Sustainability Agency Election for Fish Slough Area

Departments: Community Development, County Counsel

Proposed resolution declaring County's intention to serve as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for those portions of the Fish Slough sub-basin of the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin that are within Mono County in the event such sub-basin is designated a medium, high or very high priority basin.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution #R17-44, A resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors, indicating its intention to serve as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for those portions of the fish slough sub-basin that are located within Mono County in the event such sub-basin is designated as a medium, high, or very high priority groundwater basin.

Stump moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston

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Supervisor Stump:

- The Board has already taken action with regard to the SGMA, but a portion of Fish Slough may not have been covered, which would potentially have made the entire basin vulnerable to State intervention.

Stacy Corless:

- The area the state added in 2016 is not yet ranked. We don't have to serve as GSA until it's ranked, however, we want to make sure that area is covered at such a time it becomes ranked.

E. Letter to the California Highway Patrol Supporting a New Facility in Bridgeport

Departments: Community Development

Consider supporting the Bridgeport Regional Planning Advisory Committee's (RPAC's) recommendation that a new California Highway Patrol facility be located in Bridgeport.

Action: Consistent with past Board positions, authorize the Chair to sign letter supporting the new facility.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston

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F. Amendment to the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) Joint Powers Agreement (JPA)

Departments: CAO

Fourth amendment to the ESTA joint powers authority agreement to extend until December 31, 2018, the provision that permits the member entities to fill one of their two ESTA Board positions with a member of the public at large.

Action: Approve fourth amendment to ESTA JPA

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston

M17-113

G. Public Health Department Staff Allocation

Departments: Public Health

Approve the job description and resolution for the allocation of a Tobacco Control Program Coordinator.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution #R17-45, A resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors, Authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the County of Mono list of allocated positions to add Tobacco Control Program Coordinator in the Department of Public Health. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Stump moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston

R17-45

Supervisor Stump:

- Is there the ability to cross train staff?

Sandra Pearce:

- Public Health always a juggling act. This position is prop 56 funding, is perceived to be a funding stream for many years. Sees mobility down the line, potential to add a secondary position in future.

H. **Out of State Travel Request**

Departments: Board of Supervisors

As Mono County National Association of Counties representative and member of the NACo Public Lands Steering Committee, Supervisor Corless is requesting authorization of out-of-state- travel to attend the NACo Annual Conference in Ohio. This includes the public lands policy steering committee meeting. More conference information here: <http://www.naco.org/events/nacos-82nd-annual-conference-exposition>.

Action: Approve out of state travel for Supervisor Corless (the county's NACo representative) to attend the NACo Annual Conference in Columbus, OH July 21-23.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston

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8. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

All items listed are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board, and are available for review. Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

A. **Application for ABC License - Bridgeport MoMart**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Application for Alcoholic Beverage License from the Bridgeport MoMart.

B. Letter re: Camp Azusa

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Letter received from the Department of Water and Power regarding the use of Camp Azusa Campground. The Board of Supervisors was copied on this letter.

C. Letter to Representative Paul Cook Regarding his Visit

Departments: Board of Supervisors

Letter to Representative Paul Cook regarding his Memorial Day visit to Mono County and asking for his continued support on issues that directly affect Mono County. This letter is provided for Board information only. The letter was drafted and sent consistent with the County's Legislative Platform.

9. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Termination of the Mono County Narcotic's Enforcement Program

Departments: District Attorney

(Tim Kendall) - Explanation as to why the Narcotic Enforcement Program will no longer be utilized.

Action: None. Information Only.

Tim Kendall, District Attorney:

- Update in regards to the County narcotics program. Went through his staff report. Went through his Power Point.

Robin Roberts:

- Continued going through the Power Point.

Tim Kendall:

- Very troubled over changes that have occurred over the last 5 or 6 years. TOML was not interested in discussing this issue. Sad to see the program ending; it's not a priority to his partners anymore. Finished Power Point

Supervisor Corless:

- Asked the Board to refrain from attacks on other agencies and/or departments.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Yesterday, we heard the difference between means and ends. Today we need to discuss ends. The end should be what do we want the quality of life to be in Mono County? Thinks this issue should be priority to the County. Would like to support a task force to come back to the Board through the strategic plan.

Supervisor Peters:

- Agrees with Supervisor Gardner. Needs to be a proactive approach with a collaborative effort.

Supervisor Stump:

- Empathizes with getting phone calls from citizens. Supports the analysis, agrees to just stop the program isn't acceptable. Would like to formally request as a Board to discuss this with partners.

Supervisor Corless:

- Agrees with the direction proposed, would like to see a formal letter. She will bring this up to the Town tonight at their meeting. Would like to mention this presentation in public comment.

Leslie Chapman:

- TOML / County joint meeting is set for July 18th, she has already mentioned to Dan Holler that this should be discussed.

Robin Roberts:

- Would like a task force that includes community members as well as law enforcement.

Sheriff Braun:

- Her staffing levels did not allow her department to continue to participate. They are not stopping enforcement, but they can't be a part of MONET team right now. Unfair burden on the county when the Town won't participate because most of the crime comes out of the Town. Happy to help with task force.

Sandra Pearce, Public Health:

- Reiterated what a priority this issue is in her department and she's willing to help and participate in any way.

Nancy Mahannah:

- Feels enforcement is part of prevention.

Supervisor Peters:

- Is there anything else you need to request of the board for a proactive approach?

Tim Kendall:

- Understands the board is supportive of being proactive, of solutions we may face down the road, supportive of collaborative effort with the Town.

B. Budget Ad Hoc Committee

Departments: CAO, Finance

(Leslie Chapman, Janet Dutcher) - Establishment of Budget Ad Hoc Committee consisting of two Supervisors.

Action: Establish the Budget Ad Hoc Committee. Appoint Supervisor Gardner and Supervisor Peters to the Committee.

Corless moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; Absent: Johnston

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Leslie Chapman:

- She was directed earlier to bring this back the board. Will be a 2 member board to present the budget during community meetings. Asking two members to be on the committee.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Volunteered to be on the committee, requests Supervisor Peters to also be on the committee. As new supervisors, he feels getting involved in the budget will lead to better understanding

Supervisor Stump:

- Supports Supervisor Peters being on the committee.

Supervisor Peters:

- Accepts, looks forward to reporting back to the Board on the budget.

C. Multi-Agency Fire MOU Presentation and Discussion

Departments: CAO; Board of Supervisors

(Craig Thomas, Malcolm North, Leland Tarnay) - Presentation by Craig Thomas, Conservation Director of Sierra Forest Legacy, Malcolm North, Research Ecologist for the US Forest Service, and Leland Tarnay, Ph.D., Physical Ecologist for the Forest Service regarding a Fire MOU Partnership. This item is sponsored by Supervisor Corless.

Action: None (informational only). Provide any desired direction to staff.

Deb Schweitzer:

- Introduced each presenter.

Craig Thomas:

- Congratulations on the County's Biomass Boiler.
- Went through his Power Point.

Malcolm North:

- Went through his Power Point

Leland Tarnay:

- Went through his Power Point

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Liz:

- Very important that we balance this. Doesn't think it's viable to try to reverse so many years of fire suppression. Air quality is directly related to the tourism economy. Why is the Federal government being held to one standard and industry to another? Feels it's an important issue to talk about people cannot afford to develop health problems because of poor air quality caused by prescribed burns. Advocates for a more moderate approach.

Phillip Kiddo, Air Control District:

- Very involved and engaged in monitoring air quality. There are a lot of restrictions out there.

Sandra Pearce:

- Dr. Johnston, the County's Health Officer, does give out a health advisory when smoke levels are high, when certain groups need to be aware of levels or if air is unhealthy as a whole.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Supervisor Gardner:

- Appreciated the presentation. Has worked with Deb Schweitzer before. Noted that prescribed burns during different times of years would have less impact on air quality. The County's role, how can we support the overall forest health?

Craig Thomas:

- Lots the county can do. Being a partner means we come together to solve the tough problems. Information sharing, when new technologies come along, we can work together.
- Letters of support are very much appreciated.

Supervisor Stump:

- State of CA uses a different model than the Federal government and could free up money to be used in forests.

Malcolm North:

- Sheep grass is perfect example. Question is, are we going to be reactive or proactive?

Supervisor Peters:

- Appreciates the passion and the science behind it. Sees an opportunity for the board and county through our legislative platform to advocate for this at the state level. Has seen the smoke impacts to our tourism, shifts focus to other areas of the county.

Supervisor Corless:

- Is there a way we can advocate for this through the agencies we're a member of?

Deb Schweitzer:

- Forest plan direction is to be more proactive.

10. **OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**
No one spoke.

11. **CLOSED SESSION**

A. **Closed Session--Human Resources**

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Stacey Simon, Leslie Chapman, Dave Butters, Janet Dutcher, and Anne Larsen. 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), and Mono County Sheriff Department's Management Association (SO Mgmt). Unrepresented employees: All.

B. **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. Facts and circumstances: Request for refund of franchise fees by Liberty Utilities LLC.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL RECONVENE AT 1:30 P.M. AT THE MONO COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS - ROAD SHOP, LOCATED AT 201 JACK SAWYER RD, BRIDGEPORT, CA.

12. **OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**
No one spoke.

13. **REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON**

A. **Bridgeport Shop Biomass Boiler Tour and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

Departments: Public Works

1:30 P.M. - 1 hour

(Joe Blanchard) - Conduct a ribbon cutting ceremony and tour of the County's new biomass boiler system and honor staff, community members, and funding agencies that made the project possible.

Action: None (informational only).

Handouts provided at the ceremony are available under "Additional Documents" on our website.

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ATTEST

STACY CORLESS
CHAIR OF THE BOARD

HELEN NUNN
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD