



**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

**Regular Meeting  
January 14, 2020**

9:03 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Corless.

*Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Kreitz, Peters, and Stump.  
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 Sheriff Braun

"Nothing will work unless you do." - Maya Angelou.

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

**Janet Carle, Mono Basin:**

- Thanked Board for the resolution regarding the need for a State Park Ranger at Mono Lake.
- Tioga Inn Project. Read letter (available in additional documents).

**2. RECOGNITIONS**

**A. Recognition of Megan Foster for Service to Mono County**

Departments: Social Services

(Social Services) - Resolution recognizing Megan Foster for her work with, and recent retirement from, the County of Mono, Department of Social Services.

**Action:** Adopt proposed resolution recognizing Megan Foster for her work with, and recent retirement from, the County of Mono, Department of Social Services.

**Peters moved; Kreitz seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M20-16**

- Supervisor Peters read resolution into record.

**3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

**Steve Barwick, CAO:**

- Civic Center is proceeding at pace. Anticipate moving into the civic center in April.
- Staff working to update the legislative agenda, hoping to have to Board by Feb. 24.
- Tentative agreement with MCPE. Scheduled to consider on Jan. 28.
- January 8, leadership team meeting, discussed Beth Cohen's report.
- Assistant CAO Recruitment – selected 4 applicants for interviews, interviews taking place next week. Two meet and greets.
- Working on possible changes to the Board agenda preparation process in order to possibly get the finalized agenda to you a few days early.

**4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Robin Roberts, Behavioral Health Director:**

- Met with tribal elders and commission in Inyo on Friday to discuss a walk from Long Valley to Mono Lake in late July.
- Last Thursday department met with Beth Cohen, has 3 new staff members. Focused on 2020 plan, and the next 3 years, working on succession planning.

**Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent:**

- EcoHero show (educational outreach) will be coming to the area January 21, 8:30 AM Bridgeport Elementary, and Friday January 24, 8:30 AM Benton Elementary, 12:30 PM at Antelope Valley Elementary.

**Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:**

- Planning Analyst Recruiting process - Hired a part time temporary planner, Cedar Barager.
- December Planning Commission meeting report.

**Sheriff Braun:**

- Podcast "Last Day" about opioid use.

**Jason Canger:**

- Water update. Southern part of Inyo County Groundwater Basin designated by Department of Water Resources as critically over drafted, so is obligated to prepare a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) and submit to DWR by the end of this month.
- Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority is preparing to adopt its GSP for approval by DWR. Includes importation of water from Owens Valley, which is part of Mono County.

**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 minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting on December 10, 2019.

**Action:** Approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting on December 10, 2019.

**Gardner moved; Peters seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M20-17**

## **B. Allocation List Amendment - Sheriff's Office**

Departments: Sheriff / Coroner

The current Lieutenant carries the workload previously shouldered by two people. Recognizing budget constraints, the Sheriff's Office is not requesting to restore the allocated position, but to upgrade one Sergeant position to a Lieutenant position.

**Action:** Adopt proposed resolution R20-06, Authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the County of Mono List of Allocated Positions to add one Lieutenant position and to delete one Sergeant position within the Sheriff's Office.

**Gardner moved; Corless seconded**

**Vote: 3 yes; 2 no**

**R20-06**

**Supervisor Stump:**

- The Second Lieutenant position was originally established when Sheriff's Office was serving as the department that hosted the Paramedic program. Wants to know what the workload is that demands this position? Is she going to bring the Sergeant position back? How will this improve service delivered to constituents?

**Sheriff Braun:**

- Current Lt. is Operations and Administrative Lt. who oversees everything. He is the acting Undersheriff. Chief Deputy Coroner. All jail, patrol, court operations. The workload is burdensome. Is losing oversight needed on the jail side.
- Does not want to increase overall allocation. Ops Lt and Admin LT.
- Court security budget does not get fully spent, accruing a balance.
- A Lt. for the PSO side, not a sworn position. Title change to clearly delineate supervision. This position is still in effect. Subordinate to sworn LT position.

**Supervisor Kreitz:**

- Lt. won't work weekends?
- Potential for top-heavy SO for the size of the County. Cannot support this.

Stump and Kreitz voted no.

## **C. Allocation List Amendment - Sheriff's Office**

Departments: Sheriff / Coroner

In order to achieve parity with other departments, the Sheriff's Office is requesting to upgrade one Administrative Services Specialist position to a Fiscal and Administrative Services Officer position.

**Action:** Adopt proposed resolution R20-07, Authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the County of Mono List of Allocated Positions to add one Fiscal and Administrative Services Officer position and to delete one Administrative Services Specialist position within the Sheriff's Office.

**Gardner moved; Peters seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**R20-07**

#### **D. Reappointment to the Mono County Child Care Council**

Departments: Mono County Child Care Council

(Courtney Powell, Mono County Child Care Council Coordinator) - Mono County Child Care Council seeks the re-appointment of Julie Winslow by the Mono County Board of Supervisors for a two-year term beginning December 19, 2019 and terminating December 18, 2021.

**Action:** Appoint Julie Winslow to a two-year term in the category of Child Care Provider from December 18, 2019 and terminating December 18, 2021 and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Certification Statement Regarding Composition of LPC Membership.

**Gardner moved; Peters seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M20-18**

#### **6. 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.

*The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.*

##### **A. Application for Alcoholic Beverage License - Andruss Motel**

An application to the State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for Alcoholic Beverage License by Andruss Motel, in Coleville, CA.

##### **B. California Fish and Game Commission Letters Relating to Hunting**

The California Fish and Game Commission provided notice of proposed regulatory action relating to Mammal and Waterfowl hunting season. Any person interested may present statements, orally and in writing, relevant to this action at a hearing to be held in the Natural Resources Building Auditorium, First Floor, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA., on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at

8:00 AM. Additional information related to these matters can found on the Fish and Game Commission website.

**Supervisor Peters:**

- The proposed regulations have an impact on Mono County. Wanted to make sure that people knew that the current duck hunt season would be reduced in number of days by about 14.
- Mammal letter advises of changes to seasons and bag limits.
- On the Feb 21 at Natural resources bldg. the Fish and Game Commission will hear the proposed changes by the DFW. 15-day comment period prior to Feb. 21.
- Not asking for the Board to submit comments.

**C. Letter Regarding a New Proposal by USFW to List the Sierra Nevada Red Fox Under The ESA**

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFW) proposed listing the Sierra Nevada distinct population segment of the Sierra Nevada red fox as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The proposed rule will be available for public inspection in the Federal Register Reading Room and will publish in the Federal Register on Wednesday, January 8, opening a 60-day public comment period through March 9, 2020. Information on how to submit comments is available at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) by searching under docket number FWS-R8-ES-2019-0006.

**Supervisor Peters:**

- Would like more information to come back on this item on how it would impact the BWRA, MWTC, and the Sonora Pass area.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Request that we send a letter as a Board TO USFW appreciating outreach made and notice they have published in fed register but asking for a more user-friendly version including proposed habitat maps.

**Wendy Sugimura:**

- Will make request for information regarding proposed habitat layer.
- Will be bringing back to Board the comments that will be made.
- Will contact USFW for Collaborative Team meeting. January 30 9 AM Mammoth Town/ County Conference room.

**7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING**

**A. Public Hearing on the Adoption of the 2019 California Building Code**

Departments: Community Development - Building

(Jason Davenport) - Public hearing regarding Mono County adoption of the 2019 California Building Codes.

**Action:** Introduce, read title, and waive further reading of a proposed ordinance to adopt a revision to Chapter 15.04 of Mono County Code Title 15 to include Appendix C, I and Q, and amend the previously adopted California

Building Standards Code.

**Gardner moved; Peters seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M20-19**

**Jason Davenport:**

- Presented item.

*Public Hearing Opened: 10:07 AM*

*Public Hearing Closed: 10:07 AM*

*Break 10:08 AM*

*Reconvene: 10:17 AM*

## **B. Mono County Public Health Fiscal Sustainability Presentation**

Departments: Public Health, Finance

(Sandra Pearce, Kim Bunn, Janet Dutcher) - Presentation by Sandra Pearce, Kim Bunn, and Janet Dutcher regarding Mono County Public Health Fiscal Sustainability.

**Action:** None.

**Sandra Pearce, Public Health Director, Kim Bunn, Financial Technical Specialist, Janet Dutcher, Finance Director**

- Presented item.
- Handed out presentation summary (available in additional documents).

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

No one spoke.

## **9. CLOSED SESSION**

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

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Steve Barwick, Stacey Simon, 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 - Public Employment**

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

**THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL RECONVENE NO EARLIER THAN 1:00 P.M.**

*Closed Session: 11:58 AM  
Reconvene: 1:28 PM*

Nothing to report out of closed session.

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

No one spoke.

**11. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON**

**A. Public Safety Power Shut-Off (PSPS) Events**

Departments: Sheriff / Coroner; IT; Social Services; County Counsel  
(Ingrid Braun, Nate Greenberg, Kathy Peterson, Stacey Simon) - Continued discussion regarding impacts and issues that are unique to Mono County related to public safety power shutoff events and means of communicating those impacts and issues to decision makers. Discussion and possible approval of County narrative and talking points document.

**Action:** None.

**Stacey Simon, County Counsel:**

- Presented item.

**B. Inmate Welfare Fund Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2018-2019**

Departments: Sheriff / Coroner

(Sheriff Braun) - 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:**

- Presented item.

**C. Workshop Regarding Graffiti Ordinance (Mono County Code Chapter 10.45)**

Departments: County Counsel; Community Development

(Christian Milovich) - Workshop to review Chapter 10.45 of the Mono County Code pertaining to graffiti regulation and abatement.

**Action:** None.

**Christy Milovich, Assistant County Counsel:**

- Presented item.

## 12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

### Supervisor Corless:

- 1/8 NACo Public Lands Steering Committee call
- 1/10 Sierra Eastside Regional Prioritization Group monthly call—presentation on tree mortality and climate change
- 1/13 YARTS
- --Overall increase in passengers, fare revenue (fare increase, no fires)
- --Successful pilot project to extend service into Oct, over 600 passengers, issue to keep service extension in place is funding. YARTS is requesting \$19,200 from LTC, but it's a big ask from that fund, might need to look for other possibilities.
- --Kathleen Morse, Yosemite National Park: Communicated to her that Mono would like more info on 120/Tioga/Tuolumne construction project...parking impacts in Tuolumne, Tioga Rd resurfacing/rehab. 2021 closing Glacier Pt road entirely. Noted issue with fee/deferred maintenance fund: 55 percent of program has to go to deferred maintenance. Not new projects. Transportation fee revenue is \$2.6-8 million...\$1.4 million goes to YARTS. Not a lot of extra revenue to pay for more. YNP's financial world has changed.
- --Introduced Christine Chavez, new Transit Manager, expressed her excitement to expand service, electrify the fleet.

### Supervisor Gardner:

- Last Wednesday I participated in a NACO Public Lands Conference call. Topics discussed included the Administration's proposed revised regulations for grazing, the National Environmental Protection Act, and the Endangered Species Act, as well as funding for Wild Horses and Burros control. Detailed information on these regulations is available on the NACO website. Information was also provided on the Payments in Lieu of Taxes and Secure Rural Schools programs, which are being funded at prior year levels this year, and for Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management fire funding, which is being increased for the current year. NACO staff expect more interest from the Congress this year on deferred maintenance funding gaps in all public lands agencies, and on recreation opportunities generally.
- Last Wednesday evening I attended the Mono Basin RPAC meeting. Topics included an update on several issues from the Forest Service, the ongoing SCE work at their substation in Lee Vining, and an update from the RPAC subcommittee on Housing.
- On Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> I attended a meeting of the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee. The main topic of discussion was the continued concern from the June Lake Chamber of Commerce about Alterra Corporation's future plans for June Mountain.
- On Friday Jan. 10 I attended with Supervisor Kreitz the monthly meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board. We reviewed operations and financial reports from the past few months, approved a labor contract and a grant application, and discussed the performance of the Executive Director.
- Yesterday I attended the quarterly meeting of the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System with Supervisor Corless in Mammoth. We reviewed operations and financial reports, approved a grant application, and discussed selected other items regarding the future of YARTS.
- Finally, last night I attended the meeting of the Mono Basin Fire Safe Council in Mono City. This group is planning several activities this year to be more aggressive in fire prevention and in preparing residents for any potential wildland fire event.

### Supervisor Kreitz:

- On January 8th, I participated in the Community Economic Workforce Development committee meeting. We discussed the upcoming Legislative Conference.



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- Later that day, I attended the Mono County Census Committee meeting. We received an update from the consultant that is working on canvassing in Mono County for the upcoming Census. His team spent two weeks canvassing, Mono was the first county in the state to be canvased. It was reported to us that during their time here canvassing the group made over 2,000 knocks on doors knocked, and made contact with 34% (682), and 98% of folks asked said they would likely complete the Census. They will come back for two weeks during the time of the census. The Mono County Census Committee will be coming before the Board in March to give a formal update. You may go online beginning March 12th through September and complete the Census.
- On January 10th, I attended the ESTA Board meeting in Bishop. The ESTA Board authorized a grant application for Federal funds for next fiscal year that fund the Highway 395 corridor route. The Board also adopted a five-year agreement with the ESTA Employee Association.
- Yesterday, I attended the LTC meeting. Thank you Supervisor Stump for your service as the Board Chair this past year. The Commission discussed public access to the new County Civic Center via bike, public transit and foot traffic from Sierra Park Road. The Commission agreed that the focus is currently on the transition into the new building. There was a request of the staff to be sure that there is a clear articulation of the County's efforts to ease the access and development of the Town's office buildings at some time in the future.

### **Supervisor Peters:**

- 9<sup>th</sup> GBAQCB
- 10<sup>th</sup> Tour Memorial Hall Kitchen remodel CSA 5 Steve Noble
- 13<sup>th</sup> LTC
- Meeting with Robin Roberts and Amanda Greenberg, Steve Barwick, Sheriff Braun and Kathy Peterson
- Upcoming:
- 29<sup>th</sup> MWTC Tour
- RCRC Installation of Officers
- Stafford Lehr Deputy Director CDFW
- CSAC Executive Board Meeting

### **Supervisor Stump:**

- 1-9: Attended the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution District meeting - That Board reviewed the 2nd draft of the new Smoke Management Plan. A formal public hearing on the plan should occur at the March meeting. The Board also received a report on generator permitting requirements for generators. The Board requested that some clarifications be made to the fee structure assignment method.
- 1-9: Attended the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority - Wheeler Crest CSD requested to be removed from the JPA now that the Low rating for the Water Basin is finalized, The request was granted. This will cause a further discussion of funding at the next OVGA meeting. I have requested an agenda item prior to that to discuss with this Board.
- 1-11: Attended the Fire Department response community dinner in Benton. Large turn out. Great volunteer commitment among community members.
- 1-13: Attended the Local Transportation Commission. Council-member Salcido elected Chair for the coming year. Supervisor Kreitz elected Vice Chair. More work to be done on the Regional Transportation Plan to incorporate housing related items.

**ADJOURNED at 2:42 PM**

**ATTEST**

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**STACY CORLESS**  
**CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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**SCHEEREN DEDMAN**  
**SR. DEPUTY CLERK**