



**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 9, 2021**

9:00 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 Corless.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Women's History Month – story of Sybil Ludington

Supervisor Corless:

- Adjourn in memory of Larry Myrold, longtime Mammoth Lakes resident and Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District Captain

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Commendation for Building Permit Technician Michael Jones

Departments: Community Development Department

(Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director) - Commendation email from a building permit customer for Michael Jones' excellent customer service.

Action: None.

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Recognized Michael Jones for excellent customer service

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Participated in meeting of Northern Mono Chamber of Commerce – response to Mountain View Fire
- NACo Legislative pre-conference event – met with County colleagues from around the country
- Continued meetings on Medi-Cal Managed Care alternatives
- COVID-19 Community Conversation
- Participated in Redistricting Webinar sponsored by RCRC and CSAC – working with Assistant County Counsel Christy Milovich to help Board be as responsive as possible
- JEDI group meeting
- Nevada Resiliency Project in Coleville

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Decision in County's favor in County's litigation against City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

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 - January 19, 2021

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 19, 2021.

Action: Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 19, 2021.

Gardner motion; Corless seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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B. 2021-2022 California State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program

Departments: Sheriff

Resolution approving application for 2021-2022 California State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program

Action: Adopt proposed resolution with noted modifications (updating name of Sergeant from Sergeant Jeff Beard to Sergeant Charles Clark, and Chair name).

Peters motion; Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R21-18

Supervisor Gardner:

- Discussion with Sheriff Braun – patrol, education and outreach

C. Authority to Hire Staff Services Analyst III at Step D

Departments: Social Services

The Social Services Department is seeking to fill a vacant Staff Services Analyst III position. The department is requesting authorization to offer Leslie Gaunt employment at Step D of the salary range based on her skills and experience.

Action: Grant the Director of Social Services the authority to fill a Staff Services Analyst III position at Step D.

Gardner motion; Corless seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-58

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

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) letter in response to FERC comments on authorization for construction: dam surveillance cameras for 2020 eastern operations dams.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including reports from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Unified Command (UC), and the various branches of the EOC, including Community Support and Economic Recovery, Joint Information Center (JIC), and Public Health.

Action: None.

Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director:

- PPT presentation (can be found under Supporting Documents on the meeting webpage) – 7-day metrics, Blueprint for a Safer Economy update, MUSD update, vaccination proof of eligibility requirements, transitioning platforms for vaccine registration, CDPH quarantine guidance for fully vaccinated people

Supervisor Peters:

- CSAC Rural Caucus working group update

Public Comment:

- Jamie Schectman

Break: 10:25 AM

Reconvened: 10:33 AM

Moved to Item 7C.

B. Mountain View Fire Update and Review of Emergency Declarations

(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 by the Board on November 17, 2020 and a need to continue the local health emergency declared by the Public Health Officer on November 19, 2020 (and subsequently ratified by the Board) as a result of the Mountain View Fire.

Peters motion; Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-59

Justin Nalder, EOC Director:

- March 15 mobilization date for Department of Toxic Substances Control to send out team to do additional Phase 1 haz waste sweep – approximately eight properties missed during first round
- March 22 mobilization date for Phase 2 remediation work
- Landfill replacement of damaged items

Kathy Peterson, Social Services Director:

- Nevada Resiliency Project event last Saturday in Coleville – topics addressed included stress management, coping skills, and survivor guilt. Wellness presentation, onsite assistance.
- Confirmed that they are in the planning stages of follow-up events – plan to hold weekly group meetings

Moved to Item 7D.

C. Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) Presentation

Departments: Inyo National Forest

(Inyo National Forest Staff: Lesley Yen, Nora Gamino, Adam Barnett) - The Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) provides funding over the course of five years (2021-2025) for federal land management agencies, including the Forest Service, to take care of deferred maintenance on recreation facilities. The Inyo National Forest will discuss current and future GAOA project submissions.

Action: None.

Lesley Yen, Inyo National Forest Supervisor:

- Overview and process

Nora Gamino, Forest Engineer, Adam Barnett, Public Services Staff Officer, Inyo National Forest:

- Overview of projects where funding has been received and projects submitted for consideration

Moved to Item 7B.

D. Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Bi-State Sage-Grouse Conservation Efforts

Departments: Community Development Department

(Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director) - Consider memorializing Mono County's role and responsibilities in the Bi-State Sage-Grouse effort by signing the multi-agency Memorandum of Understanding.

Action: Authorize the Chair to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Bi-State partners for Bi-State sage-grouse conservation as modified and reflected in the redline version distributed this morning.

Duggan motion; Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-60

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Presented item

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

Moved to Item 10.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 11:45 AM

Reconvened: 1:44 PM

Nothing to report out of Closed Session.

A. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation

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

B. Closed Session - Existing Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION.

Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9.

Name of case: *County of Mono v. K.R. Property Development et al.* (Mono Sup. Court Case # CV200081).

C. Closed Session - Existing Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION.

Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9.

Name of case: *County of Mono et al. v. City of Los Angeles et al.* (Alameda Sup. Ct. Case No. RG18923377).

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- Attended Women's Leadership Forum Coffee
- Attended meeting about Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Initiative and tribal involvement
- On Thursday, invited to Mammoth Voices to give a County update
- As part of Supervisor Gardner's Dispersed Camping Summit, an Enforcement Subcommittee meeting led by Sheriff Braun was held
- On Friday, attended the Redistricting Webinar held by CSAC and RCRC (link to recording: <https://www.rcrcnet.org/2021-redistricting-webinar-brought-you-rcrc-and-csac>)
- California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions had a statewide training on conservatorship
- Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Working Group
- Sierra Nevada Conservancy Watershed Improvement Program Summit – focus this year was on building restoration economy
- Great experience getting the COVID vaccine

Supervisor Duggan:

- 03/3/21
 - CSAC Women in Leadership Coffee – I participated in an inspiring session to discuss our rolls as women in county government.
 - Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission – I attended the monthly meeting that covered the new Fishing regulations plus a presentation from Matt Parulo of the ESSRP and Kim Anaclerio of MLR on the Tangle-Free Waters Program.
 - Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board Meeting
 - Recap of the VCA Virtual Tourism Forum
 - Appointment of John Mendel to the Retail Seat
 - Review of Q4 Marketing and Advertising Plans
- 03/04/21 - CSAC New Supervisor's Institute Session II -
 - I participated in round table recaps of our first 60 days and presentations featuring:
 - The County-State Fiscal Relationship – The Revenue Side
 - Effective County Advocacy – Working with Key State Government Stakeholders
 - Wading through the County Budgeting Process (with new RCRC ED Patrick Blacklock)
- 03/05/21
 - CSAC New Supervisor's Institute Session II – More great sessions:
 - Effective County Advocacy – Working with State Legislature and Regulatory Agencies
 - 2021 Legislative Issues Affecting Counties
 - Art & Practice of Leadership in Governance
 - A Supervisor's Guide to County Health and Human Services
 - A Supervisor's Guide to Land Use Decision-Making

- Caltrans District 9 – Benton Paving Project – I worked Caltrans District 9 Staff to reach out directly to Tri-Valley constituents in the ESUSD for their feedback on the Benton Paving project (tentatively scheduled for 2024-26.)
- 3/8 - 2021 Virtual NACo Legislative Conference - I attended various NACo Steering Committee meetings, focusing on policy and platforms of interest to Mono County and the Eastern Sierra. Our board is very involved in these steering and their subcommittees and I look forward to continuing our presence and lending my voice, especially on emerging issues.
 - Community, Economic, and Workforce Housing Steering Committee
 - Agriculture and Rural Affairs Policy Steering Committee
 - Transportation Steering Committee
 - Justice and Public Safety Policy Steering Committee
 - NACo National Call detailing the State and Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds legislation, part of the American Rescue Plan Act. The bill, which NACo helped to develop and strongly advocated to pass, includes \$65.1 billion in direct to counties.

Supervisor Gardner:

- On Thursday (3/11), there is a meeting on the Tioga Pass opening
- On Friday (3/12), our resorts, tourism, and gateway area NACo working group will meet – will have several county supervisors from across the country talk about life during COVID and trying to maintain a recreation economy
- Will add rest of report to next week's Board Report

Supervisor Kreitz:

- The CSAC Women's Leadership Forum held a meeting on March 3rd. Great group of California county leaders in attendance. That evening I attended the Mammoth Lakes Town Council regular meeting.
- On March 4th I attended the NACo Pre-conference meeting. Later I attend a meeting with Assemblymember Jim Frazier along with CSAC staff and the Chair of the HLT Policy Committee. Assemblyman Frazier is the Chair of the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee. That evening I attended the Covid Community Conversation.
- Saturday, March 6th I volunteered all day with the Coronavirus Vaccination Clinic in Mammoth Lakes.
- March 8th I attended the NACo CEWD Steering Committee meeting. We heard from state leaders in HOME, CDBG and Labor. The Committee approved four interim resolutions including one I sponsored that would double the production of affordable housing using 4 percent Low Income Housing Tax Credits if the proposed change is approved by Congress.
- Assembly Member Laura Friedman (D-Glendale) Chair of the Assembly transportation Committee. We discussed safety, multi-modal transportation, the need to prioritize VMTs because ZEV is not the solution to getting people out of their cars. Lastly, I mentioned to Assemblymember Friedman the wildlife crossing and invited her to visit Mono County this June.

Supervisor Peters:

- Thanks to CAO Lawton for covering Northern Mono Chamber of Commerce and Antelope Valley RPAC meetings
- NACo Virtual Legislative Conference – Human Services and Education Steering committee meeting, WIR Board of Directors meeting

- There will be a memorial for Sallie Joseph, the resident who unfortunately passed during the Mountain View Fire, on Saturday (3/13) in Yerington. Requested that we adjourn today's meeting in memory of Sallie Joseph.

Moved to Item 9.

ADJOURNED AT 1:45 PM in memory of Larry Myrold and Sallie Joseph.

ATTEST

**JENNIFER KREITZ
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**QUEENIE BARNARD
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**