



**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
April 13, 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 Gardner.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Presence at Civic Center in Mammoth
- Participated in Justice Equity Diversity and Inclusion meeting
- Visited with Director of Social Services on position changes
- Met with County Counsel's office and Public Health about revising previous COVID directives
- Discussions with Chief Frievault and Nate Greenberg about preparing summary of options for Board to review regarding radio system
- Meeting with other agencies on Mountain View Fire activities
- Trindel training on Customer Service
- Weekly EOC meeting for COVID-19

- Yesterday, EOC briefing for Mountain View Fire. Under leadership of Supervisor Peters, participated in Mountain View Fire Community Workshop in the evening.
- Request to add Urgency Item to agenda - Authorizing the County Administrator, and other such staff as the Administrator may designate, to execute applications on behalf of the County for Community Project Funding (CPF), formerly known as Congressional “earmarks.”

Urgency Item Addition to Agenda – Authorizing the County Administrator, and other such staff as the Administrator may designate, to execute applications on behalf of the County for Community Project Funding (CPF), formerly known as Congressional “earmarks.”: The Board determined that there is a need to take immediate action with respect to the proposed agenda item, that the need for action came to the County’s attention subsequent to the agenda being posted and therefore, that the Board add the item to the agenda.

Authority: Govt. Code §54954.2(b)(2). Note that urgency items may only be added to the agendas of regular meetings, not special meetings.

Peters motion. Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-86

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

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. Budget Policy

Departments: Finance

The Budget Policy was brought before the board as part of a fiscal policy workshop on February 9, 2021. Revisions were made to the Budget Policy based on the fiscal policy workshop.

Action: Adopt the revised budget policy.

Corless motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-87

B. Resolution Approving Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant Program

Departments: Probation

Proposed resolution approving an application to the Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant Program and authorizing the County

Administrative Officer on behalf of the Board of Supervisors to submit the grant proposal for this funding and sign the Grant Agreement, in substantially the form set forth in the attached proposal package, with the Board of State and Community Corrections.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution R21-25, Approving an application to the Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant Program and authorizing the County Administrative Officer on behalf of the Board of Supervisors to submit the grant proposal for this funding and sign the Grant Agreement with the Board of State and Community Corrections.

Corless motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R21-25

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Request for Chief Probation Officer Humiston to bring this item back if they are approved and provide an update.

C. 2021 Maintained Mileage

Departments: Public Works - Roads

Section 2121 of the California Streets and Highways Code provides that in May of each year each County shall submit to the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) any additions or exclusions from its mileage of maintained County roads.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution R21-26, Specifying additions and/or exclusions to the maintained mileage within the County road system and establishing maintained mileage for fiscal year 2021-2022. Provide any desired direction to staff. This action continues unchanged the County's total maintained miles of 679.26 miles.

Corless motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R21-26

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – NONE

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

URGENCY ITEM

Action: Approve and authorizing the County Administrator, and other such staff as the Administrator may designate, to execute applications on behalf of the County for Community Project Funding (CPF), formerly known as Congressional "earmarks."

Corless motion. Peters seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-88

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: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/bos/page/board-supervisors-113>) – 7-day metrics, Blueprint for a Safer Economy, CDC and FDA pause Johnson & Johnson vaccine, State issued updated vaccine eligibility guidelines, “Beyond the Blueprint” Framework, State to adjust small county framework metrics

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Addressed businesses making modifications to provide for outdoor seating

B. Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Update

Departments: Finance

(Janet Dutcher, Megan Mahaffey) - CAO and Finance will update the Board about the FY 2021-22 budget development process.

Action: None.

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- PPT presentation (can be found under Supporting Documents on the meeting webpage: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/bos/page/board-supervisors-113>) – revenue forecasts, expenditure trends, General Fund carryover status, General Fund base budget

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

9. CLOSED SESSION

*Closed Session: 10:38 AM
Reconvened: 1:00 PM*

No action to report out of Closed Session.

A. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Bob Lawton, Stacey Simon, Janet Dutcher, Dave Wilbrecht, and Anne Frievalt. 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). 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 NO EARLIER THAN 1:00 P.M.

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

11. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. Community Development Block Grant 2021 Notice of Funding Availability

Departments: Finance

(Megan Mahaffey) - The CDBG 2021 NOFA was released on January 29, 2021. This year's Notice of Funding Availability is for approximately \$30 million of which Mono County is eligible for \$1.5 million. This is a public hearing required as part of the grant application process.

Action: Conduct a public hearing to gauge public interest in Mono County submitting a grant application for the 2021 NOFA. Authorize submittal of grant application for the 2021 NOFA.

Public Hearing Opened: 1:01 PM

Megan Mahaffey, Accountant II:

- Presented item

Public Comment:

- Patricia Robertson
- Molly DesBaillets

Public Hearing Closed: 1:17 PM

Gardner motion. Peters seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-89

B. Mono County Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Update

Departments: Finance

(Megan Mahaffey, Patricia Robertson) - Mammoth Lakes Housing has utilized the RLF for a total of five (5) purchases of deed-restricted properties between September 26, 2017 and December 31, 2019. The outstanding loan that received a 6-month extension was paid back on March 24, 2021.

Action: None.

Megan Mahaffey, Accountant II:

- Introduced item

Patricia Robertson, Mammoth Lakes Housing Executive Director:

- Provided RLF update – one outstanding loan for purchase of unit at Meridien Court Condominiums in Mammoth Lakes was paid back as escrow closed on March 23 (\$104,000 plus approximately \$3,000 interest)

C. Mountain View Fire Update

Departments: Mountain View Fire Emergency Operations Center

(Justin Nalder, EOC Director) - Update on the Mountain View Fire in Walker, California.

Action: None.

Justin Nalder, EOC Director

- In the process of doing trailer inspections in Los Angeles – 36 trailers
- Mountain View Fire Community Workshop #7 – questions about status of cleanup, certain foundations not meeting criteria, irrigation ditch clean up and watering season, accessibility and timeline for trailers
- Nevada Resiliency Project hosting another community sharing opportunity this Saturday (4/17)
- Clean up and remediation efforts - seven crews in action right now

D. Proposed Agreements Supporting County Effort to Facilitate the Provision of Trailers to Residents in Mono County in Need of Temporary Housing as a Result of the Mountain View Fire, the COVID-19 Pandemic or Otherwise

Departments: Mountain View Fire Emergency Operations Center

(Justin Nalder, EOC Director) - Proposed agreement with the City of Los Angeles pertaining to transfer of travel trailers to Mono County, subsequently to Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action and ultimately provided to individuals/families identified as in need of temporary emergency housing as a result of the Mountainview Fire.

Action: Approve and authorize the CAO's signature on the following agreements:

1. MOU among the City of Los Angeles, Mono County, and Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action (IMACA) governing the transfer of 36 trailers by the City of LA to IMACA in return for indemnification by IMACA and Mono County.

2. MOU between Mono County and IMACA indemnifying Mono County against any and all claims relating to the transfer of the trailers from the City of Los Angeles to IMACA and use by IMACA to serve homelessness in the County and possibly the tri-county region under certain, specified circumstances.
3. Agreement among Mono County, IMACA and any trailer recipient indemnifying Mono County against any and all claims relating to the transfer of the trailers from IMACA to the individual recipient.

Peters motion. Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-90

Justin Nalder, EOC Director

- Presented item

E. Allocation List Amendment - Probation Department

Departments: Probation

(Karin Humiston, Chief Probation Officer) - Proposed resolution authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the County of Mono List of Allocated Positions to add one (1) Behavioral Health Services Coordinator, remove one (1) Deputy Probation Officer III position and add one (1) Deputy Probation Officer IV position in Probation.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution R21-27, Amending the County of Mono List of Allocated Positions to add one (1) Behavioral Health Services Coordinator, remove one (1) Deputy Probation Officer III position and add one (1) Deputy Probation Officer IV position in Probation. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Kreitz motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R21-27

Karin Humiston, Chief Probation Officer:

- Presented item

12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- JEDI working group weekly meetings: working to refine program with Dr. Rita Cameron Wedding
- Yosemite Area Gateway Coordination Team weekly meetings, plus a meeting about covid-driven recreation impacts
- Mammoth Voices--Airborne Snow Observatory Presentation
- California Association of Behavioral Health Boards/Commissions monthly board meeting
- Dispersed Camping Summit, participated in enforcement and mapping work groups and looking forward to having short-term solutions for this spring/summer
- RCRC: working to plan June meeting/tour in Mammoth; will represent RCRC on the leadership of the state's newly relaunched/reconfigured Wildfire and Forest

Resilience Task Force, which will guide implementation of the wildfire and forest resilience action plan. Governor and legislature reached agreement on \$500 million funding plan/package for wildfire prevention this year:

<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2021/04/08/governor-newsom-tours-sierra-fuel-break-highlights-agreement-with-legislative-leaders-on-536-million-wildfire-package/>

- Joined Public Policy Institute of California for a headwaters counties focus group on forest health/wildfire prevention.
- Suddenlink service concerns meeting, convened by Placer Supervisor Cindy Gustafson and including CPUC representatives. Suddenlink regional VP stated that in March they had made huge improvements with service visits and are working with a new contractor, and that a planned "node split" would improve service in Mammoth and other markets.
- Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership meeting
- CSAC Diversity, Equity and Inclusion forum--many ideas and inspiration from other counties.
- Eastern Sierra Council of Governments: moving forward with necessary steps for ESCOG to sponsor/house recreation and ecosystem services-related projects and programs. This is important for our region to have the capacity to take advantage of opportunities for fire prevention and forest health.
- NACo Public Lands Steering Committee leadership meetings with Dept of the Interior and USDA representatives on energy policy, conservation and fish/wildlife. Appreciate the opportunity for counties to work with the Biden administration.
- Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System board meeting
- Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting: May is mental health awareness month, planning a board proclamation and events/activities to promote awareness. Staff led a discussion on decreasing stigma about mental health and treatment.

Supervisor Duggan:

- 04/07/21 –
 - I met with the Mono Lake Kudzatika Tribe representatives. It was very interesting to hear about how they are partnering with businesses and corporations on upcoming projects in the Eastern Sierra that are supporting their culture and heritage.
 - MLT Board Meeting – I participate in the Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board meeting. We saw a presentation of options for commercial air service out of BIH and MMH for this fall (pending approvals.) Visitation is continuing to grow and there is a lot of interest in events in our area.
 - I participated in the Adjourned meeting of TGWA. We reviewed the proposed Community Outreach letter and offered suggestions on content regarding the work of the OVGA as it pertains to the Tri-Valley.
 - I met with CAO Lawton for a touch base session and items of interest. We also scheduled a tour of the northern section of District 2 for 4/23 to see the impacts and preparations of the business community on Fishmas Eve.
- 4/08/21 –
 - CSAC – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Forum – Supervisor Stacy Corless was a presenter. An excellent discussion on how to collaborate to achieve good policy on equity and inclusion.
 - I participated in the OVGA meeting – Progress is being made on the GSP and they should have a draft at the end of the year. The Board authorized staff to submit a project for a Tri-Valley Groundwater model development to the Integrated Regional Management branch of Department of Water Resources for consideration in the next round of Prop 1 IRWM funding.

This would be considered a placeholder for a future project that the TGWA could utilize to fund the model for themselves.

- I met with the Mono Lake Committee to discuss various projects and interests of the organization.
- I participated in the ESTA Board meeting where they announced there would be service to Reds Meadow this summer. The Board also approved an additional bus to operate within the Mammoth Lakes Basin Loop. This will hopefully aid in automobile congestion and allow campers to park their vehicles and be able to travel throughout the Basin on foot, bike or by shuttle.
- 04/12/21 –
 - LTC - I participated in the monthly meeting of the Local Transportation Commission. Items discussed were additional electric vehicle charging options, an additional inter-basin ESTA shuttle for the Mammoth Lakes Basin, and a great map that shows the tasks and timeline for clearing of HWY 120 Tioga Pass.
 - I corresponded with various constituents on issues of highway safety, prescribed burn policy, pending PSPS. These may have been long standing issues, but it was a great chance to connect people to the information. I reached out for more information to pass along and received the right information to pass along in a timely matter. Thanks again to staff and our agency partners – your response is greatly appreciated.

Supervisor Gardner:

- On Wednesday April 7 I participated in the monthly June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee meeting. Topics discussed included the June Lake Vehicle Charging Project, unmet transit needs, and a COVID Update.
- On Thursday April 8 I participated in the quarterly meeting of the Yosemite Gateway Partnership with Supervisor Corless. Yosemite will again use a reservation system for visitors this year, starting May 21, but will increase the number of tourists allowed compared to last year. They will also allow Eastern Sierra residents and others to pass through the park on the Tioga Road. Plowing on the Tioga Road will begin tomorrow. Caltrans also indicates it has already reached the Park gate and expects to open the lower portion of the road at some point before the road through the park opens.
- On Friday April 9 I attended the ESCOG meeting with Supervisor Corless. Topics included a presentation about redistricting from the California Citizens Redistricting Commission, the development of an MOU between ESCOG and ESSRP, and the status of ESSRP grant projects.
- Also, on Friday April 9 I participated with Supervisor Duggan in the monthly meeting of the ESTA Board. We reviewed financial and operations reports and approved some grants and contracts. ESTA will be running the Reds Meadow Shuttle service this summer.
- On Friday, the 9th I led a Zoom meeting about the use of motorized recreation vehicles in the Mono Basin. This was in response to several residents who have been concerned about increased numbers of illegal ATVs and OHVs on County roads, many being ridden at excessive speeds. My thanks to Sheriff Braun for attending this meeting and responding to many questions and concerns. We will be working on this issue in the future.
- Yesterday I participated in a NACO Zoom meeting with other county officials and US Dept. of Agriculture and Interior staff to talk about the Biden Administration's 30 by 30 Climate Change initiative. This was an excellent opportunity to learn about the project and hear from county officials about their interests and concerns.

- Also, yesterday with Supervisor Corless I attended the quarterly meeting of the YARTS Board. We reviewed several financial and operations reports and discussed recommendations from the consultant working on the YARTS short range strategic plan that addresses YARTS financial challenges. One item affecting the Eastern Sierra YARTS routes is a proposal to cut back service on the 395/120 route from the current end date of October 15 to Sept. 15. This would not be implemented this year and is only being discussed at this time, so we will have an opportunity for input before a final decision is made.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- I met with Congressman Obernolte staff on Wednesday, April 7th to request the Congressman's co-sponsorship of the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act and the inclusion of the reduction of the bond threshold from 50% to 25%. I have a meeting tomorrow with the Congressman to discuss the request further and share with him the real, positive, impact this change would have on Mono County and Mammoth Lakes.
- Thursday, April 8th I attended the CSAC Inclusive Leadership workshop where we heard from Dr. Africa and others on the history of racial disparities and the path forward for a more inclusive and loving society and government.
- Friday, April 9th I participated in two MLH sub-committee meetings, one on the Town's Middle Income Program and ongoing funding ideas; and the MLH-Town Contract Negotiations ad-hoc committee met to discuss the draft contract that is up for a three year renewal.
- Monday, April 12th I chaired the Mono County LTC meeting. Many great updates and funding allocation discussions including increasing funding for trail counters in Mono County. Other highlights:
 - Caltrans District 9 will be requesting an early allocation of funding for the Olancho-Cartego project from the CTC at their May meeting.
 - Caltrans will be requesting the Board supported rescission of the HWY120 status from freeway to highway at the CTC's June Meeting.
 - ESTA is going to operate the Reds Meadow Shuttle this summer with assurance of fairs from the Town and an increase in fairs. Fairs will go from \$10/\$ (adult/child) to \$15/\$7 for this summer season only.
 - Improvements are being made to the Horseshoe Lake parking area including striping of the parking to allow for better trolley flow and general circulation. Additionally, ESTA will be operating an intra-Basin shuttle, assuming they can find drivers.
 - The Town will likely break ground this next week on the Community Center/Ice Rink.
 - The Town plans to rehabilitate portions of the Multi-Use Paths this year, after Labor Day, rebuild two of the Main Street bus shelters to bring them up to the Town's current standards, planning for a MUP from Lake Mary Road down to the Callahan Road, complete street planning for Laurel Mountain Road and then building out that on the portion of Laurel Mountain Road from Tavern Road down to Main Street, and planning for the building of a MUP along Minaret Road down to Old Mammoth Road.

Supervisor Peters:

- 4/6: Northern Mono Chamber of Commerce – discussions about ATV Jamboree planned for this summer, actively fundraising and working on supplementing the stocking of trout in west Walker River
- There is an effort in June Lake Loop to raise money to help supplement the fish stocking
- Senior Center's Day in the Park on June 5

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- Update on Mountain View Fire fund - \$107,000
- 4/9: Attended CSAC Rural COVID Working Group – had very productive conversations with Dr. Ghaly
- 4/12: Attended LTC meeting, had reports on Mono County project, activities with CalTrans, monies allocated to specific projects with Town
- Mountain View Fire Community Workshop – incident update, CalOES with debris removal update, Gerald Frank gave property tax and insurance update, temporary housing update by Mary Booher, building and permitting update
- Tonight is the Bridgeport RPAC meeting – concern over specific change in fishing regulations related to east Walker River
- Thursday (4/15), meeting with Santa Clara Board Chair Cindy Chavez and Jeff Neal regarding solving broadband issues

ADJOURNED AT 2:29 PM.

ATTEST

**JENNIFER KREITZ
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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