



**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
December 7, 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.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Met in Jail Project with County Executive Coordination team
- Interviews for Assistant to County Administrator
- Attended CSAC Annual meeting in Monterey
- Emergency EOC meeting to discuss recent outbreaks, followed up with meeting with local businesses
- Organize for collective bargaining discussions
- Participated in discussion with colleagues from Inyo and Alpine counties on developing a comprehensive economic development strategy
- Workplace Wellbeing – employee newsletter, Coffee with the CAO
- NACo Finance, Pension, and Intergovernmental Affairs Steering Committee

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Nate Greenberg, IT Director:

- Redistricting update – website has a new button with direct link to new application providing side-by-side analysis of six alternative maps

Tony Dublino, Director of Public Works:

- Roads Division – recreation on Virginia Lakes Road
- Application for Saddlebag Lake Road project
- Solid Waste – negotiations complete with proposers, agendaized for December 21

Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent:

- ESJPA – representative for Mono County on ad hoc limited term legislative committee

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 Board Minutes from the October and November 2021 meetings.

Action:

- 1) Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 19, 2021.
- 2) Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on November 2, 2021.
- 3) Approve the Board Minutes from the Special Meeting on November 8, 2021.
- 4) Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on November 9, 2021.

Gardner motion. Corless seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-255

B. Monthly Treasury Transaction Report

Departments: Finance

Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 10/31/2021.

Action: Approve the Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 10/31/2021.

Gardner motion. Corless seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no
M21-256

C. Reappointment - Economic Development, Tourism & Film Commission

Departments: Economic Development

Reappointment of Sarah Walsh (District 3) to the Mono County Economic Development, Tourism & Film Commission (EDTFC) for a 4-year term ending November 22, 2025.

Action: Reappoint Sarah Walsh to the Mono County Economic Development, Tourism & Film Commission for a four-year term from November 22, 2021 to November 22, 2025.

Gardner motion. Corless seconded.
Vote: 5 yes, 0 no
M21-257

D. Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Contract Amendment

Departments: Public Health

Proposed Standard Agreement Amendment with California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program pertaining to Contract #19-10162, A02.

Action: Approve County entry into proposed contract amendment and authorize Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County by signing one (1) copy of Standard Agreement Amendment (STD 213A).

Gardner motion. Corless seconded.
Vote: 5 yes, 0 no
M21-258

E. Summary Road Vacation – Excess Right-of-Way Abutting Paradise Shores and Highway 182

Departments: Public Works

Proposed resolution Summary Road Vacation – Excess Right-of-Way Abutting Paradise Shores and Highway 182.

Action:

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. R21-81, “A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors for Summary Vacation of Excess Right-of-Way Abutting Paradise Shores and Highway 182 in Bridgeport, Ca.”; and,
- 2) Direct the Clerk of the Board to record a certified copy of the fully executed Resolution with the County Recorder; and,
- 3) Find that the above action is categorically exempt from the California

Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 CCR §15305 as a Class 1 Exemption for “Existing Facilities” and direct the County Engineer to file a Notice of Exemption for the project consistent with 14 CCR §15062.

Gardner motion. Duggan seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain

R21-81

Supervisor Peters:

- Own property adjacent to Paradise Shores Report and will be abstaining from vote

F. Mono County Child Care Council Amended Bylaws

Departments: Mono County Child Care Council

The Board of Supervisors is required by law to remain involved in the processes and procedures of the local child care and development planning council (Mono County Child Care Council). As part of its involvement, the Board appoints members to the Council and reviews the Council's By-Laws. The Council has recently amended its By-laws to reflect recent changes in law and is seeking Board review and approval of those amendments.

Action: Approve amended Mono County Child Care Council Bylaws.

Gardner motion. Corless seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-259

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. Letter from Josh Rhodes Acknowledging Public Works Employee John Hauter

A letter from Mono County resident Josh Rhodes acknowledging Public Works employee John Hauter for his work at the Chalfant and Benton Parks.

Supervisor Duggan:

- Thanked John Hauter and his team for their work

Supervisor Corless:

- Thanks to John and other members of facilities team

B. Letter from California Department of Child Support Services Regarding System Outages

A letter from California Department of Child Support Services regarding system outages causing online resources commonly used by the courts and the local child support agencies to be intermittently unavailable.

C. Application for Alcoholic Beverage License - Rhino's Bar and Grill

An application to the State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for Alcoholic Beverage License by S. KEYSER COMPANY doing business as RHINO'S BAR & GRILL located at 226 MAIN ST, BRIDGEPORT, CA 93517.

D. Letter from California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Regarding Mono County's California Disaster Assistance Act Request

California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) response letter regarding Mono County's request for financial assistance from the California Disaster Assistance Act for the Mountain View Fire.

Supervisor Peters:

- Thank you to everyone involved

E. Letter from Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce to Regional Forester Eberlien Regarding 2021 Forest Closures

A letter from the Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce to Regional Forester Eberlien regarding the September 2021 forest closures.

Supervisor Corless:

- This has come up in regional groups – CSAC, RCRC. Suggestion that we develop a plan/suggested proposal for handling forest closures and work with region

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Mono County Film Commission and Inyo National Forest Collaboration Regarding Special Use Permit Process for Filming

Departments: Economic Development

(Alicia Vennos, Economic Development Director/Film Commissioner; Inyo National Forest - Sheila Irons, Forest Lands Officer and Travis Mason, Assistant Public Services Staff Officer (on detail)) - Report regarding filming production in Mono County, the current capacity issues faced by the Inyo National Forest, and proposed collaborative solution.

Action: None.

Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Manager:

- Presented item

Supervisor Gardner:

- Pursue trial period, possibly set up cost share

Travis Mason, Assistant Public Services Staff Officer:

- Vacant positions – funding and difficulty recruiting

Sheila Irons, Forest Lands Officer:

- Fees – filming is one of the few with fee retention, most other fees go to treasury. Land Use fees and cost recovery fees for processing and monitoring

Supervisor Corless:

- Support 6 month trial, but encourage County to approach Film Permitting and Special Use Permits in general as an Economic Development function and not place the burden on already overburdened Inyo National Forest staff

Supervisor Peters:

- As this pilot program develops, have conversation about Humboldt-Toiyabe and how we can potentially accelerate the opportunities for more special use permits, especially winter recreation

Chair Kreitz:

- Emphasize support for looking into cost sharing

B. Housing Policy and Programs: Discussion, Prioritization, and Summary

Departments: Community Development

(Bentley Regehr, Planning Analyst; Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director) - Discuss and prioritize housing policies and programs, and review summary of programs.

Action: None.

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Introduced item

Bentley Regehr, Planning Analyst:

- Walked through table and programs

Board direction – follow the staff recommendation contained within Staff Report Summary. Add to follow-up items: Board consider emergency declaration around state of housing and discussion on potential short term rental moratorium

Break 11:17 AM

Reconvened: 11:29 AM

C. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Departments: CAO, Public Health

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Action: None.

Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director:

- Presentation (can be found under Supporting Documents on meeting webpage: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/bos/page/board-supervisors-134>)
- Spike in cases
- No indication new variant is in Mono County
- Breakthrough cases, boosters

Supervisor Corless:

- Feedback from constituent – thank you to Bryan and Assistant Director Burrows for information shared on social media
- Community update before holidays, signage posted

Public Comment:

- Wendy Sugimura – AYSO, thanks to Director Wheeler and Public Health staff

D. Mountain View Fire Update and Review of Emergency Declarations

Departments: Mountain View Fire Emergency Operations Center

(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 on November 17, 2020 and the local health emergency declared on November 19, 2020 (ratified by the Board on November 24, 2020) until more information is known regarding the remaining unremediated properties, despite the recently-received news from CalOES regarding the County's cost share.

Peters motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M21-260

Justin Nalder, EOC Director:

- California Disaster Assistance Act – funded at 100% for disaster-related projects

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Clarified that State reimbursement at 100% is only for debris removal. Remainder of our costs (overtime, repairs and replacement done to guardrails, reconstruction of transfer station) is still being reimbursed at 25%.

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Janet Dutcher:

- Today is anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Request that the Board adjourn in memory of those who lost their lives on that day.

Moved to Item 10.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 12:27 PM

Reconvened: 2:53 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, Anne Frievalt, Ryan Roe, 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 Public Safety Officers Association (PSO). Unrepresented employees: All.

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: Claim for damages filed by Jenna Lavender.

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: Claim for damages filed by Craig Balogh.

D. 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 Management, et al.* (Mono County Superior Court Case No.: CV200081).

E. 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.

F. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation

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

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- 11/18-19: California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force Meeting and Caldor Fire Tour

- At meeting, reviewed current status of state's wildfire year and progress on action plan, with special focus on a plan to increase the use of prescribed fire, more info here: <https://fmtf.fire.ca.gov/>. As member of task force executive committee, joined a tour of the Caldor Fire footprint, organized by the Tahoe Conservancy and led by Cal Fire and the El Dorado National Forest. There were many lessons learned that are applicable to Mono County; given the heightened interest in wildfire-related issues, suggest agendaing an update on the tour and task force in January.
- 11/29-12/2: CSAC Annual Meeting--congratulations to Supervisor Peters on his well-deserved recognition/award there.
- 12/6: Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership meeting. Noted that Supervisor Gardner and the Eastern Sierra Dispersed Camping Collaborative were nominated for a partnership award by US Forest Service Region 5, along with the Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project.

Supervisor Duggan:

- November 17 – attended Economic Development Tourism and Film Commission meeting. Highlight of meeting was importance of working with Forest Service on economic issues
- Also that evening, attended Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District meeting – reviewed the upcoming GSP
- November 18 – attended OVGAs meeting, to review public comment and set deliverables for meeting on 12/9
- That evening, attended Long Valley RPAC meeting
- November 23 – attended CSA #1 meeting, working with Public Works on upcoming recreation projects and community services enhancements. Thank you to Public Works for work with CSA #1 and other entities in community to help solve issue of timely mail delivery.
- November 29 – December 2 – attended CSAC Annual Meeting
- Yesterday, participated in radio call in program called Mondays with the Mayor

Supervisor Gardner:

- On Wednesday Nov. 17 I participated in a meeting of the June Lake Chamber of Commerce. Topics discussed included a beautification project at the balanced rock site and possible options for raising revenue for community projects.
- Last week I attended with my Board colleagues the California State Association of County Supervisors Annual Conference in Monterey. The conference had several excellent speakers on a variety of subjects.
- On Wednesday Dec. 1 I participated in the monthly meeting of the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee. Topics discussed included redistricting, the County's Strategic Planning process, and options for locating an EV Charger in June Lake.
- On Thursday Dec. 2 I participated in another planning session for the Children's Summit to be held on July 13 of 2022.
- On Friday Dec. 3 I participated in the monthly meeting of the Kutzadika Tribal Council. Topics discussed included the status of Federal recognition of the Tribe, the process for tribal consultation for County projects and other matters, and updates on several ongoing tribal projects.
- Yesterday I attended a meeting of the NACO Public Lands Policy Committee and the Western Interstate Region Board. Topics discussed included an update on pending Congressional legislation, and other public lands issues.
- Also, yesterday I participated on the monthly meeting of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership. Topics discussed included the status of several grant opportunities and pending state and Federal initiatives.

Chair Kreitz:

- On November 18th I participated in the quarterly Mono County Treasury Oversight Committee meeting. The Committee approved the investment policy, which will be coming before the Board in January.
- The MLH Development and Program Committee met on Friday, November 19th to discuss the status of the Access Apartments.
- Monday, November 22nd I met with the CSAC Housing, Land-use, and Transportation Committee to review the final agenda for the CSAC Annual Conference.
- Tuesday, November 23, I met with Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) to discuss their Golden State Finance Agency programs. They offer down payment assistance programs for households earning up to 160% AMI, some are forgivable, program works best with FHA lending since the highest percent down is 7%.
- Later Tuesday, the CoC Point-in-Time Count committee met. The January 2022 Count will take place the night of January 27th.
- Last week I attended the CSAC Annual Conference. My week started with a great business meeting and presentation for the Women's Leadership Forum. I also attended a workshop on how counties are spending their ARPA funds. Some counties are using surveys their communities to see how the public would like the funds to be spent. The funds may be spent on any CDBG eligible activity. The Housing, Land-use and Transportation Committee meeting included a discussion on priorities, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the future of the gas tax and California transportation revenue trends. The CSAC Board approved a 3% increase in the annual dues structure at their Board meeting.
- Monday, December 6th, I attended the CCRH Legislative Committee meeting. We reviewed 15 activities that resulted from the CCRH Annual Housing Summit. The Committee used this meeting to make some further refinement and prioritization that will go to the full board for consideration on Friday.
- Later, I participated in the regular monthly Mammoth Lakes Housing board meeting. The Board approved a contract with RCAC to provide an additional \$16,000 in rental assistance. We received an update from MLH on IMACA's Valley Apartments which is causing severe financial strain on IMACA. The Board asked for more information prior to further consideration on some form of partnership.

Supervisor Peters:

- Today and tomorrow, will be participating on interview panel for Humboldt-Toiyabe Bridgeport District Ranger position
- Toiyabe Health Clinic in Bridgeport has hired an RN, expanding services
- IMACA controller position is open
- NACo committee meetings
- CSAC Annual Conference

Moved to Item 9.

ADJOURNED AT 2:53 PM in memory of those who lost their lives in the attack on Pearl Harbor.

ATTEST

JENNIFER KREITZ
CHAIR OF THE BOARD

QUEENIE BARNARD
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD