



**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.

Meeting Location: Board Chambers, 2nd Fl., County Courthouse, 278 Main St., Bridgeport, CA 93517

**Regular Meeting
December 13, 2022**

9:07 AM Meeting Called to order by Chair Gardner.

Supervisors Present: Corless, Duggan, Gardner, and Kreitz. (All attended in person or via teleconference).

Supervisors Absent: Supervisor Peters.

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 Duggan.

"If you are a leader, the true measure of your success is not getting people to work. It's not getting people to work hard. It is getting people to work hard together. That takes commitment." John Maxwell

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Jim Browning, Swall Meadows resident:

- Discussed the complaint letter he sent to the Board.

2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Robert C. Lawton, CAO:

- Discussion on property tax negotiations.
- Hosted Coffee with the CAO.
- Provided jail project update.
- Discussion on Community Development Block Grant.
- Discussion with Scheereen Dedman, County Clerk regarding JEDI and recognizing Juneteenth as a County holiday.

- Attended mid-year budget meeting.
- Provided an update on recruitment efforts.
- Discussed upcoming calendar events.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Paul Roten, Public Works Director:

- Discussed the CIP workshop.
- Provided an update on winter preparation.
- Provided an update on current staff within the Public Works Department.
- Informed the Board that the boiler in Bridgeport is not functioning.
- Provided an update on jail hazmat team.

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Provided an update on property in Benton.
- Provided an update on the Court of Appeals case.
- Provided update on the Bridgeport Winter Trails Project.

Kathy Peterson, Social Services Director:

- Provided staff update for Social Services Department.
- Discussed the California Home Visiting program.

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. Review and Declaration of November 8, 2022, General Election Results

Departments: Elections

Presentation of certified election results.

Action: Accepted certified statement of results of the November 8, 2022, General Election, and declare elected or nominated to each office voted on at each election under the jurisdiction of the Mono County Board of Supervisors the person having the highest number of votes for that office, or who was elected or nominated under the exceptions noted in Elections Code Section 15452.

Kreitz moved; Duggan seconded

4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

M22-238

B. FY2022 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Governing Body Resolution

Departments: Emergency Management

Proposed resolution authorizing the County Administrative Officer, or the Director of Emergency Management as designated by the County Administrative Officer, with approval as to form by County Counsel where written approval is required, to execute any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance provided by the federal Department of Homeland Security through the Homeland Security Grant Program.

Action: Adopted proposed resolution R22-132, Authorizing the County Administrative Officer, or the Director of Emergency Management as designated by the County Administrative Officer, to execute any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance provided by the federal Department of Homeland Security through the Homeland Security Grant Program.

Kreitz moved; Duggan seconded

4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

R22-132

C. Monthly Treasury Transaction Report

Departments: Finance

Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 10/31/2022.

Action: Approved the Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 10/31/2022.

Kreitz moved; Duggan seconded

4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

M22-239

D. FY2021/2022 County Audit Engagement Letter

Departments: Finance

This audit engagement letter between the County of Mono and the audit firm of Price Paige & Company, and subject to an existing contract for services entered into on August 7, 2018, establishes an understanding about the audit services to be performed and the responsibilities of each party.

Action: Approved Chair of the Board of Supervisors signature on the Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022 audit engagement letter between the County of Mono and the audit firm of Price Paige & Company.

Kreitz moved; Duggan seconded

4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

M22-240

E. Sale of Tax-Defaulted Property

Departments: Finance

Request for Approval to Sell Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Power of Sale.

Action: Approved Resolution R22-133, Approving the sale of tax-defaulted property subject to the power of sale.

Kreitz moved; Duggan seconded

4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

R22-133

F. Public Health Position Allocation List Amendment Request

Departments: Public Health

Proposed resolution R22-134 authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the County of Mono List of Allocated Positions to remove one Limited Term COVID Screener Bilingual and add one Fiscal and Technical Specialist II/III in the Department of Public Health.

Action: Adopted proposed resolution R22-134, Authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the County of Mono List of Allocated Positions to remove one Limited Term COVID Screener Bilingual and add one Fiscal and Technical Specialist II/III in the Department of Public Health.

Kreitz moved; Duggan seconded

4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

R22-134

G. Letter of Support for the G.C. Forest Products Wood Pellet Mill Application for the USDA Forest Service WPIA

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Letter of support for the G. C. Forest Products Wood Pellet Mill Application to the Wood Product Infrastructure Assistance Grant Program. If awarded, the funds will be used to construct a wood pellet manufacturing facility in the Mammoth Lakes area.

Action: Approved letter as presented.

Kreitz moved; Duggan seconded

4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

M22-241

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - NONE

Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Departments: Public Health

(Dr. Caryn Slack, Public Health Officer) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Action: None.

Jennifer Burrows, Deputy Director of Covid Operations/Infection Preventionist:

- Presented item.

B. Rural County Representation of California (RCRC) Strategic Plan Presentation

Departments: Board of Supervisors, Sponsored by Supervisor Corless

(Barbara Hayes, Chief Economic Development Officer) - Presentation of Rural County Representation of California (RCRC) strategic plan by Barbara Hayes, Chief Economic Development Officer.

Action: None.

Barbara Hayes, Chief Economic Development Officer:

- Presented item.

Break: 10:33 AM

Reconvened: 10:47 AM

C. Public Hearing: Small Residential Rooftop Solar Energy Permit Expediting Ordinance

Departments: Community Development Department

(Tom Perry, Building Official) - Public Hearing on Small Residential Rooftop Solar Energy Permit Expediting Ordinance.

Action: Held Public Hearing, introduced, read title, and waived further reading of proposed ordinance.

Duggan moved; Corless seconded

4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

M22-242

Tom Perry, Building Official:

- Presented item.

Public Hearing Opened: 10:53 AM

Public Hearing Closed. 10:54 AM

D. Public Hearing: Adoption of the 2022 California Building Code

Departments: Community Development Department

(Tom Perry, Building Official) - Public Hearing on the Adoption of the 2022 California Building Code.

Action: Introduced, read title, and waived further reading of proposed ordinance to adopt a revised Chapter 15.04 of Mono County Code Title 15 with certain local amendments, additions, and deletions, and amend the previously adopted California Building Standards with stated revisions, as amended.

Corless moved; Duggan seconded

3 Yes, 1 No, 1 Absent

M22-243

Tom Perry, Building Official:

- Presented item.

Public Hearing Opened: 11:13 AM

Public Hearing Closed: 11:14 AM

Supervisors Kreitz:

- Change all references to the California Building Code from “he” and “she” to “they.”
- Change the term “June Lake General Plan” in section 15.24.020 [A] to “Mono County General Plan”.

E. Employment Agreement - Assistant County Counsel

Departments: County Counsel

(Stacey Simon, County Counsel) - Proposed resolution approving a contract with Anne L. Frievalt as Assistant County Counsel, and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment.

Action: Approved Resolution R22-135, Approving a contract with Anne L. Frievalt as Assistant County Counsel, and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment.

Fiscal Impact: The full cost of salary and benefits for an entire fiscal year is approximately \$195,149 of which \$147,081 is salary and \$48,072 is benefits.

Corless moved; Duggan seconded

4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

R22-135

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Presented item.

F. Policy Regarding Public Use of County Facilities and Property

Departments: CAO

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO) - Proposed resolution adopting Policy Regarding Public Use of County Facilities and Real Property and finding that the project is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act under the Class 1 exemption for existing facilities.

Action: Adopted proposed resolution R22-136, Adopting policy regarding public use of county facilities and real property and finding that the project is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act under the class 1 exemption for existing facilities.

Duggan moved; Corless seconded

4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

R22-136

Robert C. Lawton, CAO:

- Provided background and presented item.

G. Public Hearing: General Plan Amendment 22-01 Redesignating a Parcel in the Mono Basin from Resource Management (RM) to Industrial (I)

Departments: Community Development

(Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director) - Proposed resolution approving General Plan Amendment (GPA) 22-01, which proposes to change the land use designation from Resource Management (RM) to Industrial (I) at 7937 Highway 167 in the Mono Basin (APN 013-210-028) in order to support a proposed waste transfer facility.

Action: Certified the Negative Declaration and made the findings for General Plan Amendment (GPA) 22-01 as contained in the staff report.

Duggan moved; Kreitz seconded

4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

M22-244

Adopted Resolution R22-137, Adopting General Plan Amendment (GPA) 22-01 to change the land use designation from Resource Management (RM) to Industrial (I) at 7937 Highway 167 in the Mono Basin (APN 013-210-028).

Duggan moved; Kreitz seconded

4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

R22-137

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Presented item.

Ezera Mustafi, Environmental Consultant:

- Met with Mono Lake Committee and incorporated their concerns into the design.

Public Hearing Opened: 11:37 AM

Public Hearing Closed: 11:38 PM

Chair Gardner:

- Directed staff to return to the board within two years with a proposed specific plan for the property which memorializes the uses described in the use permit and restricts other uses.

Moved to item #9.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 11:53 AM

Reconvened: 1:09 PM

Nothing 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, Patty Francisco, 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 Correctional Deputy Sheriffs' Association. Unrepresented employees: All.

B. Closed Session - Real Property Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Government Code section 54956.8. Property: County lands and rights-of-way containing Digital 395 node sites, community service cabinet sites, anchor sites, and underground fiber optic transmission lines as described on the attachment to this agenda item. Agency Negotiators: Robert C. Lawton and Stacey Simon. Negotiating parties: Mono County and California Broadband Cooperative, Inc. Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment.

C. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation

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

9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- 12/7: RCRC/GSFA/GSCA meeting—board highlights are here: [chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.rcrcnet.org/sites/default/files/useruploads/Meetings/Board_of_Directors/2022/December_7_2022/RCRC_BOD_Highlights_December_7_2022_FINAL.pdf](https://www.rcrcnet.org/sites/default/files/useruploads/Meetings/Board_of_Directors/2022/December_7_2022/RCRC_BOD_Highlights_December_7_2022_FINAL.pdf).
- 12/8: Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project finance committee meeting
- 12/9: ESCOG: no quorum, so no action taken, just updates including presentation on the SN Vulnerability Assessment.
- 12/12: Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting: Highlighting outreach for free digital support tools including myStrength.com—free registration using code MONO, some 50 registered users are using my Strength right now.

Supervisor Duggan:

- 12/8 – Attended RCRC Joint Powers Authority Meeting.
- 12/12 – Attended the LTC Meeting.
- Attended Camp Like a Pro Meeting.
- Participated in the Social in Chalfant will be on Thursday 4-6 pm at the Community Center.

Supervisor Gardner:

- On Friday Dec. 2 I participated in the monthly meeting of the Kutzadika Tribal Council. I worked with the Council to plan how to approach our new Congressman Kiley about the Tribe's pending the Federal recognition legislation and heard an update on their progress on their recognition petition to be presented to the Administration.
- On Monday Dec. 5 I participated in the monthly meeting of the NACO Public Lands Policy Committee. We heard an interesting presentation about the November midterm election results and received an update about pending Congressional legislation.
- Also, on Dec. 5 I joined Supervisor Corless and other Eastern Sierra partners for the monthly meeting of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership. We reviewed various ongoing initiatives and funding opportunities and got updates from each of the partners.
- On Wednesday Dec. 7 I participated in the monthly meeting of the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee. Topics at that meeting included a presentation from Caltrans on the June Lake Active Transportation Plan.
- On Friday Dec. 9 Yosemite National Park announced it will be holding several opportunities in January for the public to provide input on its Visitor Management

Access Plan. There will be eight weeks available for comment on how the Park will consider a reservation system in the future. As has already been announced, there will be no reservation system for the 2023 season.

- Also, on Friday Dec. 9 I participated with Supervisor Corless in the regular meeting of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments. We received a presentation from the Sierra Business Council about the Sierra Climate Vulnerability Study, an update about progress at both the Mammoth and Bishop Airports.
- As I mentioned last week, I will be meeting tomorrow with President Cynthia McClain-Hill of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Board of Commissioners, to discuss pending Mono County issues and concerns, and to build a better relationship with that Board for the future.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- December 7th - Volunteered at MLH; prep meeting with CSAC Housing Land-up Transportation (HLT) Committee staff for upcoming committee meeting.
- December 8th - MLT Community Coffee
- December 9th - California Coalition for Rural Housing (CCRH) regular Board meeting.
- December 12th — Mono County Local Transportation (LTC) meeting; CSAC HLT meeting to discuss updating the committee's platform.

Supervisor Peters:

- No report.

Moved to item #8.

ADJOURNED at 1:09 PM

ATTEST

**BOB GARDNER
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**DANIELLE PATRICK
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**