



**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
July 9, 2024**

TRIBAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

In respect to the Indigenous People and Tribal Elders, past, and present, the Bridgeport Indian Colony, Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe, and Utu Utu Gwaitu Tribe are the indigenous People who live within this, their ancestral homeland from time immemorial to the present and have been the caretakers of these lands, waters, and all natural resources for the benefit of the environment and of all living things. We who live in Mono County offer this land acknowledgment with a spirit of mutual respect and collaboration.

9:02 AM Meeting called to Order by Chair Peters.

Chair Peters:

- Announced that we will be adjourning today's meeting in memory of Bobby Tanner.

Supervisors Present: Duggan, Gardner, Kreitz, Peters, and Salcido. (All members were present in-person or participated via teleconference in compliance with rules established by the Ralph M. Brown Act).

Supervisors Absent: None.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Duggan.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- No one spoke.

2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer:

- Requested that we take an item out of order today. Would like to take Item #7e. and move it up to the second item on regular agenda.
- Update on Veteran's Services, updated information can be found on the County Website or reach out the County Administrative Office.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Chris Mokracek, Emergency Management:

- Update on 4th of July emergency calls.
- A cooling station is now open in Bridgeport at Memorial Hall.
- Update on Biomass.
- California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) offering Emergency Operations Center (EOC) training online.
- Update on fire insurance to come to the Board on 8/13.

Supervisor Salcido:

- Requested clarification on DSS personnel (Fred) and what his position/roll is and requested a field trip if possible.

Chair Peters

- Asked if there is a CALOES person within the 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. Wastewater Surveillance Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mammoth Community Water District

Departments: Health and Human Services (HHS)

Approval of Agreement and First Amendment to MOU between County and Mammoth Community Water District regarding Wastewater Sampling and Analysis.

Action: Approved Agreement and First Amendment to MOU between County and Mammoth Community Water District regarding Wastewater Sampling and Analysis for new term January 20, 2023, to June 30, 2026, and authorized Board Chair to sign.

Duggan moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-137

B. Training Funds Request for Supervisor-Elect McFarland

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Under State law and the County Code, upon request of a Supervisor-Elect, county general fund moneys may be used prior to the assumption of office by that Supervisor-elect, for training and orientation including the payment of course fees, travel and per diem expenses, course materials, and consultant fees.

Action: Approved request for training funds, not to exceed \$2,500, for Supervisor-Elect McFarland to attend relevant professional training and orientation including the payment of course fees, travel and per diem expenses, course materials, and consultant fees between November 17, 2024, and January 6, 2025.

Duggan moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-138

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. PUBLIC HEARING: General Plan Amendment 24-02 - North County Water Transaction Criteria Policies

Departments: Community Development - Planning Division

(Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director) - Consider policies to be added to the Mono County General Plan Conservation/Open Space Element that identify criteria for water transactions with less-than-significant environmental impacts that redirect water from current uses in the Antelope and Bridgeport valleys to Walker Lake to raise the water level. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemptions §15307 and §15308 are proposed.

Action: 1. Conducted a public hearing on GPA 24-02 and received any additional public comments; 2. Deliberated the project and additional public comments and made any desired modifications; 3. Approved Resolution, finding the project exempt from CEQA under §15307 and §15308 and adopting GPA 24-02. Directed staff to file a notice of exemption and provided any additional direction to staff.

Salcido moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R24-071

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Presented item.

Public Hearing Open: 9:33 AM

Public Hearing Closed: 9:34 AM

Deliberations:

Chair Peters:

- In support of the recommended action.

Supervisor Duggan:

- In support of the recommended action.

Supervisor Salcido:

- In support of recommended action.

Supervisor Gardner:

- In support of the recommended action.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- In support of the recommended action.

Public Comment:

Peter Stanton, Walker Basin Conservancy:

- Discussion on his gratitude for the County's collective work on this project.

Moved to item #7e.

B. Air Service Presentation

Departments: Economic Development

(John Urdi, Executive Director, Mammoth Lakes Tourism) - Presentation by John Urdi, Executive Director of Mammoth Lakes Tourism, regarding regional air service.

Action: None.

John Urdi, Executive Director, Mammoth Lakes Tourism:

- Presented item.

C. Fish and Game Fine Fund Expenditure

Departments: Economic Development

(Liz Grans, Interim Economic Development Director) - Staff received two applications for the Mono County Fish and Game Fine Fund Local Program Funding. Clean Up the Lake has requested \$21,475 to complete underwater clean-up efforts at Convict Lake and perform pilot research (four dives over two days to assess litter) at Virginia Lakes. Wildcare Eastern Sierra has requested \$5,000 to support operating costs for wildlife rehabilitation.

Action: The Board considered and approved two funding requests in the amount of \$21,475 for Clean Up the Lake and \$5,000 for Wildcare Eastern Sierra.

Duggan moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-139

Liz Grans, Interim Economic Development Director:

- Introduced item.

- Discussed the correct fund balance.

Colin West, Clean Up the Lake:

- Presented item.

Danielle Manriquez, Clean Up the Lake:

- Presented item and shared pictures.

D. Election Update

Departments: Elections

(Queenie Barnard, Clerk-Recorder-Registrar) - Update on the November 5, 2024, General Election.

Action: None.

Moved to Item #7f.

E. Proposal to Increase the Transient Occupancy Tax Rate

Departments: County Counsel; CAO

(Emily Fox, Assistant County Counsel) - Presentation by ECM Research and Props and Measures regarding a proposal to submit an increase in the Transient Occupancy Tax rate for unincorporated Mono County to the voters in November.

Action: None.

Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer:

- Introduced item.

Emily Fox, Assistant County Counsel:

- Provided background.

Sara LaBatt, CleanSweep Campaigns:

- Presented item.

Erica Walters, CleanSweep Campaigns:

- Discussion on changing the verbiage and keeping within the 45-word maximum.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Suggested that the first statement should add affordable/workforce housing verbiage.

Supervisor Salcido:

- Discussion on competitive tax measures and how that is perceived by the voters.
- Discussion on the Affordable Housing versus the County's Strategic Plan.

Supervisor Duggan:

- Discussion on demographics that the participation of the poll came from.

Chair Peters:

- Board Consensus to support item and a great emphasis on Affordable Housing ...

Sandra Moberly

- Reminded the Board that we should try to stay as close to the verbiage that was polled so it is received as anticipated.

Break 10:47 AM

Reconvened: 10:57 AM

Moved to item #7b.

F. Project 9646-4 Site Preparation in Support of the Bridgeport Jail Project.

Departments: Public Works

(Paul Roten, Public Works Director) - Public Works recently opened bids for the site preparation project, in support of the New Jail Project. One bid was received, which was much higher than the estimated cost. The County must decide whether to award the contract to the apparent low bidder Olcesse Construction Co. of Carson City NV, or to reject all bids and re-bid the project.

Action: Rejected all bids received and directed the Public Works department to re-bid work as necessary.

Duggan moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-140

Paul Roten, Public Works Director:

- Presented item.

G. Mono County Public Works Standards

Departments: Public Works

(Paul Roten, Public Works Director) - Proposed resolution, Adopting the Mono County Department of Public Works Standards Dated March 18, 2024, to Supersede the Department of Public Works – County of Mono Road Improvement Standards September 1981.

Action: Adopted Resolution R24-072, Adopting the Mono County Department of Public Works Standards Dated March 18, 2024, to Supersede the Department of Public Works – County of Mono Road Improvement Standards September 1981, as amended.

Duggan moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R24-072

Paul Roten, Public Works Director:

- Presented item.
- Would like to include the current dates in the Standard.

H. Agreement and First Amendment to the Employment Agreement of Anne L. Frievalt as Temporary, Non-Benefitted, Staff Attorney for Mono County

Departments: County Counsel

(Christopher Beck, County Counsel) - Proposed resolution approving an Agreement and First Amendment to the Employment Agreement of Anne L. Frievalt as Temporary, Non-Benefitted, Staff Attorney for Mono County.

Action: Announced Fiscal Impact. Approved Resolution R24-072, Approving an Agreement and First Amendment to the Employment Agreement of Anne L. Frievalt as Temporary, Non-Benefitted, Staff Attorney for Mono County. Authorize the Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Fiscal Impact: The total cost of salary and benefits is approximately \$91,341, of which \$80,491 is salary and \$10,850 is benefits. This is included in the Department's FY 2024-25 preliminary budget.

Duggan moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R24-073

Christopher Beck, County Counsel:

- Presented item.

I. Terms and Conditions of Employment for Jack Loera as District Attorney Investigator

Departments: District Attorney

(David Anderson, District Attorney) - Proposed resolution approving a contract with Jack Loera as District Attorney Investigator, and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment.

Action: Announced Fiscal Impact. Approved Resolution R24-073, Approving a contract with Jack Loera as District Attorney Investigator, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

Authorized the Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Fiscal Impact: The fiscal impact for this position for the fiscal year is \$201,101 of which \$125,040 is salary and \$76,061 is benefits. This is included in the Department's 2024/2025 Requested Budget.

Kreitz moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R24-074

David Anderson, District Attorney:

- Presented item.

Moved to Board Reports.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 11:57 AM

Reconvened: 12:15 PM

No reportable action.

A. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Sandra Moberly, Oliver Yee, Christopher Beck, Janet Dutcher, and Christine Bouchard. 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 - Existing Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION. Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: Workers' Compensation Claim of Ricci Reigle.

C. Closed Session - Existing Litigation

County of Mono v. Amerisourcebergen Drug Corporation; Cardinal Health, Inc.; McKesson Corporation; Purdue Pharma L.P.; Purdue Pharma, Inc., et al., United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Case No. 2:18-cv-01149-MCE-KJN

D. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation

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

9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Duggan:

- Participated in the RCRC Roadway Infrastructure Committee meeting.

Supervisor Gardner:

- No report.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- No report.

Supervisor Peters:

- Attended the change of command meeting at the Mountain Warfare Training Center.
- Attended the Bridgeport 4th of July festivities and thanked everyone for their hard work for the holiday weekend.

Supervisor Salcido:

- No report.

Moved to Closed Session.

ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF BOBBY TANNER AT 12:15 P.M.

ATTEST

John Peters

John Peters (Aug 12, 2024 12:23 PDT)

**JOHN PETERS
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

D. Patrick

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