



**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Regular Meetings: The First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified just below.

MEETING LOCATION Board Chambers, 2nd Fl., County Courthouse, 278 Main St.,  
Bridgeport, CA 93517

**Regular Meeting  
June 3, 2014**

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9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Larry K. Johnston.

*Supervisors Present: Alpers, Fesko, Hunt, Johnston and Stump.  
Supervisors Absent: None.*

*Break: m 10:34 a.m.  
Reconvene: 10:47 a.m.  
Closed Session/Lunch: 11:58 am.  
Adjourn: 3:16 p.m.*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Hunt.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD  
*No one spoke.*

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

**Action:** Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 20, 2014, as corrected.

**Hunt moved; Fesko seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M14-92**

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- On p. 5 of the draft minutes, under correspondence titled "Notice from Fish and Game

Commission", should say "pulled by Supervisors Johnston *and Stump*" not just Johnston.

### 3. PRESENTATIONS - NONE

### 4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

#### **Supervisor Alpers:**

- 5/22 – Double Eagle meeting; met the representative from Feinstein's office; her visit that day was very productive.
- 5/23 – Congressman Paul Cook had event in Mammoth; gave overview of district; discussed various V.A. issues and healthcare issues.
- 5/31 – Mono City Annual Town hall meeting held at the Mono City Fire Station; major concern is fire. Concerned with how county is managing campground and all issues associated with this.

#### **Supervisor Fesko:**

- 5/21 – discussions with constituents regarding recycling center and thrift centers in Walker. They may need to close recycling center.
- 5/22 – Antelope Valley Cert meeting; many members have agreed to help out with Eastern Sierra Jamboree this year; a lot of people are stepping up.
- 5/23 – 5/25; did pre-rides to prepare for the Eastern Sierra Jamboree. They'll complete pre-riding all trails by this weekend. Next week is 7<sup>th</sup> annual Jamboree; have a lot of sign-ups this year.
- 5/27 – attended Sage Grouse meeting in Bridgeport. Thanks to Wendy Sugimura, Brent Calloway and Scott Burns. They did a great job at the meeting. There were some good exercises.
- 5/30 – Jerry Spindler's birthday; he had the ATV accident last year. He's doing great.
- Head's up that on July 26<sup>th</sup> will potentially be the Antelope Valley Community Center Open House. He will update with additional information as date gets closer.
- Good luck to people running in the election this year.

#### **Supervisor Hunt:**

- Spent last week with daughter who recently graduated from Santa Barbara City College where she studied nursing.
- Encouraged people to vote today. It's very important.

#### **Supervisor Johnston:**

- Thanked Lynda Roberts and entire Elections Division for organizing and doing the election.
- Attended Mammoth Lakes Housing meeting where it was Rick Wood's last night.
- Went to meeting where Congressman Cook was.
- June Lake meeting with representative of Feinstein's office.
- Attended ARC meetings.

#### **Supervisor Stump:**

- Meeting with representative from Feinstein's office regarding power line, utility corridor issue; good conversation.
- 5/27 – Budget meeting in Benton; received major opposition to the idea of an expansion of existing utility corridor. There were not a lot of people in attendance, no complaining, just lots of questions. Thanked Leslie Chapman and Bob Musil for travelling there.
- 5/29 – Attended meeting with fire chiefs and OES regarding reimbursement issues.
- 5/30 – There was an EOC drill in Mammoth; wildland fire scenario. We need county staff trained to perform various functions in the ICS system.
- Meeting tomorrow with Brett McCurry regarding road issues.

### 5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

## CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding work activities.

### **Jim Leddy:**

- Since 5/20, had a meeting with Tony Dublino and Town Manager, Dan Holler.
- 5/23 – Attended Congressman Cook’s reception; they continue to work on our Appropriations Request.
- 5/27 - Budget Town Hall.
- North County employee budget briefing on 5/27 and in Mammoth on 5/28; continuing to provide information about what’s coming up.
- 5/29 – Jeff Hunter came in and gave update on converting Bodie Hills into a national monument; in the next year we may see idea coming forth.
- Strategic Plan Steering Committee met last Thursday night; still collecting information. Tentative target date will be first two weeks in July. Still need employees to educate and give information to other employees who couldn’t attend any meetings.
- Employee Roundtables coming up.
- Superintendent of Public Instruction, tomorrow 3:30 at Mammoth Library.
- Two Employee Picnics: Bridgeport 6/10 and Mammoth 6/11. Next year will be looking an all employee thing for next year, maybe in Lee Vining, during the week. (Supervisor Stump: will we be asked to donate money for these picnics?)
- Thanked Stacie Klemm for participating in the EOC training. Shout out to Jennifer Hansen in PIO function.

## 6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

### **Leslie Chapman:**

- Discussed a good fortune her office has experienced: received a call from Stacey Simon about a young man looking for an internship. Jack Gephart who did an internship in County Counsel’s office will now be working in her office as an intern. Her office is coming up with lots of things for him to do. He secured his own grant for ten weeks.

### **Stacey Simon:**

- Piece of good news relating to an action by Water Board in response to Appeal authorized and filed by Board. Their original response lacked detail.
- Last week received a response back. They considered appeal and modified their original order to address some of the concerns. She went over specifics.

### **Bob Musil:**

- In clean up stages of Assessment Roll; will begin running it on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Right now, both secure roll and unsecure roll is positive for the first time in a long time.

## 7. 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. Property Tax Software Maintenance Agreement

Departments: Finance

Renewal of contract and addendum with Megabyte Systems, Inc. for software maintenance and web services for the County's property tax system.

**Action:** Approve and authorize the Chairman's signature on contract and addendum with Megabyte Systems, Inc. for software maintenance and web services.

**Hunt moved; Stump seconded**

**Vote: 3 yes; 2 no: Johnston and Fesko**  
**M14-93**

**Pulled by Supervisor Fesko:**

- Asked questions about cost.

**Leslie Chapman:**

- Roberta worked on this.
- There are 23 counties on this software.
- Some counties are moving to Mountatron.
- We've already invested \$1.5 million dollars.

**Bob Musil:**

- Assessor's Office not requesting anything new as far as modules.

**B. Agreement between County of Los Angeles and County of Mono for Intrastate Transportation Services for Prisoners**

Departments: Sheriff

A signed agreement from the Board of Supervisors giving the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department the authority to transport Mono County prisoners pursuant to California Government Code Section 26775.

**Action:** Request the Board of Supervisors to authorize and sign a five-year (2014-2019) agreement with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office for inmate transportation services.

**Alpers moved; Stump seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M14-94**

**C. Mailbox Ordinance - Second Reading (Adoption)**

Departments: Pubic Works

Proposed Ordinance Adding Section 13.04.025 to the Mono County Code, pertaining to mailboxes. This ordinance was previously introduced and read at the Board's May 20th meeting and may now be adopted.

**Action:** Adopt proposed Ordinance No. 14-02, "An Ordinance of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Adding Section 13.04.025 to the Mono County Code, Pertaining To Mailboxes."

**Hunt moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**ORD14-02**

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Talked about the establishment of the fee, when will that be determined?
- He doesn't want constituents to get slapped with an over \$500 fee.
- Change date in section "F"?

**Marshall Rudolph:**

- These are at the discretion by the board.
- Status quo doesn't change for thirty days.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- At this time, there is no fee?
- Asked that the mailbox fee be separated out to be discussed and decided upon

**Jeff Walters:**

- The encroachment permit fee applies as it's written now.

D. FY13-14 RSTP Road Funding Agreement

Departments: Public Works

Annual funding through the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) is a major source of revenue for Mono County's road maintenance programs. This exchange agreement allows the State to forward non-federal highway apportionments directly to the Road Fund and the County maintains total control of how the funds are expended.

**Action:** Approve and authorize Chairman's signature on the FY13-14 Federal Exchange and State Match Agreement for allocation of Federal Surface Transportation Program Funds through the State's regional Surface Transportation Program.

**Alpers moved; Stump seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M14-95**

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

All items listed are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board, and are available for review.

A. Inyo National Forest Re Snow Making at June Mountain

Letter from John Regelbrugge (of the Forest Service), dated May 21, 2014 regarding a proposal received from June Mountain Ski Area to drill three or four test wells at JMSA for snowmaking for ski trails.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- It is great to see forward movement; that the mountain is trying to keep their word to the community.

B. LADWP Letter with Mono Basin Compliance Reporting

Information dated May 14, 2014 from Richard Harasick, Director of Water Operations at Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, detailing required compliance reports. A compact disc, containing copies of all three reports are available in the clerk's office. The CD will be filed in the June 3, 2014 meeting folder.

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- Wants to sit with Jim Leddy and appropriate staff member to draft a letter to address all concerns and weigh in on reports.

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*The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.*

9. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

## A. Senior Services Update

Departments: Social Services

(Kathy Peterson and Megan Foster) - Presentation by Social Services Kathy Peterson and Megan Foster regarding Mono County Senior Services Program update.

**Action:** None.

**Kathy Peterson:**

**Powerpoint Presentation – to be posted online:**

- Overview of Services, Additional Benefits, Outlook: FY 2014-2015; Questions and Direction
- Senior Services
- Tri-Valley Senior Services
- Antelope Valley Senior Center
- Antelope Valley Thrift Store & Recycling
- Garden Volunteer & Pantry Stocker
- Transportation Services
- Home Delivered Meals (aka Meals on Wheels). AV CERT Volunteers help deliver meals
- Services Provided FY 2012-2013
- Service Trends FY 2013-2014
- Investing in Community-based services saves money
- Sara's Story
- Depression in Older Adults
- Healthy Ideas Program
- Outlook, Fiscal Impact, Proposed Goals for FY 2014-2015
- Questions?
- There is a significant amount of money (\$8000) brought in by donations each year.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- Our county is doing a great job linking various services.
- Impressed by volunteerism. What do we do for those people? Should look at a volunteer event (a ball or something)?

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- The services we provide reduces and helps eliminate people getting as bad as "Sara" got. It's hard to quantify the results.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Asked about the ability for these people to pay increased fees?
- There are people that donate food although the donations are not a regular thing.
- He believes that the meals purchased from Inyo for that end of the county has been a benefit.
- Asked Ellen about her contact time in the Tri-Valley; still going up?

**Megan Foster:**

- Spoke about being able to mitigate conditions before they get worse.
- The individuals in this program cannot afford to have increased rates.

## B. Antelope Valley Fire Protection District Request for Fireworks Approval

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Mike Curti, Fire Chief) - Request from Antelope Valley Fire Protection District for Board approval to issue Fireworks Permit(s) to the Park Family on days other than the 4th of July, pursuant to Mono County Code 10.18.040, on any given year and provided that the following conditions are met as to each Permit issued

by the District: (1) The Fire Chief has approved of the use or discharge at the proposed date and time; (2) The owner, lessee, or occupier of the property has authorized the use or discharge; (3) The Fire Chief retains authority to revoke his authorization at any time based on conditions at the time, date, and designated location; and (4) The Fire Chief supervises and controls the fireworks activities. This item is being sponsored by Supervisor Fesko.

**Action:** Approve the issuance of Fireworks Permit(s) to the Park family by the Antelope Valley Fire Protection District on days other than the 4th of July, pursuant to Mono County Code 10.18.040, on any given year, provided that all of the conditions in section 10.18.040 are met.

**Fesko moved; Stump seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M14-96**

**Mike Curti (Antelope Valley Fire Chief):**

- Explained item; he's asking for a fireworks permit for the Park family to do fireworks at a time other than the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
- Even with Board permission, probably won't grant this year due to drought. It's very dry.

**Stacey Simon:**

- She reviewed this and can answer questions regarding the code sections referenced.
- The code can be interpreted two ways. Gave explanation and conditions.
- She doesn't see any problem with giving this type of blanket permission; there is nothing in the way the code is written that prevents it.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- Asked general questions about the Park family, the location where the fireworks will be done, etc.

**C. Mono County Tourism & Film Commission Workshop**

Departments: Economic Development

(Alicia Vennos/Jeff Simpson) - Presentation by Alicia Vennos and Jeff Simpson regarding the Tourism & Film Commission's highlights, successes, and challenges in 2013-14.

**Action:** None.

**Alicia Vennos (powerpoint, to be posted to web):**

- Acknowledged Steve Morrison, Tourism Commission who is here today. Also a shout out to the Tourism commission; Elizabeth Erdelyi and Jeff Simpson is a huge part of the team.
- Showed a video
- Funding
- MonoCounty.org
- Booking.com
- Social Media
- Visitor Guide & Collateral
- Tradeshows
- Advertising
- Television Advertising
- P.R. Media Highlights
- Tourism Partners
- Community Event Marketing
- TOT April – June
- TOT July – September

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- TOT October – December
- TOT January – March
- Fisheries Commission
- Economic Development
- Filming in Mono County
- Just One Commercial
- Fiscal Impact 2013
- Keep Productions in California
- Assembly passed AB 1839
- FilmMonoCounty.com
- Location Pages
- Location Pages: Ranches
- Filming Support Resources
- Behind the Scenes: Filming in Mono County

Other comments:

- Saturn Returns begins filming today.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- If we get into a smoky situation with fires, it would be helpful to counteract with pictures showing our clean air.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Asked about our “dark sky” and it’s potential for filming.

**Ted Carlton:**

- Has TOT rate been the same over past several years?
- Any graphs with CPI factored in?

### D. Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District - Distribution of Environmental Public Benefit Funds

Departments: County Administrator

(Jim Leddy) - Per the request of Chairman Larry K. Johnston, this item is being brought forward to have the Board provide direction to on use of the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District's distribution of Environmental Public Benefit funds for Mono County.

**Action:** Dedicate the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District’s distribution of Environmental Public Benefit funds for Mono County, in the amount of \$193,936.37 to the continuation of the Wood Stove Replacement Program that currently exists.

**Stump moved; Fesko seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M14-97**

**Jim Leddy:**

- What to do with these funds? Here to have a brief discussion.
- If first round is missed, we can go back in after that.
- Kind of limited on what to use it for.
- It could be set aside for CARB issues, but the Wood Stove program gives the most immediate solution.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- This money was part of a settlement; he thinks that there are a number of ways we can go.
- He supports continuing with the Wood Stove program; it’s good because it directly impacts the quality of our air.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Agrees with Supervisor Johnston on wood stove program; asked questions.
- Asked about disbursement.
- Wanted to make sure that the Mono County funding goes toward Mono County.
- Is there more than one vendor?

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- Agrees that these funds are best used by Wood Stove Replacement Program.
- There is a need to reach out to those that need this.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Agrees with Wood Stove Program; doing a base model for those that can't afford to put additional monies into such a replacement.

**Greg Eckert:**

- Can this money be reserved and put towards future CARB problems?

**E. Continuing Publication of Legal Notices**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

(Shannon Kendall) - On June 30, 2014, the Purchase Order Agreement with both Mammoth Times and The Sheet for the publication of legal notices will expire. At this time, we need to decide how the Board would like to proceed as we go forward.

**Action:** Authorize the County to maintain status quo by extending the current Purchase Agreements with Mammoth Times and The Sheet for one year.

**Hunt moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 4 yes; 1 no: Fesko**

**M14-98**

**Shannon Kendall:**

- Gave brief overview of item.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Asked about rate, would it stay the same?
- Assumes the reason we're using two papers to saturate different markets?
- Would like to see how they are different?
- Without answers to some of his questions, he can't vote on this today.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- He sees a value to having ads in both papers.
- He thinks there are certain followers for each paper.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Concurs with Supervisor Hunt.
- Should we bring back at a later date?

**Wendy:**

- Not here to speak for Aleksandra of Mammoth Times.

**Ted Carlton:**

- Gave history of how the first agreements came about.
- Mammoth Times submitted a predatory bid; they low balled it.
- He offered his base rate price; Board determined that they could get two for the price of one.
- If this went to bid again, he'd submit the same rates and numbers.
- Doesn't want to give him numbers off the top of his head.
- Gave some basic numbers that were given in a recent town bid.

**10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Asked that today's meeting be adjourned in honor of the following individuals that

recently passed away: Colleen Lowery; Jack and Maggie Davis; Ted Glassburn.

11. CLOSED SESSION

*There was nothing to report out of closed session.*

A. Closed Session--Human Resources

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Marshall Rudolph, John Vallejo, Leslie Chapman, Bill Van Lente and Jim Leddy. 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), and Mono County Sheriff Department's Management Association (SO Mgmt). Unrepresented employees: All.

B. Closed Session - Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrator.

Departments: County Administrator

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

C. Closed Session - Conference with Real Property Negotiators

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Government Code section 54956.8. Property: Conway Ranch. Agency negotiators: Marshall Rudolph and Tony Dublino. Negotiating parties: Mono County and Eastern Sierra Land Trust. Under negotiation: price and terms of payment (for conservation easement).

D. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: Inland Aquaculture Group, LLC v. Mono County et al.

E. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: Mono County v. Mono County Personnel Appeals Board.

REGULAR AFTERNOON SESSION - NONE

ADJOURN at 3:16 p.m. in honor of Colleen Lowery; Jack and Maggie Davis; Ted Glassburn, North County residents who recently passed away.

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ATTEST:

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LARRY K. JOHNSTON  
CHAIRMAN

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SHANNON KENDALL  
SR. DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD