



**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
September 9, 2014**

12:00 M Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Johnston.

*Supervisors present: Fesko, Hunt, Johnston and Stump.
Supervisors absent: Alpers.*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Hunt.

*Closed Session: 12:02 p.m.
Reconvene: 1:33 p.m.
Break: 2:57 p.m.
Reconvene: 3:07 p.m.
Adjourn: 4:42 p.m.*

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

2. 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, 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 - Conference with Legal Counsel

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION.
Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9.
Name of case: Russell Covington et al. vs. Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District and Mono County et al.

START OF REGULAR SESSION – 1:30 P.M.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE

4. PRESENTATIONS - NONE

5. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Alpers:

- Absent.

Supervisor Fesko:

- 9/4 – Antelope Valley RPAC; great turnout. Looking at creating and taking inventory of trails to create economic stimulus.
- 9/6 – continued conversation with Thrift and Recycle Center in Antelope Valley and its future.
- Thanked Board for doing evening session tonight in Antelope Valley at 6:00 p.m. It is much appreciated by community.

Supervisor Hunt:

- Last Wed and Thurs, Sierra Nevada Conservancy met in Bridgeport with tours to view projects. Visited various sites within the county. Reception at Bridgeport Barns and Terrace with a nice sunset over Sierra Crest. Great turnout with both Inyo and Mono Counties represented.
- Thursday – regular board meeting of Sierra Nevada Conservancy – emphasis based on recreation and tourism.
- This weekend – bike program in Mammoth was complete success. 103 mile century ride well attended. TOT showing real surge in Mammoth this summer.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Met with Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Wild Sheep Foundation; has handouts.
- Mammoth Lakes Housing meeting.
- Attended CSAC Board meeting last week; the Association took positions on several propositions; CAO Leddy was mentioned at this meeting.
- Attended wedding.

Supervisor Stump:

- Last Thursday, met with Road Dept. Superintendent Josh Rhoades regarding Flash Flood damage; he had taken video with smart phone. Pointed out issues with Caltrans; road crew doing great things.
- Friday attended debriefing with Chief Maniaci, Dublino and CAO about dump fire.
- Saturday, attended B.Z. Miller's funeral in June Lake; it was very well attended. He was obviously very well respected. Learned that his initials stood for Beelzebub.
- Yesterday attended LDTAC meeting; projects coming forward.

6. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

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

Jim Leddy:

- Attended Sierra Nevada Conservancy and reception. John Laird was here, good to have him understand our issues.
- Employee round table last week in North County; South County roundtable Thursday in Mammoth.
- Steering committee went well; one week from Thursday next session.

7. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Stacey Simon:

- Update on Sage Grouse issue, explanation for extension of time to comment. An extension was not granted by the court; it's a one year time limit from date of proposed listing to make a listing. That one year deadline can be extended 6 months IF there is substantial disagreement regarding facts.
- Have until March 30, 2015 with the six month extension.

8. 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. CALPERS DSA Contract Amendment - Second Reading

Departments: HR / Finance

An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors, County of Mono, Authorizing An Amendment To The Contract Between The Board of Supervisors, County Of Mono, And The Board Of Administration Of The California Public Employees' Retirement System.

Action: Adopt proposed ordinance #ORD14-04, authorizing an Amendment To The Contract Between The Board of Supervisors, County Of Mono, And The Board Of Administration Of The California Public Employees' Retirement System.

Stump moved; Hunt seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Alpers

ORD14-04

B. Employment Agreement for Probation Chief Karin Humiston

Departments: County Administrator/Human Resources

Proposed resolution approving a contract with Karin Humiston as Mono County Probation Chief and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

Action: Approve Resolution #R14-50, approving an employment agreement with Karin Humiston and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment. Authorize the Board Chair to execute said

contract on behalf of the County.

Stump moved; Hunt seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Alpers

R14-50

C. Appointment of Mono County Representative to California Broadband Cooperative Board of Directors

Departments: Information Technology

Management and oversight of the Digital 395 network is carried out by the California Broadband Cooperative, a California Consumer Cooperative Corporation. The bylaws of the corporation state that Mono County Board of Supervisors shall appoint one Director, who has knowledge and experience in the communications industry to serve on the governing board. The next regular meeting of the California Broadband Cooperative Board of Directors will commence on October 7th, with the first full membership meeting taking place on October 8th in Bishop, CA. An appointment needs to be made prior to these dates in order to ensure that Mono County has a representative present at these meetings.

Action: Appoint Nate Greenberg as Mono County's representative on the California Broadband Cooperative's Board of Directors.

Stump moved; Hunt seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Alpers

M14-174

D. Reappointment of Tourism Commissioners

Departments: Economic Development

Consider the reappointment of Mr. Andrew Jones and Mr. Steve Morrison to the Mono County Tourism & Film Commission so that they may continue representing District 3 and District 5 respectively, as well as county-wide tourism interests, until their new 4-year term expires on June 30, 2018.

Action: Reappoint Mr. Andrew Jones (District 3) and Mr. Steve Morrison (District 5) to the Mono County Tourism & Film Commission for a new 4-year term, ending June 30, 2018.

Hunt moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Alpers

M14-175

Pulled by Supervisor Hunt:

- Wanted to make sure these two people were acknowledged for the great work they have been doing.

E. Request for Approval to Recruit for WIC Program, Registered Dietician

Departments: Public Health

A vacancy now exists in the Mono County Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program for a Registered Dietician. This position is mandated by the California State WIC Program.

Action: Approve the recruitment and hire of a Registered Dietician for the WIC Program.

Stump moved; Hunt seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Alpers

M14-176

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

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

A. Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors Regarding Sage Grouse

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Correspondence from Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service expressing opposition to the proposed rule to list the bi-State distinct population segment of greater sage-grouse as threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

10. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Update on Inyo Forest Plan Revision and Environmental Process

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Deb Schweizer, Inyo National Forest) - Presentation by Deb Schweizer, Inyo National Forest providing an update on the Forest Plan Revision and environmental process.

Action: None.

Scott Burns:

- Introduced item and Deb Schweizer.
- Received information on Friday on wilderness which Deb will discuss.
- Asked for additional direction from the Board, as far as extension requests and comments.

Deb Schweizer (power point):

Forest Plan Revision/Notice of Intent:

- US Forest Service Mission
- Applicable Laws that Guide the Mission
- What is a Forest Plan?
- Multi-Year Process
- Right Now (Public meeting in Bishop on Sept. 18th at Tri-County Fairground at 6:00 p.m.)
- 2012 Planning Rule
- The Proposed Action (handout to be posted online).
- How to Comment – accepting scoping comments until 9/29/14. Important to provide good comments, be detailed.
- Wilderness process is running concurrently; only open for two weeks. You can access an interactive map.
- Next Steps
- Joint EIS

- Questions?

Additional Discussion:

- There is no intent to grant extensions to comment period.
- Not a bad idea to revisit letters.
- The way the comments are processed is very thorough.
- Put photos of wilderness maps on screen.

Supervisor Stump:

- Asked about comment period for three forests running concurrently. Asked about extension of time to comment.
- The county has commented three different times; what is status of those? Do they need to be re-emphasized? Will a four page letter get considered in its entirety?
- He would like to see the maps.

Supervisor Hunt:

- Thanked her for coming.
- Discussed Wilderness mapping issues and his opinion that the comment period should be extended for this.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Originally came to this area because of the wilderness; Ed should take every bit of action to preserve every bit of it.
- Stressed the importance of doing the very best job possible with this.
- Recognized all the work they've done.
- Brought up smoke issue and burning in a controlled environment.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Mentioned that the URL she has listed does not appear to work. People can't make comments if they can't go there.

B. 2014-17 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Agreement

Departments: Public Health

(Richard O. Johnson, MD) - Proposed contract, 14-10521, with the California Department of Public Health pertaining to Public Health Preparedness. In the past there have been 3 separate annual agreements, this year there is a single agreement that covers all 3 funding streams for the 3 years 2014-17.

Action: (1) Approve and authorize the Chair's signature on the NON-SUPPLANTATION CERTIFICATION FORM for the AGREEMENT outlined below, and (2) Authorize the Public Health Officer to sign the 2014-17 CDC Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP), State General Fund (GF) Pandemic Influenza, HHS Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) STANDARD AGREEMENT (STD 213) and any additional contract amendments, and (3) Authorize the Public Health Director to sign the CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING (Exhibit D (F)).

Fesko moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Alpers

M14-177

Dr. Rick Johnson:

- No power point today to keep things short.
- Explained action being requested.
- Reviewed what's been done in past year and what can be expected in the future.

Supervisor Stump

- Hopefully Region 6 understands our location to Nevada.

Supervisor Hunt:

- He feels secure; good to know what to do if things happen.

C. Fish & Game Fine Fund Expenditure

Departments: Economic Development

(Jeff Simpson) - The California Department of Fish & Game is requesting a disbursement from the Mono County Fish & Game Fine Fund in the amount of \$5,070 for the purchase of three Swarovski STS 65mm HD spotting scopes with 20-60 zoom eye piece and I-phone adapter to be distributed to Mono County Warden/Lieutenant positions to aid in the monitoring of hunting activity this fall. The Mono County Fisheries Commission approved the request for this expenditure at their regular meeting on 9/3/2014 in June Lake.

Action: Authorize the purchase of the above-mentioned expenditure from the Fish & Game Fine Fund on behalf of the County in an amount not to exceed \$5,070.

Hunt moved - Motion Fails

Jeff Simpson:

- Explained history of item and action being requested.
- Went over a list of possible other expenses money could be spent on.

Marshall Rudolph:

- There is a wide variety of purposes that the money can be spent on.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Why can't the State pay for this?
- This request leaves a bad taste, not sure why.
- What is urgency of this?
- Asked if we could revisit this when the Lieutenant can attend.

Supervisor Hunt:

- Are they truly protecting our resources with this equipment?
- This expense could maybe generate additional revenues.

Supervisor Stump:

- He's not in favor of this; doesn't like the way these requests are made.
- He'd prefer to see money going to hatcheries or prosecution expenses.

D. Groundwater Legislation (SB1168, SB1319, and AB 1739)

Departments: Community Development, County Counsel

(Brent Calloway and Stacey Simon) - Presentation by Community Development and County Counsel regarding SB1168, SB1319 and AB1739, related to groundwater management and recently approved by the State Legislature.

Action: None.

Stacey Simon:

THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2014 (POWER POINT, TO BE POSTED ONLINE):

- Overview and Key Concepts
- Key Concept 1: Prioritization of Groundwater Basins
- Mono County Groundwater Basins DWR Basin Priority Status
- Key Concept 2: Adjustment of Basin Boundaries
- Key Concept 3: Establishment of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies
- Key Concept 4: Adoption of Groundwater Sustainability Plan (or Approved Alternative)
- Key Concept 5: Probationary Basins/Remedying the Deficiency

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- Various Definitions
- Key Concept 6: Interim Plans
- Definition – De Minimus Extractor
- Key Concept 7: Groundwater Extraction Reporting
- Key Concept 8: Fees
- Other Provisions:
 - Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District
 - State Evaluation and Assessment
 - Technical Assistance
 - Coordination with Land Use Programs
- Summary/Review
- Questions and Discussion
- Biggest issue here is Tri-Valley; we'll be getting preliminary information from them tomorrow night.

Brent Calloway:

- Discussion about Maps.
- As far as implementation at this point, we're just looking at the Tri-Valley.

Supervisor Stump:

- Worried about county managing this. Interested in only facts at the moment.
- He doesn't think there's much appetite out there for this kind of thing.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Why not become "probationary" and let the state do it?
- How does Nevada manage their water?

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

No one spoke.

12. **A SPECIAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER FOLLOWING THIS MEETING AT 6:00 P.M.**

ADJOURN 4:42 p.m.

LARRY K. JOHNSTON
CHAIRMAN

SHANNON KENDALL
SR. DEPUTY CLERK