



**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
May 6, 2014**

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

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

*Break: 11:08 a.m.
Reconvene: 11:15 a.m.
Lunch/Closed Session: 11:23 a.m.
Reconvene: 2:35 p.m.
Adjourn: 2:36 p.m.*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Fesko.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Carolyn Webb:

- Here to report on RPAC.
- Got report from Jeff Simpson (Tourism) about plans for Trophy Trout program; gave her opinion on what will/won't work with proposed plans for program. Worried about the amount of fish they're proposing to stock; will be ½ of what is normally stocked.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Action: Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 15, 2014, as corrected.

Fesko moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Supervisor Hunt:

- On p. 3 of draft minutes, under his board report. Second sentence refers to Sierra Nevada Geothermal Tourism Program – should be Sierra Nevada Geotourism Program.

B. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Action: Approve Minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 23, 2014.

Hunt moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation designating the Month of May 2014 as Foster Parent Appreciation Month

Departments: Social Services

(Marlo Preis, Staff Services Analyst II) - The Department of Social Services requests the Board of Supervisors join the nation in recognizing the importance of foster care by officially proclaiming May as "Foster Parent Appreciation Month" in Mono County, in order to thank existing foster parents, increase public awareness, and promote recruitment of much needed additional foster families.

Mono County foster parents will be in attendance to receive in-person the proposed proclamation in honor of Foster Parent Appreciation Month.

Action: Approve Proclamation and present foster parents of Mono County with copy of the Proclamation.

Hunt moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Marlo Preis:

- Introduced both Seth Miller and Carolyn Balliet ; both of whom are Foster Parents.
- Read some brief comments to them, thanking them.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Read and presented proclamations.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Sometimes hesitant to approve proclamations but is extremely happy with this one and about the program.

Carolyn Balliet:

- Spoke a few words about foster program.

Supervisor Stump:

- Thanked Marlo for her commitment to program.

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Alpers:

- Have had a series of Mono Basin RPAC meetings – one back in April where Board requested comments on Conservation Easement being worked on for Conway Ranch. Also had special meeting on 4/25 (he deliberately did not attend); a document incorporating comments is now being circulated. On schedule for July 1st; culmination and approval to Caltrans.

- Drought issue becoming a concern to him. Grant Lake, questions about diversions. Wants to work on drafting a letter to the LADWP to work things out. To be brought back to board. Supervisor Stump – voiced diversion concerns water in his district; asked that more than Grant Lake be wrapped into letter.
- Thanked and acknowledged Garrett Higerd and Jim Leddy for participation at CAC meeting and project they're working on.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Introduced Jeff Ulrich, the new Bridgeport District ranger who spoke for a few minutes.
- 4/16 – meeting with Antelope Valley CERT and ATV Jamboree, great meeting to help train CERT members for this event.
- 4/22 – attended Candidate's night in Bridgeport; very interesting to see what questions were asked and how they were answered.
- 4/24 – Attended Antelope Valley CERT.
- 5/1 – Attended 45 minutes of strategic meeting in Lee Vining; interesting to see standing room only. Interesting to talk with the employees. Hats off to everyone involved in planning this.
- Town Hall Budget Meetings next Monday in Walker and Tuesday in Bridgeport.
- Sad to see that Fish and Game designated two frogs and a toad as threatened species.
- Passes have opened/closed; it's that time of year with unsettled weather.
- Wanted to mention some birthdays - Bob Bonzai Lewellan 79, Bill Koch, Mary Spindler, Sue Fowler, and my daughter Michelle Schembri.
- Also wanted to mention a couple anniversaries - Susan and Dennis Tharan, Bill and Belen Koch.

Supervisor Hunt:

- 4/17 – Community Corrections Partnership meeting – things moving along well there.
- 4/24 – Mono County Collaborative Planning Team meeting; feels this committee is one of the most valuable he's sat on over the years.
- Yosemite Gateway Partners Board of Directors meeting – upcoming meeting consisting of multiple participants. We may send over Jeff Simpson or Alicia Vennos.
- Sustainable Communities Symposium to be held in December.
- Great Basin meeting yesterday here in Bridgeport; discussed various issues, including large payment owed by LADWP.
- Last night first Budget Town Hall meeting in Mammoth Lakes; not a huge turnout. Good forum, however.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Attended two ARC meetings; also attended the BBQ at the strategic employee meeting.
- Budget meeting last night in Mammoth Lakes.
- Attended the Great Basin meeting here yesterday.
- Attended Caltrans memorial for workers killed over the years.
- Attended Mammoth recreation meeting and a dinner for Andrea Lawrence.
- 4/24 - Attended California Air Resources Board where he testified in favor of including Mono and Inyo Counties in the NOx exempt areas of the state. CARB ok'd the change.
- Attended Mammoth Lakes Trail and Public Access meeting.
- Attended Special board meeting on 4/23.
- Planning Parks meeting in Mammoth.
- Frogs and Toads have been designated; he's in opposition to Supervisor Fesko's opinion. He's ok with this, we can co-exist. Still need to work on the Sage Grouse.

Supervisor Stump:

- Attended Benton RPAC meeting – reminded folks there will be a Budget Town Hall meeting soon.
- Attended Lower Rock Creek meeting in Paradise; good reminder for him about the usefulness of these smaller organizations. Gave some California Groundwater information.
- Attended Candidate's Night – good for Candidates to know we have the Collaborative

- Team in place to address issues.
- Attended BBQ after last Thursday's all employee strategic planning meeting. It was great.
- Letters he may be asking Board to support – proposed power line corridor down highway 6; citizens concerned about these proposed corridors. Also a letter regarding drought issues that Supervisor Alpers spoke about, relating to his district.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

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

Jim Leddy:

- 4/22 – He and Leslie started meeting with different departments to launch budget process.
- 4/23 – Energy Task Force meeting – continuing with portfolio of tasks approved by board.
- Attended Andrew Lawrence dinner; gondola ride very interesting.
- So Cal Edison Reliability briefing with he and the Sheriff; there are a lot of documents involved.
- Thanked staff for Thursday's all day meeting – 171 attended. Very full day. Work part paid for by Trindel but the after work BBQ was not paid for with any county funds. 5/15 draft report regarding Strategic Planning will be coming; hopefully to be brought to Board in Early June
- Thanked the following people for their part in making the Strategic Planning meeting a success: Ted Shepard and Megan Foster – for naming the BBQ Ted's Excellent Adventure. Judi Curti's son, Niko Curti, for being there all day helping. Stacey Klemm – she stage manager that day; brought everything together. Also to Don Nunn and Jason Davenport of facilities.
- The Strategic Planning day wasn't entirely focused on finances; the employees were looking at all possibilities.
- Town Hall Budget Meetings: Wednesday, then next Monday and Tuesday.

6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Scott Burns:

- Brief update on Frog and Toad Designation (gave handout, to be posted to the web). Still awaiting Critical Habitat designation. Turned over to Wendy Sugimura, gave brief overview. Supervisor Johnston: thanked staff and Dr. Paulus for work done on this. Supervisor Stump asked that Wendy email the summary to him for forwarding on to constituents. Supervisor Fesko: thanked staff but pointed out that critical habitat results will be most crucial.

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. Department of Public Health Immunization Contract Fiscal Year 2013-2017

Departments: Public Health

Proposed contract with California Department of Public Health pertaining to immunization services.

Action: Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Standard Agreement, Number 13-20334 with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for

the Immunization Program for FY 2013-2017. PLEASE NOTE: This item had previously been to the Board of Supervisors and approved on November 5, 2013. The California Department of Public Health has returned the contracts for amendment for a verbiage change. The title "Immunization Coordinator" has been requested and therefore changed to "Health Program Manager." No other changes have been made.

Hunt moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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B. Miles of Smiles Thank You Letter

Departments: Public Health

Thank you letter to UCLA School of Dentistry for the Miles of Smiles dental program.

Action: Approve Chairman's signature on the thank you letter to UCLA School of Dentistry for the Miles of Smiles dental program.

Hunt moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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C. At-Will Contract for Paul Roten, Associate Engineer III

Departments: Public Works; Human Resources

Proposed resolution approving a contract with Paul Roten as Associate Engineer III, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

Action: Approve Resolution #R14-27, approving a contract with Paul Roten as Associate Engineer III, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment. Authorize the Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Hunt moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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D. Dental Insurance Change

Departments: Finance/HR

Resolution regarding change of employee dental care benefit plan/administrator based on the results of MCPE's review of current and available insurance.

Action: Approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the proposed resolution #R14-28, pertaining to employee dental care benefits.

Fesko moved; Hunt seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Pulled by Supervisor Fesko:

- Wanted to point out that *any* savings is huge and needs to be recognized.

Supervisor Hunt:

- Finds it interesting that health care costs going down, not up for Great Basin.

Leslie Chapman:

- Gerald Frank here to answer questions.
- Savings are minimal, but it's a much better plan for the employees, that's why this is a benefit.

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

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

A. Tulare County Board of Supervisors Regarding Water Bond

Letter dated April 7, 2014 from the Tulare County Board of Supervisors requesting our county's participation in signing a legislative letter in support of the development of a balanced 2014 Water Bond.

B. Conway Ranch HOA

Correspondence dated April 11, 2014 from the Conway Ranch Homeowner's Association expressing concern about the number of vehicles that enter the housing area to access the Inland Aquaculture Facility. The letter requests signs to be placed at the entrance to the subdivision for safety reasons.

Pulled by Supervisor Alpers:

- We have an IT issue here; GPS readings seem to be off.
- Can we look into this a little more thoroughly through IT? Asked Jeff Walters to follow up.

C. Wildlife Conservation Board Regarding Conservation Easement

Correspondence dated April 21, 2014 from the Wildlife Conservation Board regarding the Sinnamon Meadows, Conservation Easement, Project ID: 2012149.

D. High Sierra Tri Club Thank You Letter

Letter from Alana Levin, Director of the High Sierra Tri Club, thanking the Board of Supervisors for passing the resolution for the road closure in June Lake to provide a safe and organized race.

E. Correspondence from SCE Regarding Order Issued by the CPUC

Notice of Order Instituting Rulemaking in R.14-03-016 from Southern California Edison's Attorney Mark A. Rothenberg enclosing a copy of said Order.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

9. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. California Highway Patrol - Presentation by Lt. Ron Cohan

Departments: County Administrator's Office

(Lt. Ron Cohan) - Presentation by Lt. Ron Cohan regarding services provided by the California Highway Patrol in Mono County.

Action: None.

Ron Cohen:

- Gave historical, statistical, and other information related to the California Highway Patrol.
- Showed short video relating to CHP and all the services they provide. (Ron will provide a copy to Supervisor Alpers as requested.)
- Discussion about Bridgeport personnel.
- Acknowledged all other local law enforcement and the fact that not one agency in our rural area could handle a large incident. They all work together and cooperate and that is how law enforcement works here.
- Goals – better communication with the public. Since he's been here, he has increased the amount of press releases that have gone out exponentially.
- Spoke about the statistical "report card" he had submitted with his item.
- He supports anything that results in fewer collisions.

Board members:

- Asked general questions or for clarification on details.
- Mentioned that Mono County is interested in collaborating with CHP wherever appropriate. Asked him to give it some thought.

B. Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre Community Grant Report

Departments: Finance

(Shira Dubrovner) - Shira Dubrovner will report on the Theatre for Young Audience Program funded by Mono Community Grant.

Action: None.

Shira Dubrovner:

- Thanked the Board for their support of her program.
- This program integrates different kinds of kids; very important. The program is making an impact.
- Board thanked her for all the work she's doing.

C. CDBG Program Income Reuse Plan Resolution

Departments: Finance

(Megan Mahaffey) - CDBG Income Reuse Plan Resolution.

Action: None. Pulled from agenda.

Supervisor Johnston:

- This is being pulled from today due to lack of noticing.
- Will be re-agendized shortly.
- Does want to offer time for discussion; seeing none, item is pulled.

Supervisor Stump:

- Asked what happened to item?

Leslie Chapman:

- Explained what happened with how item was agendized. She didn't put into Novus as a public hearing.
- There's not a time issue here.

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

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 - Conference with Legal Counsel

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: one.

C. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel

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.

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: Luman v. Mono County Personnel Appeals Board et al.

F. 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 et al.

G. Closed Session - Public Employment

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: Economic Development Director.

REGULAR AFTERNOON SESSION COMMENCES AT 2:00 P.M.

12. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
No one spoke.

13. REGULAR AGENDA AFTERNOON- NONE

ADJOURN 2:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

LARRY K. JOHNSTON
CHAIRMAN

SHANNON KENDALL
SR. DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD