



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 at far right.

Regular Meeting

July 9, 2013

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

9:07 AM

Meeting Called to Order by Supervisor Hunt, Chair

- Supervisors present: Alpers, Fesko, Hunt, Johnston, and Stump
- Supervisors absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Johnston

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- Vicki Smith, Executive Director, State of California, State Council on Developmental Disabilities: Introduced herself and spoke briefly about the program. Her agency helps build bridges with publically funded agencies to assist people with developmental disabilities. Smith offered to make a full presentation in the future.

Closed Session: 9:10 a.m.

Break: 10:37 a.m.

Reconvened: 10:42 a.m.

Adjourned: 12:16 p.m.

Reconvened at Memorial Hall: 6:10 p.m.

Adjourned: 8:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board had nothing to report from Closed Session.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1a)

Closed Session - Public Employment - PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Titles: Human Resources Director/Risk Manager; Information Technology Manager; Animal Control Director; Public Works Director; and EMS Manager.

1b)

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.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- **No one spoke.**

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M13-163 A. Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 18, 2013.

Alpers moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

3) BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Alpers

1. Attended the Mammoth Lakes July 4th parade. It was a bit disappointing because there were fewer entries than in the past, and a water fight erupted at one point that inhibited enjoyment of the parade.
2. Last week two people from the Public Utilities Commission visited Mono County and toured District 2 and June Lake. They reviewed the problem of getting Digital 395 into June Lake; this will be a challenge and will require extra funding.

Supervisor Fesko

1. A group of Eastern Sierra Ridge Riders (ESRR) participated in the Bridgeport July 4th parade. The parade had a very good turnout and created an upswing in business; the vendors loved the new School Street Plaza. Besides the booths, there were bounce houses on the lawn for the children. This was the best July 4th in a long time. ESRR will be participants in years to come.
2. Also pertaining to July 4th, in 1876 several locals in Antelope Valley climbed the Centennial Bluffs and planted a flag. For the last seven years, Fesko has raised the flag again on Centennial Bluffs to commemorate this historical event.
3. July 6: Met with the Twin Lakes Homeowners Association, as well as the Virginia Lakes Water Group. The VL Water Group talked about issues from last year regarding work done by Praxis for Digital 395.
4. Yesterday: Attended the Local Transportation Commission meeting. They are waiting for more information from the state about the next funding allocation.
5. Held a post meeting in Antelope Valley to discuss the recent ATV jamboree event. This is the event's 6th year and the largest turnout so far.
6. Attended the North County Chamber meeting last night. Thanked Alicia Vennos and Jeff Simpson, Mono County Tourism Office, for the work they are doing and their interaction with the local community.
7. Tonight is the town hall budget meeting in Bridgeport; another meeting is scheduled in Antelope Valley for Thursday.

Supervisor Hunt

1. June 21: Attended the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments and Eastern Sierra Transit Authority meetings in Bishop. Jim Leddy, CAO, also attended the meetings and met various people associated with these two groups. The groups have expressed more interest in working together to make things happen.
2. June 25: Attended the Tourism Commission Meeting, Carl Ribaldo gave an update on the County economic development plan and corridor plan. He will present this information to the Board next week.
3. Mammoth had a good turnout at the events held over the 4th of July weekend. The highlight of the parade was the space shuttle float, and the fireworks display at Crowley was top notch. There probably won't be fireworks again at Crowley since the Town plans to hold its events in Mammoth.

4. July 6: Volunteered at the Food and Wine Festival event held to support the College Foundation; it was very successful. Participation increased by at least 30-40% over last year, and many people were from out of town.
5. This week is Jazz Jubilee in Mammoth Lakes and the June Lake Triathlon.
6. Will be attending the Town-County Liaison Meeting this week. The Town is losing employees, and may rely on the County for assistance.

Supervisor Johnston

1. Yesterday: Attended the Local Transportation Commission meeting (LTC).
2. Attended the Trails Homeowners Association meeting; they discussed the solid waste materials recovery facility issue.
3. Attended a kick-off meeting pertaining to a biomass facility.

Supervisor Stump

1. Attended a meeting in Bishop with Department of Water and Power. There is a water issue in Crowley Lake regarding diversions; Stump will be meeting with DWP, the Forest Service and homeowners. Diversions are occurring on private property and Forest Service land, and are impacting fish in the west fork of Hilton Creek as well as the ability of ranchers to irrigate. This is a complex issue.
2. Attended a meeting with the new BLM acting area manager regarding the eviction situation in the trailer park. The 90-day notice has expired, but the new area manager knows residents are attempting to comply, so he intends to be as flexible as possible.
3. Yesterday: Attended the LTC meeting and attended the first budget workshop in Crowley.
4. Has worked with Scott Burns on a response to the issue involving the yellow-legged frog.
5. A budget town hall meeting is scheduled in Chalfant next Monday.
6. In connection with Digital 395, representatives of the PUC took a tour of the Crowley Lake area.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

4)

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

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

Jim Leddy, CAO

1. Met with Angelle Nolan about the Animal Control Department. Leddy will work with the team to look for efficiencies and ensure continuity of services.
2. Participated in a High Sierra Foundation conference call. They are looking at financially feasible energy programs for Mono County.
3. Budget meetings are underway in the various communities this week and next. Leddy and the Finance Director will capture the dialogue and create a report for the Board to use during budget workshops.
4. The Solid Waste Task Force will meet on Wednesday to discuss the next steps required to address upcoming issues.
5. Will be holding department budget meetings to review each budget.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES

- There were no reports.

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.)

PROBATION

- 5a) Juvenile Justice Prevention Act (JJCPA) – The Department of Probation applied for and received funding for JJCPA for the fiscal year 12-13. As the last four year's applications did not report changes within the JJCPA, the Department of Probation did not have to submit to the Board of Supervisors for a Resolution. However, there have been multiple changes. This application reports all substantive changes and therefore seeks the approval of the Board of Supervisors. The JJCPA fund estimated allocation for Mono County is \$37,855.

R13-53 **Action:** Approval Resolution #R13-53 approving the Substantive Plan Modification for the Juvenile Justice Prevention Act (JJCPA) Grant authorizing the Chief Probation Officer to sign or the chair person of the Board of Supervisors to submit and/or to sign Mono County's Application for Approval for the County's Comprehensive Multi-agency Juvenile Justice Plan and related contracts, amendments, or extensions with the State of California.

Johnston moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 6a) Reappointment of Tourism Commissioner – Board approval for the reappointment of Jimmy Little (D4) to the Mono County Tourism & Film Commission for a 4-year term, ending June 30, 2017.

M13-164 **Action:** Reappoint Jimmy Little to the Mono County Tourism & Film Commission for a 4-year term, ending June 30, 2017.

Johnston moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Supervisor Stump: Jimmy Little is also a member of the Eastern Sierra Unified School District board; does this present any conflicts?

- Marshall Rudolph, County Counsel: No, there are no conflicts.

COUNTY COUNSEL

Additional Departments: CAO/HR

- 7a) Westerlund Contract Amendment – Proposed resolution approving an agreement and first amendment to agreement re employment of Stacey Westerlund.

R13-54 **Action:** Adopt Resolution #R13-54, approving an agreement and first amendment to agreement re employment of Stacey Westerlund.

Johnston moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

REGULAR AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

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

CLERK OF THE BOARD

8a) No Correspondence

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – PLANNING DIVISION

Additional Departments: Economic Development

9a) Bridgeport Multi-Agency Office and Visitor Center (Wendy Sugimura) – Presentation by Wendy Sugimura regarding progress on conceptualizing a multi-agency office and visitor center in Bridgeport.

M13-165 Action: 1) Direct Planning Department staff to work with County Administrative Officer to implement the next steps in the proposed project: a) engage the California Highway Patrol; b) define the County’s role and assign a staff lead; and c) open conversations with potential developers who would build, own and operate the facility, possibly as part of a public-private partnership. 2) Authorize the Board Chair to submit a letter to the California Highway Patrol to initiate collaborative efforts to include a new CHP facility in this project.

Fesko moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Department: This project idea came up again as a result of the Bridgeport Main Street revitalization project. Today’s agenda item is just a starting point for future discussions. Sugimura gave a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the Bridgeport Multi-Agency Office and Visitor Center project concept (information is included in the agenda packet). Presentation reviewed the following:

- History and context of the proposal.
- List of participants and their interests: 1) Enhance the visitor experience; 2) promote, interpret, share and protect natural resources; 3) spur economic development; 4) provide shared agency offices; 5) contribute to local communities.
- Reviewed project assumptions based on the 2004 feasibility study done for a visitor center in Bridgeport. The current visitor’s center meets the criteria listed in Phase I of the study; Phase II is proceeding. Sugimura reviewed site criteria:
 - Outlined conceptual programming of a new site (multi-use potential with various agencies).
 - Reviewed potential locations and land assemblage requirements.
 - There is high interest in the Buster’s Market site or a south-side assemblage. The CHP facility may be rebuilt in Bridgeport so they are open to options for a multi-agency office.
- Reviewed conceptual site planning alternatives (type of construction, renovation vs. new construction, incorporation of public space, shared parking).
- Design ideas to improve business facades in Bridgeport may require changes in the General Plan Update.
- Reviewed conceptual site plans of Buster’s Market location, south-side assembly location (option 1), south-side assembly location (option 2), and north-side assembly location.
- Reviewed next steps: 1) Board approval of a letter to the Highway Patrol about collaborative efforts; 2) defining the County’s role and assigning lead staff; 3) opening conversations with potential developers.

Board Discussion:

- Angled parking concept on Main Street and reason for back-in parking.
- Bridgeport entry signs.
- How buildings and parking are situated on the Buster's Market site; potential for icy conditions needs to be considered.
- Taking private property off tax rolls will impact revenue to the County, special districts, and schools.
 - Supervisor Fesko: The concept is to have a private developer purchase and develop the facility which would preserve the tax base.
 - Sugimura: There is no proposal for the County to acquire or develop the property.
- The Bridgeport Indian Colony and Bridgeport Economic Development Corporation are potentially interested developers.
- It is the County's option to determine the level of involvement in a property purchase, lease-back, or re-sale.
- Concern about how adding this project to staff workloads will impact their time and progress of other projects.
 - Developer/investor interest would determine level of staff involvement.
 - CAO could coordinate with the Planning Department to determine who lead staff should be.
- Initial process should remain with Wendy Sugimura. Momentum needs to continue with the two potential developers and engagement with CHP. After initial efforts, Sugimura could report back to the Board.
- This project is a way for the Supervisors to assist with economic development in the North County.

Scott Burns, Community Development Department: The planning phase of this project is ending so staff needed to present the information to the Board for direction about moving forward.

Jim Leddy, CAO: This project can be brought to the Board during budget for consideration.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

- 10a) Caltrans Letter Against Further Requirements on Encroachment Permits (Chairman Byng Hunt) - Caltrans may begin requiring special event traffic control be handled by licensed contractors as part of the Encroachment Permit Process. This requirement would create a financial burden for local communities which are tourist based. This proposed letter from the Board strongly urges Caltrans to consider no further requirements on Encroachment Permits in order to support our ongoing community's events. This item is being sponsored by Chairman Hunt.

M13-166 **Action:** Authorize Chairman Hunt's signature on the proposed letter from the Board of Supervisors to Caltrans arguing against further requirements on Encroachment Permits in order to support our ongoing community events.

Alpers moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Supervisor Hunt: This Caltrans proposal could have a negative impact and create problems for events. The proposed letter opposes the requirement and asks Caltrans to stay involved at the local level.

- Supervisor Fesko: Agreed and supports the letter.

- Supervisor Johnston: Would like RCRC involvement; suggested adding CSAC to the list of recipients. There has been a voluntary partnership in the past and this proposed change seems to insert unnecessary complications. Larger urban areas have the resources to handle the proposed requirement; rural areas do not. There is a lack of manpower in a rural area.

Adjourn: 12:16 p.m.

The Board reconvened at Memorial Hall for the Budget Town Hall Meeting.

Reconvene: 6:10 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order by Supervisor Hunt, Chair

- Supervisors present: Alpers, Fesko, Hunt, and Johnston
- Supervisors absent: Stump

FINANCE

- 11a) Community Budget Workshop (Leslie Chapman, Jim Leddy) - Presentation regarding the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 budget. County team will provide information and encourage input from community members regarding budget appropriations.

Action: None.

Chairman Hunt: This is an opportunity for the public to learn more about what the County does and participate in the budget process.

Supervisor Fesko: Introduced Jim Leddy, CAO, and Leslie Chapman, Finance Director. The purpose of this town hall meeting is to let people participate in an open budget process. After the presentation, the forum will be opened for public input.

Jim Leddy, CAO, gave a PowerPoint presentation (on file in the Clerk's Office). The presentation outlined the following:

- Economic Outlook
- General Fund Trend
- County Staffing Trends
- Total Budget
- County Budget Overview
- Property Tax Dollar
- General Fund
- Service Categories
- Expenditures by Department
- Long-Term Liabilities and Unmet Needs
- Strategic Plans for the Future
- Budget Development Timeline

After the formal presentation, the Board conducted an open forum with audience members to discuss budgetary issues confronting the County and receive public input.

Public input from the town hall meetings will be compiled by community into a report and presented to the Board as part of the upcoming budget workshops. Information updates will be posted online.

ADJOURN: 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

LARRY JOHNSTON
VICE-CHAIR

LYNDA ROBERTS
CLERK OF THE BOARD

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