



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

MEETING LOCATION
Mammoth Lakes BOS
Meeting Room, 3rd Fl. Sierra
Center Mall, Suite 307, 452
Old Mammoth Rd.,
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

July 16, 2013

9:00 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 Hunt

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

1. Tony Vaught: The Board of Supervisors selected his company to develop a conceptual plan about use of the Conway Ranch. He has met with County staff, marina operators, fisherman and other stakeholders, and has visited June Lake and the state hatchery, so he has a good picture of what is happening in the area with recreational fishing. The State of California offers a lot of recreational fishing, and the contribution of private industry is able to assist in ways the state cannot. Vaught will be working on Conway Ranch today and tomorrow, and looking at all the resources.
 - Supervisor Hunt: The Board is anxious to get a good conceptual plan for Conway Ranch.
 - Supervisor Stump: Asked about using Conway Ranch to raise trout for local restaurants. Vaught talked about the economic value of this concept.

Closed Session: 9:14 a.m.

Break: 10:30 a.m.

Reconvened: 10:36 a.m.

Closed Session/Lunch: 12:16 p.m.

Reconvened: 1:35 p.m.

Break: 3:20 p.m.

Reconvened: 3:26 p.m.

Closed Session/Dinner: 5:14 p.m.

Reconvened: 6:05 p.m.

Adjourned: 7:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board had nothing to report from Closed Session.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 1a) Closed Session - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: Russell Covington v. County of Mono et al.
- 1b) 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.
- 1c) 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.
- 1d) 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.
- 1e) 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.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- M13-167** A. Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 2, 2013.
Johnston moved; Stump seconded
Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

3) **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Supervisor Alpers

1. No report.

Supervisor Fesko

1. Thanked Jim Leddy, CAO, and Leslie Chapman, Finance Director, for hosting the town hall meetings last week. The meetings have been well received.

Supervisor Hunt

1. Attended a Community Corrections Partnership meeting with Karin Humiston, Probation Director. This group has been combined with the Juvenile Justice

Coordinated Council.

2. Attended the Town-County Liaison meeting; discussed landfill issues. Hunt gave the Supervisors copies of an information sheet on the biomass program.
3. Yesterday: Attended the Great Basin Air Pollution Control District meeting.

Supervisor Johnston

1. Yesterday: Attended the Great Basin Air Pollution Control District meeting.
2. Has been invited to serve on the IMACA board temporarily.

Supervisor Stump

1. Attended the Town-County Liaison meeting. Concerns of Mammoth constituents were well represented by Supervisor Hunt.
2. Attended the Eastern Sierra Agency on Aging meeting. The original budget cut was reduced by 2/3 due to lobbying efforts; this is a one-year fix. It would be good to work collaboratively with Inyo County and with state representatives on this issue. The program manager will make a request of her board to allow meals for Tri-Valley to be prepared in Bishop rather than in Walker.
3. Attended the budget town hall meeting in Chalfant last night. Received complaints about building permitting fees and lack of responsiveness; too much patrolling by Animal Control; and poor coverage in Tri-Valley, Paradise, and Swall Meadows by the Sheriff's Department.

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. Last week held budget town hall meetings. Will post information online from all the meetings.
2. Attended the Town-County Liaison meeting; discussed solid waste. This issue will be on the Board's August 6th agenda.
3. The Finance Director and CAO are holding meetings with department heads about their budgets.
4. Expressed appreciation for the Board and how focused they are on the job.
 - a. Supervisor Hunt: The Board is receiving letters of appreciation about the Finance Director and CAO.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES

1. **Dan Lyster**, Economic Development: Last week at the State Fair Mono County won two ribbons: A gold medal ribbon for the booth, and a ribbon for Best in Division: Best use of produce, products and artifacts. Mono County had a giveaway again this year so Economic Development will collect more leads.
2. **Mary Booher**, Finance: The State Housing Commission will be coming the week of August 5th for a monitoring visit pertaining to the development block grant that closed June 30th. Booher will hold the required public hearing at the Board's August 6th meeting so they can observe.
3. **Marshall Rudolph and John Vallejo**, County Counsel's Office: Update about a recent lawsuit filed in California State Supreme Court pertaining to enforcement of Proposition 8, and the Department of Public Health's order to clerks to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. The action is naming all clerks; the Real Party in Interest is the State and Governor Brown. Asked the Board if they wanted to add an urgency item in order to provide direction to the Mono County Clerk.
 - o **Supervisor Hunt**: Suggested letting it play out and asked County Counsel to keep the Board informed.
4. **Garrett Higerd**, Public Works: 1) Update on current construction projects in Lee Vining

and Bridgeport. 2) Due to heavy rainfall on July 3rd, Public Works is reviewing flood conditions in Bridgeport and working on problematic drainage issues. 3) Recently opened bids for the Aspen Road paving project. Received very competitive bids, so will be moving forward on the project. 4) Moving forward on the Paradise guardrail project.

- **Supervisor Fesko:** Regarding the paving project on Sinclair Street in Bridgeport, in the future Public Works needs to work with businesses in advance to develop a schedule that won't impact them in a negative way. Fesko thanked Higerd for working with the contractor to delay the Sinclair Street project until heavy business season is over.

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.)

Supervisor Johnston pulled Item #5b.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- 5a) Letter of Support for HR 1823 - Proposed letter of support by the Board of Supervisors for Assembly Bill 151 (Olsen) as recently amended. Said Bill would add Quagga Mussels to the national list of invasive species as defined under the Lacey Act. This would be an important first step to help stop the spread of this invasive species and potentially save billions of dollars in future water-related infrastructure maintenance costs and recreation industries. This would allow for increased inspection of boats crossing state lines and help to prevent the further spread and inherent damage of Quagga Mussels.

M13-168 **Action:** Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the proposed letter of support for HR 1823 pertaining to invasive species (Quagga Mussels).
Fesko moved; Alpers seconded
Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

- 5b) Letter of Support for HR 836 - Proposed letter of support by the Board of Supervisors for HR 836 (Miller) Sunshine on Conflicts Act of 2013. Said bill would increase the number of qualified candidates able to serve on the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board. HR 836 would replace the current income restriction approach with a conflict of interest test which would prohibit any member of a board or body that approves permit applications from voting on, or seeking to influence the approval of any permit in which that member has a direct or indirect financial interest as defined in State law.

Action: None

Supervisor Johnston: Does not agree with the letter supporting proposed changes for appointments to the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Board. He does not believe people with conflicts of interest should be appointed to the board.

- Supervisors Fesko and Alpers concurred; this is a powerful board. They would rather see current standards maintained.

Jim Leddy, CAO: This was brought forward by RCRC, hence the agenda item before the Board.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Additional Departments: CAO

- 6a) Higerd contract amendment - Proposed resolution approving an agreement and first amendment to the agreement re employment of Garrett Higerd.

R13-55 **Action:** Adopt Resolution #R13-55, approving an agreement and first amendment to the agreement re employment of Garrett Higerd.
Fesko moved; Alpers seconded
Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Additional Departments: CAO

- 6b) Smith contract amendment - Proposed resolution approving an agreement and first amendment to the agreement re employment of Franklin W. Smith.

R13-56 **Action:** Adopt Resolution #R13-56, approving an agreement and first amendment to the agreement re employment of Franklin W. Smith.
Fesko moved; Alpers 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

- 7a) Letter from Department of Water and Power, City of Los Angeles - Letter addressed to the Mono County Board of Supervisors in response to the Board's letter dated May 21, 2013, regarding Pumice Valley Landfill 2013 Solid Waste Facility Permit Application.

Supervisor Alpers: This letter will be included in a larger discussion.

- Jim Leddy, CAO: The issue will be on the Board's August 6th agenda. Staff wants to thoroughly research the proposed offer.

Supervisor Johnston: There may be some connection to the work of the Great Basin Air Pollution Control District on dry lake issues and the recent agreement for a rational means to control the dust. This could provide some good options and protections.

- 7b) Letter from Fish and Game Commission - Letter addressed to Mono County Board of Supervisors pertaining to Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding the Commercial Herring Regulations.

The Board acknowledged receipt of correspondence.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Additional Departments: Community Development

- 8a) Mono County Economic Development Strategic Plan Draft (Carl Ribaudó, Strategic Marketing Group) - Presentation by independent consultant, Carl Ribaudó, Strategic Marketing Group, to apprise the Board of findings and recommendations regarding the county-wide Economic Development Strategic Plan and the Marketing Plan Element for the application for National Scenic Byway Designation.

Action: None (informational only).

Dan Lyster, Economic Development: Introduced Carl Ribaudó, Strategic Marketing Group. Ribaudó reviewed the PowerPoint presentation in the agenda packet:

- Project Objectives
- Economic Development Strategy Process
- Community Profile Highlights
- Strategic Challenges and Opportunities
- Economic Development Strategy Goals and Objectives
- Economic Development Strategic Framework
 - Strengthen the Existing Core
 - Retain and Expand Existing Businesses
 - Attract Business
- Reviewed Strategies: 1) Board support is important; 2) expand tourism and marketing efforts; 3) consider forming a Tourism Business Improvement District; 4) take advantage of the outdoor recreation trend; 5) integrate Digital 395 into local communities; 6) the National Scenic Byway designation has strong marketing caché; 7) improve skill levels of small businesses (i.e. budget, marketing); 8) use California Enterprise Zones to provide tax incentives; 9) create a networking environment; 10) review ways to reduce the County's regulatory burden/process and consider place-based planning; 11) promote "buy local" (regional food systems); 12) use a targeted approach to attract business.
- Reviewed State, Local and Federal Funding Sources
- Consider Reorganization of Economic Development (i.e. retain the current structure, consider creating an Economic Development Corporation)
- Consider Potential Public/Private Sector Participation
- Summarized Challenges and Opportunities

Board Discussion

- The State of Nevada has more incentives for business.
 - Ribaudó: Nevada is aggressive, but Mono County has a compelling lifestyle.
- Pros and cons of signage variations based on the needs of the community.
- Need to be flexible in order to accommodate the County's diversity.
- The report characterized limited private land as a negative; boundless public land and open space is a benefit.
 - Ribaudó: Comments received in interviews addressed limitations due to lack of private land.

Ribaudó: Will make modifications and bring the report back to the Board.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- 9a) Digital 395 Project Update (Nate Greenberg and Michael Ort) - Provide an update on the status of Digital 395, including current challenges and potential solutions.

Action: None; informational only.

Michael Ort, Praxis, gave a status report about Digital 395:

- Reviewed the areas still requiring work.
- By the end of the month they plan to have service into Mammoth; Suddenlink is ready for hookup.
- Primary focus has been to get into Mammoth; they will then be in Bishop.
- Reviewed areas with service readiness. Hoping to get into Crowley by the end of August or early September.
- They had less than a year to build the project.
- There have been some budget issues. This environment is hard to dig in.
- All large distribution areas are completed, and they are service ready in Ridgecrest, Mammoth and Bishop. About half the anchors are hooked up.
- They are dealing with issues pertaining to connections in small communities, and are working with the state to get funding.
- They have requested an extension due to permitting and distribution issues.
- They are working with the Department of Fish and Game to reduce mitigation fees associated with the desert tortoise. They have done their best to be good stewards of the environment and take care of people.
- Regarding June Lake, they are working with Caltrans to find a solution to aerial lines. In Benton they are choosing areas where they can do short bores.
- Any ground disturbing in a known cultural site requires a certain type of permit that allows for tribal review and input.
- They may need a letter of support from the Board; will keep the Board informed.
- Digital 395 presents economic opportunities outside the scope of tourism.

Diana Pietrasanta, Inyo National Forest: Has been working with Praxis. Work has slowed a little due to important cultural issues with the Tribe. There are many different agencies to deal with.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

10a) Presentation to Caelen McQuilkin and Jordyn Harper (Supervisor Alpers) - Present resolutions honoring Caelen McQuilkin and Jordyn Harper, students at Lee Vining Elementary School, who recently won medals in the Earth & Planetary Sciences category at the 2013 California State Science Fair.

M13-169 **Action:** Approve the resolutions and present them to Caelen McQuilkin and Jordyn Harper.

Alpers moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Tim Alpers: It is a big challenge with young people to believe they can achieve success outside their school environment. These two girls were not only successful but they took 4th place in the entire State of California for their science project. Today's resolution honors these students and can serve to encourage other students.

Chairman Hunt: Read the resolution and presented a framed copy to each student.

McQuilkin and Harper talked to the Board about their project. They thanked the Board for their recognition and thanked their teacher for her help.

LUNCH

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- Stephen Kalish: Continues to work on issues involving Verizon and problems with service to Crowley Lake and Swall Meadows. Verizon did not submit response comments yesterday at the Public Utilities Commission. Depending on the outcome, Kalish may ask for County support to get Verizon to comply with their order.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

- 11a) Choose Civility Initiative (Stacey Adler, Superintendent, Mono County Office of Education; Tim Kendall, Mono County District Attorney) - Stacey Adler and Tim Kendall will make a presentation about the Choose Civility Initiative. Supervisor Byng Hunt sponsored this agenda item.

M13-170 **Action:** Support the County-wide initiative by approving a resolution recognizing the Choose Civility Initiative.

Johnston moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Tim Kendall, District Attorney, and Stacey Adler, Mono County Superintendent of Schools: After participating in a presentation several months ago, they thought this would be a good initiative to bring to Mono County, and believe this program would benefit the County. Kendall and Adler presented the PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet:

- Why Civility? Impacts all factions of society.
- Played a video clip showing an example of poor behavior at the federal level.
- Presented a graph showing research results pertaining to civility.
- The problem with bullying and myths about bullying.
- Reviewed the vision for the County, and goals of the campaign.
- Reviewed the initial steps that have been taken.
- Kick-off event is scheduled for August 16th at the Mammoth Lakes Library. This coincides with the beginning of school.
- Reviewed Mono County's 12 principles. After the kick-off event, the plan is to present one principle each month.
- Reviewed the next steps. Asked the Board to support this effort.

Discussion between Board and Presenters

- Funding will be provided by the businesses and people who have signed on as partners.
- Pros and Cons of the program:
 - Benefits of outreach and education.
 - Benefits of raising public awareness and reminding people that behavior is a choice.
 - Inability of programs such as these to effectuate lasting change.
 - The need to promote positive behavior choices. The intent is not to tell people how to behave.
 - This is a step in the right direction.
 - Behavior changes require a constant effort.
 - It is acceptable for leaders to say they want to be civil.
 - This may only be a "feel good" program. Behavioral changes have to start at home.
 - "Feel good" is not necessarily a bad thing.
 - A program like this will create the conversation.
- The Board of Supervisors is the head of the agency, and employees are role models within the community.

- There is a need to do something because of what is happening in the schools. This program works in tandem with another school program that does provide an enforcement component.
- The County should review its own personnel rules pertaining to behavior on the job.
- This program has been adopted in seven other counties with great success. Stanislaus County published a book about the impact of the program.
- Part of the kick-off day will include community outreach.
- The leaders are examples of what happens in the community.

FINANCE

Additional Departments: Human Resources

12a) Recruit/Fill FTS II Position in the Tax Collector/Treasurers Office (Rose Glazier) - Proposed Resolution #R13-_____, A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Authorizing the County Administrative Officer to Amend the County of Mono List of Allocated Positions to Reflect the Addition of a Temporary FTS II in the Tax Collectors Office and to Authorize the County Administrative Officer to fill said Allocated Position.

R13-57 **Action:** Adopt proposed Resolution #R13-57, A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Authorizing the County Administrative Officer to Amend the County of Mono List of Allocated Positions to Reflect the Addition of a Temporary FTS II in the Tax Collectors Office and to Authorize the County Administrative Officer to fill said Allocated Position.

Fesko moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Leslie Chapman, Finance Director: The Treasurer -Tax Collector has challenges due to employees who have been away from work for various reasons, so they are behind in their work and in the middle of property tax season. They have salary savings due to being one person short, so they would like to hire temporary help that would not exceed six months. The position in will not have benefits.

AMBULANCE PARAMEDICS

13a) Mutual Aid Agreement with East Fork Fire (Mary Booher) - Proposed contract with East Fork Fire and Paramedic Districts regarding Mutual Aid for EMS services.

M13-171 **Action:** Approve County entry into proposed contract with East Fork Fire and Paramedic Districts regarding Mutual Aid for EMS services, and authorize the Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Fesko moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Mary Booher, Finance: This agreement will allow mutual aid while providing protections under the law. It will bridge the law between Nevada and California, and both parties will be indemnified. East Fork provides services for other counties. There is no charge for the first 24 hours. The agencies provide mutual assistance about six times per year.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- 14a) Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) Legislative Platform (Jim Leddy) - Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) Draft Legislative Platform.

M13-172 Action: Adopt Legislative Platform of Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG), including notes/comments for consideration.

Stump moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Jim Leddy, CAO: Departments reviewed the ESCOG platform and provided feedback. This is a starting point for the Board to consider legislative issues, and will provide direction for the next ESCOG meeting. Leddy will work with staff on a more detailed platform process.

- **Supervisor Hunt:** This won't dictate policy; it is just a platform providing general direction. This draft will go to the ESCOG.
- **Supervisor Johnston:** The original draft was pared down to find the common ground among ESCOG agencies. Johnston tried to keep the platform more general rather than specific.

PUBLIC WORKS - ENGINEERING DIVISION

- 15a) Grant Funding for Airport Layout Plan (ALP) Updates for Bryant Field and Lee Vining Airport. (Garrett Higerd) - FAA grant funding for Airport Layout Plan updates.

M13-173 R13-58 Action: 1. Pending receipt of grant offers for Airport Layout Plan (ALP) Updates for Bryant Field and Lee Vining Airports from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in the amount of approximately \$54,900 each, approve, authorize, and ratify the Public Works Director's (in consultation with County Counsel) execution and acceptance of the FAA Grant Agreements. 2. Approve and authorize the Public Works Director to utilize up to \$12,200 from the Airport Enterprise Fund as match funding for the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) Updates for Bryant Field and Lee Vining Airports. 3. Approve and Authorize the Chairman's signature on Resolution #R13-58, "A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors authorizing the submittal of applications, acceptance of allocations of funds, and execution of grant agreements with the California Department of Transportation for Airport Improvement Program (AIP) matching grants."

Alpers moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Garrett Higerd, Public Works, gave an update about the latest FAA grant cycle:

- Reviewed status of Lee Vining and Bryant Field airports.
- Both airports have gone through significant upgrades, and the FAA wants the airport layout plans to be updated to more accurately reflect the conditions.
- The grant offers should arrive very soon, and usually have a quick turnaround time.
- Both grants require a 10% match. There is a possibility of getting a match grant from the state, otherwise there will be a 10% match from the airport fund.
- Construction of hangars at Bryant Field will be included in the new airport layout plan, as will the road re-alignment of Stock Drive.

Additional Departments: Community Development

- 15b) Airports Update (Garrett Higerd) - Receive staff report regarding grant availability for a County-wide Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan, annual airport safety inspections, and options for adding hangars at County-operated Airports.

Action: None

Garrett Higerd, Public Works, gave an update about airports as outlined in the staff report:

- Reviewed available funding for Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans which primarily focus on adjacent land outside the airport boundary.
- The need to update the plan for Mammoth-Yosemite Airport.
- The benefit of pursuing the grant and packaging requests for all three airports (Mammoth-Yosemite, Lee Vining, and Bryant Field).
- State inspectors identified an issue with trees on private property near the Bryant Field airport. The County needs to be sensitive in response to mitigation.
- There is interest in constructing additional hangars at Bryant Field. A private developer was granted a use permit about three years ago, but hasn't done any work.
- Reviewed the Board's options pertaining to development of the hangars.
- Regarding hangars, the FAA has guidelines about how to determine lease agreements. This work would require an outside consultant.
- Access roads would be included in the plans.
- Because state funding is available, it is a good idea to work on the layout plans and compatibility plans simultaneously.

Scott Burns, Community Development:

- The Bryant Field and Lee Vining compatibility plans are more current. They are waiting to update Mammoth-Yosemite until the FAA accepts the Town's plan.
- Policies need to be updated based on new layouts, and noise studies need to be updated.
- Regarding Bryant Field hangars, Burns reviewed the permit process for the request granted three years ago. The director's review had a term limit; the airport use permit is still valid.

Board Discussion

- Reviewed development of hangars in response to public interest.
- Potential for revenue from hangars. Supervisors requested a financial analysis.
- Supervisors expressed support for development of private hangars on County airport property with FAA-approved leases, and supported applying for FAA grant funding to develop hangars.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - BUILDING DIVISION

- 16a) Prescriptive Designs Presentation (Tom Perry) - Presentation by Tom Perry regarding Prescriptive Designs.

Action: None

Tom Perry, Building Division, gave an update:

- Reviewed the history of the program.
- Prescriptive designs are for small residential type projects of \$250 or less; waived fees in order to assist people.
- Five designs were brought to the Board previously, and resulted in 21 variations based on snow load requirements. Reviewed the design plans in the agenda packet.
- The program was intended to last six months, or until reaching waiver of \$100,000 in

fees.

- Last November the Board passed a resolution extending the program, and directed staff to bring forward additional construction stimulus strategies.
- The program will continue until funds remaining for waivers are exhausted.
- Plans are now available in large printed format and in PDF format online.
- Staff will conduct public outreach, and will track the number of permits issued with these designs in order to gather statistics.

Board Discussion

- Sounds like this has been a successful program.
- Would like a fee reduction proposal for solar arrays.
- At some point would like to address the PACE program.
- More room needs to be allowed for garages.
 - Perry will talk with the architect about making some adjustments.
- The Building Division may want to consider including other designs.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 17a) Funding Request for Bridgeport Fish Enhancement Foundation (Dan Lyster) - The Mono County Fisheries Commission (MCFC) is recommending that the Board of Supervisors approve the expenditure of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) from the Fish & Wildlife Fine Fund for the purchase of fish food and fish eggs for the Bridgeport Fish Enhancement Foundation (BFEF).

- M13-174** **Action:** Approve the expenditure of \$4,000 from the Fish & Wildlife Fine Fund for the purchase of fish food and fish eggs for the Bridgeport Fish Enhancement Foundation.

Fesko moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

Dan Lyster, Economic Development, reviewed the request:

- This request was made by the Fisheries Commission. Funding will be used to purchase eggs and trout food; the fish will go into local waters.
- Bridgeport Fish Enhancement Foundation (BFEF) is a nonprofit entity. They have had eggs before and they've proven themselves to be a capable nonprofit.
- Some commissioners did not support the request because the water meter is not separate from the other business. There is not currently a plan to resolve this issue.
- The only other funding commitment from the Fish & Wildlife Fine Fund is for \$3,500. The Fine Fund is down to about \$9,000.

Board Discussion

- The split vote of the Fisheries Commission shouldn't sway the Board's decision if they want to approve the funding.
- The BFEF is working towards self-sufficiency through participation of area businesses; there is a lot of in-kind support by the nonprofit. The discussion of self-sufficiency has taken place at the Fisheries Commission.
- Question about how this request is different from a previous request made by IAG.
 - Lyster: Funding granted to IAG was then given to a for-profit group to purchase fish food.
- Question about whether or not this is a gift of public funds.
 - Marshall Rudolph, County Counsel: This is not a gift of public funds if it serves a public purpose.
- Supervisor Alpers explained what type of eggs BFEF would get for \$4,000; this is a

good use of the funds. They should get a good return of trout in the water.

- Lyster: The County does not purchase these fish; they are planted at no cost. BFEF covers costs through donations, fishing derbies, etc.
- Organizations need to know that no other expenditures will be approved until there is more revenue in the fund.
- The BFEF needs to provide a bi-annual report about their progress.
- In the future, the Board should consider funding requests from nonprofit organizations only.

17b) Mono County Tourism Workshop (Alicia Vennos/Jeff Simpson/Jimmy Little) - Presentation by Alicia Vennos/Jeff Simpson on behalf of the Mono County Tourism & Film Commission regarding an overview of accomplishments and goals for Tourism.

Action: None (informational only).

Alicia Vennos, Economic Development: Introduced members of the Tourism Commission. PowerPoint presentation reviewed the following:

- Tourism Commission vision.
- Tourism is Mono County's economic engine.
- Charts showing annual room revenue; shoulder seasons are growing.
- Doing more with less: Compared the amount of money spent promoting Mono County with what competitors spend.
- June Lake winter marketing campaign—Economic Development acted as June Lake's marketing agent.
- Reviewed June Lake marketing efforts. Received calls from people who saw the billboard. Assisted with community events, animation and activities. The campaign helped create a foundation for the future.
- Reviewed the winter TOT generated county-wide.
- Jeff Simpson reviewed the foundational cornerstones of the marketing efforts: 1) new website component that allows lodging reservations to be made online; 2) mobile device platform; 3) social media; 4) monthly email marketing; 5) visitor's guide, brochures, map guide, and scenic events calendar; 6) trade shows and state fair; 7) public relations/ media highlights; 8) print advertising; 9) special projects and partnerships.
- Opportunities: Collaborative partnerships, community support, and film industry. Showed a Jeep commercial filmed in Mono County. The department is currently unable to provide outreach to the film community due to lack of resources.
- People tend to relocate to places they love to visit. Digital 395 will provide better access for people who can relocate and work remotely.

Board Discussion

- Working with other agencies has paid off.
- What would the department do if their budget allowed efforts to be doubled?
 - Vennos: More advertising, online marketing, search engine optimization to increase website exposure, make the website more interactive, create a photography and videography budget.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Additional Departments: Clerk of the Board

18a) Board of Supervisors Agenda Structure (Jim Leddy, CAO, and Lynda Roberts, Clerk of the Board) - Consider and discuss changes to the current format of the

Board of Supervisors' agenda.

Action: None

Jim Leddy, CAO: Reviewed agenda format changes that would allow for better use of staff time and board time. Many counties are using the lunch break to meet in closed session.

Board Discussion

- Morning is a better time to conduct public business.
- Having closed session later may facilitate more efficiency.
- Retain Board reports.
- Would like to retain three opportunities for public comment.
 - Leddy: An opportunity can be offered prior to closed session.
- Supervisors support a working lunch.
- Times assigned to agenda items need to be more realistic. Board members need to be more aware of the time.
 - Leddy: The County needs to establish an expectation with the public. Time management is being dealt with internally.
- Certain high interest items could have a time certain.
- The public should be given ample time to comment.
- Staff should use videoconferencing to present their items to avoid lengthy travel times.
- Supervisors support the changes.

Adjourn to Closed Session/Dinner: 5:14 p.m. The Board reconvened at 6:05 p.m. for the Budget Workshop.

FINANCE

19a)

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

Action: None (informational only).

Chairman Hunt: This is an opportunity for the public to participate in the budget process.

Supervisor Johnston: Introduced himself and then described the locations of the four supervisorial districts in Mammoth. This is the 5th public town hall meeting. The process is new this year; the Board wants to receive public input. A summary of all the town hall meetings will be posted online.

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: 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

LARRY JOHNSTON
VICE-CHAIR

LYNDA ROBERTS
CLERK OF THE BOARD

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