



**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 2, 2014**

9:01 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Johnston.

*Supervisors Present: Fesko, Hunt, Johnston and Stump.  
Supervisors Absent: Alpers.*

*Closed Session: 10:20 a.m.  
Reconvene: 11:21 a.m.  
Adjourn: 11:22 a.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 August 12, 2014, as corrected.

**Hunt moved; Fesko Seconded**

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

**M14-164**

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Pointed out that p. 5 of 7, under 8b (correspondence), the description should say "Grant" Deed, not "Grand" Deed.

## B. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

**Action:** Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 19, 2014, as corrected.

**Stump moved; Hunt seconded**

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

**M14-165**

**Supervisor Stump:**

- On p. 8 of draft minutes, should say "Mr." Eckert, not "Mo" Eckert.

## 3. PRESENTATIONS

### A. Presentation of Appreciation in Recognition of Edward Nolan's Retirement

Departments: CAO

Resolution honoring Edward Nolan's years of service with Mono County.

**Action:** Approve proposed resolution honoring Edward Nolan's service with Mono County.

**Fesko moved; Hunt seconded**

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

**M14-166**

### B. Presentation of Appreciation in Recognition of Teresa Neely's Retirement

Departments: CAO

Resolution honoring Teresa Neely's years of service with Mono County.

**Action:** Approve proposed resolution honoring Teresa Neely's service with Mono County.

**Fesko moved; Hunt seconded**

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

**M14-167**

## 4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- Absent.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- 8/20 – Meeting with Ingrid Braun, Sheriff Elect; insightful to hear some of her ideas.
- 8/21 – Attended Bridgeport RPAC meeting, great attendance, working on some great things.
- 8/28 – Met with Supervisor Elect Stacy Corless; gave her north county tour. Went through old hospital.
- 8/28 – Met with Antelope Valley Thrift and Recycle Center; major budget issues there. Trying to save this program.
- 8/28 evening – meeting with Antelope Valley CERT; good training.
- 8/31 – Attended 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Founder's Day in Bridgeport, good turnout. Spoke with lots of vendors. Hats off to Sarah Huggins. Attended dinner at the Hall that night, acted as auctioneer. Shout out to all Public Works staff for set up and take down of Founder's Day.
- CSA #5: shout out to Steve Noble from the Ruby Inn regarding the planters outside, he has volunteered to water them.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- 8/21 – Mono County Community Corrections Partnership Meeting. Discussed solutions, ways to spend money. Shout out to Karin Humiston and the great job she is doing for the county.
- 8/21 – Mono County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Board meeting.
- 8/21 – Dan Lyster held workshop in Mammoth; information about background of volcanic history in Mono County. Very informational, no decision making.
- 8/26 – Attended the Mono County Tourism board meeting; appreciates the work the commission is doing.
- This week – starting tomorrow at 1:30 p.m., Sierra Nevada Conservancy is holding meeting, will be doing tours. Reception at Barns and Terrace tomorrow evening. Board Meeting Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Mammoth Mountain Liaison meeting with Supervisor Alpers and CAO Leddy; talked about air service, land exchange projects.
- Water District meeting in the morning; presentation on their perspective on water issue concerning geothermal plant.
- Spent short vacation with family.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- 8/23 – attended Fundraiser for Chalfant Fire Department at Big Trees Nursery.
- 8/25 – Community meeting in Paradise to cover general county issues including budget and planning update and Lower Rock Creek Ranch Development.
- 8/26 – Land Development Technical Advisory Meeting; Convict Lake Resort.
- 8/26 – attended CSA #1 meeting; gave them update on County Budget. They are willing to fund projects as they are able to get them done. Discussion about Crowley Lake Ball Field bathrooms and how project will get done.
- 8/29 – Fire at the dump in Benton; biggest one to occur there ever. Thank you to CAO, he was actually there for four hours.
- Thanked Public Works staff for basketball court built at Chalfant Park; coming out of capital account.
- Thanked Scott, Courtney and Gerry for work on Regional Transportation Plan.
- Reporting for Supervisor Alpers: B.Z. Miller, a June Lake local was caught in construction accident Friday and passed away as a result of this. Said a few words about him. Horrible tragedy for his family and for the June Lake Community. Hard to lose such a calm, reasonable voice in the community. Recognized his numerous contributions and value as a human being. Meeting to be adjourned in his honor.

## 5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

### CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

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

**Jim Leddy:**

- Attended Liaison meeting with Mammoth Mountain; spoke about land exchange issues. Focusing on marketing for this year, including new flights available.
- Held Energy Task Force meeting, multi-department group. Trying to bring solarizing (zero net energy) ideas forward to Board; began employee commute discussion.
- Thanked Joe Blanchard for holding pre-meeting, for CIP projects.
- Strategic Planning Steering Committee meeting; ambassadors ready to go this Thursday; they will go back out to every department; continuing process.
- ORMAT had open house; nice way to get some information.
- Watched dump burn; thanked Tom Music, Fire Departments; will do official debrief. Not sure how it started. Thanked Patty Stump for food/resources.

## 6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

### **Sheriff Obenberger:**

- Believes B.Z.'s memorial services will be 1:00 on Saturday at the Mountain but this is tentative.
- Budget issues: they currently have an inmate that's been approved for a procedure that could cost upwards of \$50,000. It's our duty to provide the surgery. Still tentative.

### **Tony Dublino:**

- Was going to update on fire but feels it's been well covered.
- Thanked various individuals for their presence and work on the fire, he was out of town. First dump fire they've had since he's been in his current position.

### **Stacey Simon:**

- Update on Groundwater Regulations that have been discussed; three bills in legislature, expects governor to sign the bills. Back to board as soon as it's feasible.
- Supervisor Stump: asked if Governor has to sign all three bills to be effective? Stacey: Yes, that's true.

## 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. Proclamation Recognizing September, 2014 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Departments: Board of Supervisors

Proclamation by the Mono County Board of Supervisors declaring September, 2014 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. This item is being sponsored by Supervisor Hunt.

**Action:** Approve Proclamation declaring September, 2014 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

**Hunt moved; Fesko seconded**

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

**M14-168**

### B. 2014-15 Tax Rates

Departments: Finance

Proposed resolution Establishing the 2014-15 Tax Rates on the Secured Roll.

**Action:** Approve and authorize the Chairman's signature on proposed Resolution #R14-47, approving the Tax Rates for Fiscal Year 2014-15. Provide any desired direction to staff.

**Hunt moved; Fesko seconded**

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

**R14-47**

### C. 2014-15 Appropriations (GANN) Limit

Departments: Finance

Proposed resolution Establishing the 2014-15 Appropriations Limit and Making Other Necessary Determinations for the County and for Those Special Districts

Governed by the Board of Supervisors that are Required to Establish Appropriations Limits.

**Action:** Approve and authorize the Chairman's signature on proposed Resolution #R14-48, setting the Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2014-15. Provide any desired direction to staff.

**Hunt moved; Fesko seconded**

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

**R14-48**

D. Resolution of Intention To Approve An Amendment To An Existing CALPERS Contract

Departments: HR / Finance

Proposed resolution of intention to approve an amendment to the contract between the Board of Administration California Public Employees' Retirement System and the Board of Supervisors County of Mono.

**Action:** Adopt proposed resolution, #R14-49, approving an amendment to the contract between the Board of Administration California Public Employees' Retirement System and the Board of Supervisors County of Mono.

**Hunt moved; Fesko seconded**

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

**R14-49**

E. CUPA Rural UST Leak Prevention Program Grant Agreement

Departments: Health

The Mono County Health Department, Environmental Health Division, has applied for and received grant approval for the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Rural Underground Storage Tank Leak Prevention Program Grant Agreement, No. G13-UST-14. Environmental Health requests BOS approval of the Grant Agreement and authorization to implement the grant.

**Action:** BOS approval of the CUPA Rural Underground Storage Tank Leak Prevention Program Grant Agreement, No. G13-UST-14 and approval to Louis Molina, Environmental Health Director, to sign and implement the grant pursuant to the grant agreement requirements.

**Hunt moved; Fesko seconded**

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

**M14-169**

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

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

A. Letter from Bridgeport RPAC to Western Nevada Supply

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Bridgeport Valley Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) would like to

express sincere appreciation for the generous offer of Western Nevada Supply to donate steel posts for the Bridgeport Main Street Banner project.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Mentioned that this has to do with banner to be placed in town; wanted to recognize these people.

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*The board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.*

9. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Contract Award for the Topaz Lane Bridge Maintenance Project

Departments: Public Works

(Vianey White) - Contract award for the Topaz Lane Bridge Maintenance Project which consists of repairs of portions of deteriorated timber railing, replacement of abutment and rock slope protection at the Topaz Lane Bridge No. 47C-0005, 0.1 miles east of State Route 395 in the community of Topaz.

**Action:** 1) identify Sierra View Equipment Inc. as responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid; 2) award and authorize the Public Works Director to sign contract with Sierra View Equipment Inc. for the Topaz Lane Bridge Maintenance Project in the amount of \$67,420; 3) authorize the Public Works Director, in consultation with County Counsel, to administer that contract, including making minor amendments to said contract from time to time as the Public Works Director may deem necessary, and issue change orders to the contract in accordance with Public Contract Code §20142, in an amount not to exceed \$6,742 per change order, provided such amendments do not substantially alter the scope of work, do not cause spending on the project to exceed the budgeted authority of \$98,524, and are approved as to form and legality by County Counsel.

Amend the County Budget as follows: Increase Revenues in Fund 701, State and Federal Construction, Federal Matching Funds by \$21,762 (Prop 1B funds) and Federal Grants Topaz Lane Bridge by \$76,762 and increase expenditures in Land & Improvements, Topaz Ln. Bridge by \$98,524.

**Fesko moved; Stump seconded**

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

**M14-170**

**Vianey White:**

- Explained item and what is being recommended for action.
- Expect to begin project as soon as contracts can get out.
- Explained why numbers are skewed right now and how federal grant works.
- Her time is not being captured at the moment.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Asked about federal grant monies.
- Are we capturing Vianey's time?
- What about Prop 1B monies? We need to capture whatever time we can; it's important.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Thanked staff for all the work done on this; this is a long time coming.

**B. Contract Award for the June Lake Streets Rehabilitation Project**

Departments: Public Works

(Garrett Higerd) - The major work of this project is rehabilitation of up to 8 miles of County owned and maintained streets and roads in June Lake. The project also includes drainage improvements, signage and driveway transitions.

**Action:** 1) identify Qualcon Contractors, Inc. as responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid; 2) approve and authorize Public Works Director's signature on contract with Qualcon Contractors, Inc. for the June Lake Streets Rehabilitation Project in an amount not to exceed \$3,186,709.00; 3) authorize the Public Works Director, in consultation with County Counsel, to administer that contract, including making minor amendments to said contract from time to time as the Public Works Director may deem necessary, and issue change orders to the contract in accordance with Public Contract Code §20142, in an amount not to exceed \$171,835.45 per change order, provided such amendments do not substantially alter the scope of work, do not cause spending on the project to exceed the budgeted authority, and are approved as to form and legality by County Counsel.

**Hunt moved; Fesko seconded**

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

**M14-171**

**Garrett Higerd:**

- Explained item and the recommended action.
- Very significant project and much needed.
- They received 4 competitive bids.
- Likely to be change orders.
- Drainage work to begin this fall.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- What is time frame?

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Mentioned soft costs.
- B.Z. Miller was on subcommittee that worked on this.

**C. Mono County Volunteer Service Event**

Departments: County Administrator's Office

(Jim Leddy) - Chairman Johnston requested a re-visiting of the idea of a Volunteer Recognition Event.

**Action:** None.

**Jim Leddy:**

- Explained item; this is information previously brought to the board.
- He's here to remind folks what cost would be; costs to be offset by ticket sales.
- Email out last fall to RPAC's list; there wasn't a lot of overwhelming response.
- Looking for direction from board on whether or not to proceed.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Still his intent to call it the Commissioner's Ball; first Friday in December, come as you want. Rain check date of Sunday if required.
- Maybe approach as a potluck, with ticket sales. Potential for food drive at the same time,

during the holiday season.

- This would be to recognize commissions, primarily.
- Asked what interest the board has.
- County can't gift public funds; that's why he suggested a potluck.
- Most people don't WANT to be thanked; it's not surprising there wasn't a huge response. But we should thank them regardless.
- Doesn't sound as if there is support; we should drop this for now. We should definitely do Christmas cards.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- We need to annually, if not more often, recognize our volunteers. This format sounds awkward; there wasn't a lot of positive feedback.
- Need to make sure ALL volunteers get recognized whether they come to an event or not.
- Hesitant to agree with this.
- It seems strange to ask them to pay a ticket price or bring food.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Agrees with Supervisor Hunt; not enough positive responses.
- We need to recognize these volunteers but also need to put more thought into how we do this. Could be a ton of county effort and no one being recognized.
- Asking volunteers to pay for their own recognition seems inappropriate, he doesn't support this event. Also, due to budgetary concerns, not appropriate.
- We need to think outside the box.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Also agrees with both Supervisor Hunt and Stump.
- He received feedback that it would be inappropriate for volunteers to pay for their own recognition.
- He's not sure there will be enough buy in.
- He can't support at this time.

**D. CALPERS DSA Contract Amendment - First Reading**

Departments: HR / FINANCE

(Jim Leddy) - 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:** Introduce, read title, and waive further reading of proposed ordinance, 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.

**Hunt moved; Stump seconded**

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

**M14-172**

**Jim Leddy:**

- Part of action to ratify contract with DSA.
- This ordinance needs to happen.

**E. US Fish & Wildlife Service Comment Period on Bi-State Sage Grouse & Travel to Sage-Grouse Conference**

Departments: Community Development

(Wendy Sugimura) - Update on the currently open comment period and approval



request for out-of-state travel to the International Sage-Grouse Forum.

**Action:** Approve out-of-county travel for the International Sage-Grouse Forum on November 13-14 in Salt Lake City utilizing grant funds.

**Fesko moved; Hunt seconded**

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

**M14-173**

**Scott Burns:**

- Explained item.
- There is a comment period that closes soon; wanted to explain why we aren't commenting.
- International Sage-Grouse Forum coming up in November. Thinks they need to have a presence there.
- Wendy might want to highlight this some more.

**Wendy Sugimura:**

- Isn't sure why it's called an International Forum, perhaps they're trying to engage the largeness and importance of the topic?
- Explained definition of threatened species. Discussed comment period.
- Final decision is expected in April of next year.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- What is the target number of birds for success?
- Asked about cow/vehicle vs. bird/fence incidents?

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Cow vs. vehicle on road in question is not infrequent.
- Dr. Coates study already under way when listing proposed a year ago. Seems we have two entities not communicating with each other.
- Grazing?
- Can comment periods keep being reopened?
- If it appears we need to write a letter to the court asking for an extension to respond.

**Marshall Rudolph:**

- He's making a note about potential for a letter.

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

*No one spoke.*

11. 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 - Public Employment

Departments: County Administrator/Human Resources

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: Chief of Probation.

C. 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: Lumen v. Mono County Personnel Appeals Board.

12. REGULAR AGENDA AFTERNOON- NONE

ADJOURN at 11:22 a.m. in memory of B.Z. Miller, June Lake resident that passed away this weekend.

ATTEST

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LARRY K. JOHNSTON  
CHAIRMAN

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SHANNON KENDALL  
SR. DEPUTY CLERK