



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

**Regular Meeting  
September 16, 2014**

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

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

*Break: 11:00 a.m.  
Reconvene: 11:11 a.m.  
Closed Session/Lunch: 12:41 p.m.  
Reconvene: 3:32 p.m.  
Adjourn: 3:35 p.m.*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor

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 September 2, 2014.

**Hunt moved; Stump seconded**

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

**M14-179**

3. PRESENTATIONS - NONE

#### 4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

##### **Supervisor Alpers:**

- He was gone for awhile; coming back with a lot of thanks for everyone's coverage. He's glad to be back from France/Germany. Bottom line, this is longest vacation he's taken in 40 years. Thanked Marshall Rudolph, Tony Dublino and Supervisor Hunt for keeping conservation easement moving; thanked Scott Burns for keeping in touch with June Lake constituents; thanked Jim Leddy and Bob Musil for attending June Lake CAC and RPAC and for doing presentations; thanked MMSA for offering up June Mountain facilities for BZ Miller's memorial services.
- If anyone has a chance to visit the memorial on Omaha Beach in Normandy, it's well worth the trip. Will be talking to June Lake and Southern Mono Historical Society – would be interesting to see if anyone came across on "D" Day. There are many marble crosses at this memorial; it's very inspirational and touching Memorial. Did a lot of historical family tracking.

##### **Supervisor Fesko:**

- Thanked Board for last Tuesday's evening meeting in Walker; all volunteers appreciated it.
- 9/10 – met with ESUSD; they had a strategic process going on; wide variety of people there.
- 9/11 – attended an ATV meeting with other businesses and community in Walker; talked about next year's ATV June 16-20.
- 9/13 – Attended Duck's Unlimited dinner in Bridgeport, had a lot of fun. Turnout was a bit less than last year.

##### **Supervisor Hunt:**

- Spent week enjoying late summer weather;
- Various meetings coming up this week.

##### **Supervisor Johnston:**

- ARC Meeting
- Met with Benton Tribe
- Mammoth Lakes Housing tomorrow.
- Upcoming Town County Liaison meeting; he'll be covering for Supervisor Stump.

##### **Supervisor Stump:**

- Last Wednesday – participated in conference call with AT&T in ongoing effort to secure and restore cell service to portions of Tri-Valley; no definite commitments, efforts ongoing.
- Same evening, Tri Valley Water Commission Meeting with Brent Calloway, he did a great job, Stacey was unable to attend.
- Attended Employee roundtable here last Thursday; thanked all employees that attended this and for their willingness to be frank.
- Later, attended Planning Commission meeting; Lower Rock Creek project plan to go forward.
- Friday had long conversation with lawyer for Benton Tribe regarding letter on our consent agenda and a new proposal regarding land transfer. Advised lawyer that there would be strenuous opposition to this proposal (at highways 203 and 395).

#### 5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

##### CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

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

##### **Jim Leddy:**

- Good turnout for south county roundtable; next month it will be on the third Thursday, 8:00 a.m.

- Office of Education in Bridgeport yesterday, discussed the concept of bringing together services and reducing costs. Took some time looking at space. If successful will be able to get out of two buildings; hope is to bring conceptual plan to the board in several weeks.
- Strategic Planning ongoing.

## 6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

*No one spoke.*

## 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. Mono County Sheriff's Office Court Screener Positions

Departments: Sheriff

The Mono County Sheriff's Office would like to move forward in hiring at least one part-time Court Screener to maintain the agreement with the court system to provide court security for both the Mammoth Lakes and Bridgeport courts.

**Action:** Approval from the Board of Supervisors to move forward with Court Screener interviews to fulfill current positions within the Mono County Sheriff's Office.

**Stump moved; Fesko seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M14-180**

### B. Letter of Support for the Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe

Departments: Board of Supervisors

The Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe is looking for a letter of support from the Board of Supervisors regarding their Fee to Trust Application for "Benton Station". This item is being sponsored by Supervisor Stump.

**Action:** Approve the Chairman's signature on a letter of support for the Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe Fee to Trust Application for "Benton Station".

**Stump moved; No Second**

**Motion Fails**

**Pulled by Supervisor Johnston:**

- He's not comfortable offering support with such little information.
- Feels we need an agenda item; more information – maybe at next meeting. Asks that Board support this request.
- Agrees with Supervisor Stump that it probably is what it appears to be at face value.
- Just wants to make sure we're not heading down the wrong path.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- He concurs with Supervisor Johnston to put off till another meeting.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- He can tell the board that the property is already part of the tribe, it's just not in the trust which is what they are trying to do.
- Explained this property is located where the Benton Station is currently located.
- This request is different than their other request dealing with land transfer.
- He's comfortable with that with getting more information.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Agrees it can move to another meeting.
- He also has questions.
- Concur postponing till next meeting.

C. Department of Health Care Services FY 2014/2015 Contract

Departments: Behavioral Health

This contract is sent each fiscal year for the purposes of funding Mono County Behavioral Health under the Mental Health Services Act. Proposition 63, which created the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), was approved by the voters of California on November 2, 2004. The Mental Health Services (MHS) Fund, which provides funds to counties for the implementation of its MHSA programs, was established pursuant to W&I section 5890. The MHSA was designed to expand California's public mental health programs and services through funding received by a one percent tax on incomes in excess of \$1 million. Counties use this funding for projects and programs for prevention and early intervention, community services and supports, workforce development and training, innovation, plus capital facilities and technological needs through mental health projects and programs. The State Controller distributes MHS Funds to the counties to plan for and provide mental health programs and other related activities outlined in a county's three-year program and expenditure plan or annual update. MHS Funds are distributed by the State Controller's Office to the counties on a monthly basis.

**Action:** Approve County entry into proposed contract and authorize Robin K. Roberts, MFT to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

**Stump moved; Fesko seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes 0 no**

**M14-181**

D. Devils Postpile National Monument General Management Plan Comments

Departments: Board of Supervisors

Consider submitting comments regarding the Draft Devils Postpile National Monument General Management Plan and Environmental Assessment.

**Action:** Authorize Chair signature on comment letter regarding the Devils Postpile National Monument General Management Plan and Environmental Assessment.

**Stump moved; Fesko seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M14-182**

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

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

A. Theotig Correspondence Regarding Increased Trash around Lake Mary

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Letter dated 8/28/14, addressed to the Mammoth Lakes City Council (and copied to the Mono County Board of Supervisors) from Georgette Theotig of Tehachapi, voicing concern over increased trash in the Lake Mary area.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Photo submitted was unfortunate; not sure what the board can do about this.

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*The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.*

9. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Budget Hearings

Departments: Finance/CAO

(Jim Leddy, Leslie Chapman) - Public hearing regarding Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Final Budget - Proposed resolution adopting the final Mono County budget FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2014. Also proposed resolution laying off employees in certain designated positions. To view the Final Budget Hearing Document, please visit the following link:

[http://monocounty.ca.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/auditor\\_-\\_controller/page/3210/fy\\_2014-15\\_proposed\\_final\\_budget.pdf](http://monocounty.ca.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/auditor_-_controller/page/3210/fy_2014-15_proposed_final_budget.pdf).

**Action:** Adopt proposed resolution #R14- 51, adopting the final Mono County Budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. Adopt proposed resolution #R14-52, laying off employees in certain designated positions. Provide any desired direction to staff.

**Hunt moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 3 yes; 2 no: Johnston and Fesko**

**R14-5**

**Hunt moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 3 yes; 2 no: Johnston and Fesko**

**R14-52**

**Opened Public Hearing: 9:26 a.m.**

**COMPLETE AUDIO OF MEETING AVAILABLE ON CD BY REQUEST.**

**Jim Leddy:**

- Introduced item.
- At today's meeting we have a document representative of June's budget meetings.
- With county government, everything has to keep rolling forward.
- Trying to maintain core services as best we can; trying to be honest and realistic about what can be provided.
- Trying to bring costs in line with current resources.
- We have to do things smarter and different.
- We've been in a position of reduction for a long time.
- Explained the requested actions for today.

**POWERPOINT:**

- 2014-2015 Budget Development. (Must have balanced budget to State by Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- 2014-2015 Recommended Budget - \$65.9 million.
- County Staffing Trends.
- Reserves (meant for something we can't see).

- Cost Containment Strategies Labor, Redesign, Administrative).
- Alternative Labor Support.
- Recommended Budget – it's balanced.
- Recommended Budget – does not replenish reserves
- County Liabilities – Unmet Needs. (need money to grow the pie)
- Policy Items – Items from June 2014, this budget reflects recommendations by the board.
- Today's Requested Actions: Review final budget, Review Policy Items, Adopts Resolutions: Enacting 14-15 Budget and governing potential layoffs.
- Oct 7<sup>th</sup>: MOU and Side Agreement is coming to hopefully offset layoffs.
- Layoffs if they come to pass will be effective October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Questions/Comments.

**Leslie Chapman:**

- Purpose for having spreadsheet on screen is so that real time changes can be made with discussion.
- This spreadsheet memorializes what happened in June.

**BOARD DISCUSSION ON POLICY ITEMS:**

- **Contingencies: \$409,248**
- \$325,000 – Administrative Policy
- GF Reserve - \$0
- CARB set aside - \$300,000
- Park Improvement, Benton - \$2,000
  - Supervisor Johnston against due to potential layoffs.
- Park Improvement, Chalfant - \$2,000
  - Supervisor Johnston against due to potential layoffs.
- Prop Tax Admin Fee Refund - \$20,000
- Contributions to Non-Profits: TAKE OUT AND PUT INTO CONTINGENCIES
  - Supervisor Stump against due to potential layoffs; these contributions seem skewed to the southwest portions of the county – requests that this be suspended and re-examined.
  - Supervisor Alpers: asked how money is distributed to these organizations, would putting in suspensions damage individual groups? Supports suspending till mid-year.
  - Supervisor Hunt: sees this as a huge force driving our economic engine. He'd like more money put in there. He's in support of keeping as-is.
  - Supervisor Johnston: agrees with Supervisor Hunt. Would hate to see reduced any further.
  - Supervisor Fesko: Valid points on all sides; thanked MCPE employees; he's also willing to postpone this.
- First Responder Aid - \$150,000
- Behavioral Health - \$7,149
- Promote Appraiser's Aid to Administrative Services Specialist – \$6,145
- Temporary Intern (CDD) – TAKE OUT AND PUT INTO CONTINGENCIES
  - Supervisor Stump – wants to see this bumped to mid-year.
  - Supervisor Johnston – we can't keep saying one thing and doing another.
- Increase Permit Tech Hours - \$5,445
- Half-Time FTS Position (DA) - \$0
- Economic Development Asst , 9 months - \$60,989
- Fish Enhancement Program - \$138,541
  - Alpers – sees that this could be cut down at some point; thinks the county could back away from some of this funding in the future.
- Film Commission: \$5,000
- California State Fair: \$10,000
- Comm event marketing fund – \$20,000

- Trail Maintenance - \$8,000
- Air Service Subsidy - \$50,000
  - Supervisor Stump: should be suspended till next year. Has looked at agreement. Alaska airline is made whole by the mountain. He's willing to defer due to circumstances. Sometimes subsidies become entitlements.
  - Supervisor Fesko: this program will not go away if we don't support this. Doesn't support this although he's a huge proponent of economic development.
  - Supervisor Hunt: still supports this, being an economic player in the county. Is concerned that we aren't getting an accurate accounting. How about authorizing \$25,000 now and pushing \$25,000 off till mid-year. He will go for full \$50,000 but wants an agenda item to address accounting issue.
  - Supervisor Alpers: he supports this but does have an accounting issue.
  - Supervisor Johnston: every successful resort area in the nation has an airline component that they support. Agrees that accounting issue needs to be addressed. As an aside, it's not unanimous by this board that we're doing layoffs.
- Replace two cardiac monitors (EMS) - \$76,000
- Government Transparency Suite Software
- Financial System Upgrade plus additional modules
- Cemetery Fund (PW) - \$2,000
- Road Fund (PW) - \$448,317
- Conway Ranch Subsidy - \$16,355
- Fund 103 – Social Services - \$355,000
- Fund 103 – Social Services Senior Program - \$146,579
- Fund 103 – Social Services General Relief - \$19,256
- Corrections Officer Jail (Sheriff) - \$85,000

**NON GENERAL FUND POLICY ITEMS:**

- Reclassify Admin Services Specialist - \$22,159
- Drug Task Force Office Space - \$27,258
- Public Health – first two items yes
- Promote 2 Environmental Health Specialists from II to III - \$9,072
- Bay for Crowley Road Shop (PW) – bring back on October 7th
  - Supervisor Johnston – can't we collaborate with the Town for the use of their space?
- Replacement Vehicles - \$95,000
  - Jeff Walters – gave current explanation and amount being requested.
  - Supervisor Stump – recommended we adjust to \$95,000 for emergency vehicle.
- Oil Separator 50/50 road/motor - \$20,000
- Recycling Infrastructure and Program (SW) - \$100,000
- Solar panels and battery banks for landfill scales and printers (SW) - \$10,000
- Promote staff services analyst II to III - \$4,122
- Promote 2 social worker II to III - \$11,360

**Jim Leddy:**

- Explained recommended actions.
- Thanked Leslie and her staff again; can't thank them enough.
- Trying to create atmosphere where there is no fear; there are no bad ideas.
- These are the times that will help set us up for the future; hard time but we'll get through it. We have an awesome team in place.
- Need to embrace what can be; openness needs to continue.
- Asks that the Board passes budget
- We need to be very realistic about projections. We cannot over-project revenues.
- Will instruct staff to look at insurance for medics and SAR.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Asked about public hearing – public needs to comment.

- Asked for liabilities clarification.
- Would have questions for Mammoth Housing.
- Asked that a "g" be added to anything grant related on the budget to make it stand out.
- 1/3 of the county is not eligible for paramedic insurance.
- \$1.7 million reserve – there have been suggestions that we use this money to help avoid layoffs. After watching disasters, he can't support diverting that fund.
- Thanked everyone; MCPE folks.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Asked various questions about budget (full details available on audio cd).
- SAR idea – rescue insurance for when you go out into the wilderness. Would help cover SAR costs.
- Why have the reserves if we're not going to use it in some judicious manner? Feels layoff notices are completely unnecessary; this was a matter of timing. We could've used a small portion of our reserves as a buffer.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Housing element question.
- Need to ask whether the county should be in the rental market? Need as item on Housing Authority meeting.
- Talked about lighting.
- Brought up idea of paramedic insurance as well.
- Also thanked everyone; thanked MCPE employees who are being asked beyond what others are being asked to do. Hoping to avoid layoffs.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- Thanked everyone for participating in the process; it's been a good process.

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- Concur with what everyone else says.
- Tough times don't last, tough people do.

**Leslie Chapman:**

- Answered in depth questions asked about budget (full details available on audio cd).
- Explained fund numbers, which are general fund and which are non-general fund.

**Marshall Rudolph:**

- He believes there is some billing that is attempted when SAR rescues occur outside of the county.
- Feels the research to look at SAR vs. paramedic insurance is basically the same.

**Sheriff Obenberger:**

- Explained billing for SARS, etc.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE**

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED: 12:25 p.m.**

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

*No one spoke.*

11. CLOSED SESSION

*There was nothing to report out of closed session on items 11b or 11c. On Item 11a, the appointment of Clerk-Recorder, candidate Bob Musil was chosen.*

*Vote was as follows:*

*3 yes: Alpers, Hunt and Johnston; 0 no; 2 abstain: Fesko and Stump.*

A. Closed Session - Public Employment - Clerk-Recorder

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: Clerk-Recorder.



B. 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.

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: U.S. and Walker River Paiute Tribe v. Walker River Irrigation District, et al. Subfiles C-125B and C-125:C.

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

A. Continuation of Budget Hearings

Departments: Finance/CAO

**NOT NEEDED – ITEM COMPLETED DURING REGULAR MORNING SESSION.**

ADJOURN 3:35 p.m.

ATTEST

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LARRY K. JOHNSTON  
CHAIRMAN

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SHANNON KENDALL  
SR. DEPUTY CLERK