



**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 15, 2015**

9:03 A M Meeting called to Order by Chairman Fesko.

*Supervisors present: Alpers, Corless, Fesko, and Johnston.
Supervisors absent: Stump.*

*Break: 10:15 a.m.
Reconvene: 10:23 a.m.
Closed Session: 11:50 a.m.
Reconvene: 2:21 p.m.
Adjourn: 2:51 p.m.*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Fesko.

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<http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/meetings>.

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 1, 2015.

Alpers moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Stump

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3. RECOGNITIONS

A. Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Susi Bains, Wild Iris Director) - Proclamation designating October 2015 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Action: Approve Proclamation designating October 2015 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Corless moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Stump

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Susi Bains:

- Gave brief update on Domestic Violence, provided miscellaneous statistics.
- Gave information and a handout about the first annual "Hope Out Loud" event. Will take place on two dates/locations: 10/9/15, 6:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lodge in Mammoth and 10/23/15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Inyo Council for the Arts.
- Supervisor Corless read and presented proclamation to Ms. Bains.

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS (ask for emails)

Supervisor Alpers:

- 9/9 - Attended the Mono Basin RPAC meeting held at the Lee Vining Community Center. Caltrans updated the community on the Lee Vining Rockfall Project. Although the project contractor was a bit ahead of schedule and Phase 1 of the project was complete, Caltrans staff made the decision in early August to suspend the project for this year. The contractor will return next spring to commence Phase 2 of the project. Because of the possibility of working into early November, and the prospect of an early El Niño winter, staff chose to make the safe choice of curtailing project operations. County staff held the RTP & General Plan update and associated EIR workshop. This workshop will be held later today for the BOS. Thank you once again to County Planning staff for their late night work.
- 9/11 - Attended the University of Nevada-Reno Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee Banquet held at the Silver Legacy Reno Ballroom. Long time UNR Baseball Coach and classmate Gary Powers and his 1994 45-win squad were inducted into the athletic Hall of Fame. It was a great honor for a good friend. As an aside, spoke to many coaches, professors and alumni at the function and all of them were very aware of the high number of students that attend UNR from the Inyo-Mono region.

Supervisor Corless:

- Strategic Planning: Met with team to further develop the one-year priority plan and timeline that is now scheduled to come to the BOS on October 13.
- Chamber: Met with Craig Schmidt, director of the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce. He let her know that the chamber grant and Mono County were awarded a USDA grant to support local businesses, which will include a business survey, technical assistance programs, and customer service training. Congratulations to Alicia Vennos and team.
- MCWD appealing Ormat court decision.
- Congratulations to Shira Dubrovner, artistic director at Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre, for receiving an award at Congressman Paul Cook's

annual “Salute to Women” event honoring women, young leaders and mentors in the 8th district.

- Sheriff Braun was quoted in NY Times story published Sept 11 about burning man law enforcement, portraying Mono County in a positive light.
- Many thanks to Inyo National Forest fire crews that on Friday quickly put out an out-of-control illegal campfire at McLeod Lake—one of the most popular and beloved destinations for hikers, anglers, and dogs. She got in a little trouble with District Ranger Jon Regelbrugge for posting some No Fire signs at trailheads in the Lakes Basin (which he found out about for a post on social media). The good news is that rain magically appeared after the signs went up, and she knows now how to get our district ranger to return a call. Seriously though—we’ve talked about fire and smoke impacts, and even with the rain, our residents are on edge, and we are getting requests for an all-out ban on fires. We need to have a conversation with land management agencies and good answers for our constituents.
- Thanked Inyo National Forest Crews, crew 22 – put out illegal campfire at McCloud Lake Friday afternoon.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Last few days – dealing with friends about the Butte Fire; they lost museum but was able to save one of a kind phones; has other friends that were evacuated as well.
- Yesterday attended the LTC – nothing to report out of that at this time.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Noted that the state legislature ended its special session on Sept. 11 but it indicated that there could be a “continuance.” Although several items were addressed, the main issue of transportation funding was not resolved, with the hope that a continuance of the session could be pursued to address the issue.
- The Town of Mammoth Lakes approved the reusable bag provisions and the ordinance is in the process of being adopted, due to take effect on Mar 1, 2016. Asked to have this issue be considered by the Board of Supervisors and possibly adopt an ordinance coordinated with the Town’s.
- The Gran Fondo was held this Saturday – it was well attended and the air quality smoke impacts seemed to cooperate.
- Attended the Great Basin Unified APCD meeting where the smoke issue was discussed. Noted that there is movement afoot to form a group, with a member from the Town and County, and perhaps from Inyo County and the City of Bishop, to meet with our congressman. Mr. Stump has indicated interest in acting as the County’s participant. Mr. Eastman will be addressing the Town to ascertain its interest and I have informed Supervisor Kingsley about this idea.
- Attended the ESCOG meeting last Friday, meeting first at the Mammoth Lakes Airport. Supervisor Corless may also report on this item.
- Attended the LTC meeting on Monday. Items included reports from the Town, County and CALTRANS. A presentation on the updated Regional Transportation Plan was also presented.
- Met a potential candidate for State Assembly, Mr. Robert Carabas.
- Asked to have the issue of “chip seal” potential on Benton Crossing Road discussed at an appropriate future time. This is in regard to the conflict of cycling with the surface condition created by chip seal.
- He will be gone on vacation beginning day after tomorrow for ten days.

Supervisor Stump:

- Absent.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

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

Lynda Salcido:

- 9/10 hosted phone conference between Sheriff Braun, Phil West, Pat West a nurse and herself regarding Sheriff's response to deaths in relation to hospice care. 9/28 a certification will be conducted. Open communication between hospice and Sheriff/Coroner's office. (Supervisor Fesko mentioned the hospice issues in his district; it's been on his radar for a couple years, thanked Lynda Salcido for her work.)
- Same day – attended Great Basin Air Pollution meeting; Dr. Johnson gave a great talk on impacts of smoke, discussed impacts on tourism. Town Council meeting – might attend tomorrow.
- Later – hosted Strategic Planning Group; a presentation for board being crafted; continues to move forward.
- 9/14 – didn't attend ESCOG meeting but participated in some Inyo County interviews; able to find good candidate for them.
- 9/14 – special meeting of Southern Mono Health Care District board; learned that CAO at Inyo had resigned, new appointee already coming on board.

6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Lynda Salcido:

- Last night the smoke levels were off the screen, the worst we've ever had. Another set of advisories and guidelines were issued.
- Continue to be careful and don't exert too much in this smoke.
- She called Lake County Health Dept. yesterday and offered any help they might need.

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. Hiring Freeze Variance for Temporary Intern

Departments: Community Development Department

Approve hiring freeze variance for a temporary, part-time, limited term, unbenefited Community Development Intern.

Action: Approve hiring freeze variance and authorize the community development director to initiate recruitment of a temporary, part-time, limited term, unbenefited Community Development Intern.

Alpers moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Stump

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Supervisor Fesko:

- Mentioned again that we do have a hiring freeze and although we can hire, everything has to come in front of the board.

B. Hiring Freeze Variance--Quality Assurance Coordinator

Departments: Behavioral Health

This vacancy is due to resignation of our current Quality Assurance Coordinator, who is leaving Mono County to relocate to the Bay Area. This position provides essential duties regarding our business, clinical and program systems. This position engages with other county government departments, State and Federal agencies, and grant holders regarding data, outcomes, deliverables and anything related to our policy and procedures related to funding. This position also oversees all audits with the Department of Health Care Services.

Action: 1. Adopt Resolution #R15-65, authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the County of Mono list of allocated positions to reflect the addition of a Quality Assurance Coordinator in the Behavioral Health Department and to authorize the County Administrative Officer to fill said allocated position. 2. Approve a hiring freeze variance to allow the Behavioral Health Department to fill the allocated position of a Quality Assurance Coordinator.

Alpers moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Stump

R15-65

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C. Hiring Freeze Variance Request

Departments: Sheriff's Office

The Sheriff's Office has four vacant Deputy Sheriff positions, which have been frozen to save money and balance the County budget. Three of these positions have been vacant for over a year. The 2015/2016 Budget authorized filling two of the four vacant Deputy Sheriff positions.

Action: Approve a variance of the hiring freeze to allow the Mono County Sheriff's Office to recruit and hire two Deputy Sheriff I/II positions.

Alpers moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Stump

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D. Hiring Freeze Variance: Deputy II position

Departments: Sheriff's Office

The Mono County Sheriff's Office recently had a Deputy II resign and leave a vacancy in the department. This vacancy leaves the department down five (5) patrol deputy positions. A hiring freeze variance is being requested to recruit and hire a Lateral Deputy Sheriff in the Deputy II capacity to fill this vacancy.

Action: Approve a variance of the hiring freeze to allow the Mono

County Sheriff's Office to recruit and hire one Deputy Sheriff II position.

Johnston moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Stump

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Items D and E pulled by Supervisor Johnston:

- Asked for some clarification on the salaries for these items.
- Sheriff Braun gave some information.

Leslie Chapman:

- Gave explanation.
- Details about PERS side funding; currently accelerating the PERS payments.

Marshall Rudolph:

- Investigators are in a different group; PERS calculations are different in this coverage group.

Ted Carleton (The Sheet):

- Asked what the deadline is to pay this off?

E. Approval of At Will Contract for Wesley Hoskin

Proposed employment agreement with Wesley Hoskin pertaining to the Investigator 1 Position for the District Attorney's Office.

Action: Approve Resolution #R15-66, approving an employment agreement with Wesley Hoskin, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment. Authorize the Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Johnston moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Stump

R15-66

Pulled by Supervisor Johnston:

- See Item D for details on both items.

F. Temporary Road Closure of Convict Lake Road for Pedestrian Bridge Work

Replacement of a pedestrian bridge at the Convict Lake outfall requires the temporary closure of Convict Lake Road.

Action: Adopt Resolution No. R15-67, "A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Authorizing the Temporary Closure of Convict Lake Road for Pedestrian Bridge Work."

Alpers moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Stump

R16-67

G. ESTA JPA Amendment

Departments: Board of Supervisors, County Counsel

Proposed third amendment to Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Joint Powers Agreement (ESTA JPA).

Action: Approve proposed third amendment to ESTA JPA Agreement

and authorize the Board Chair to sign said amendment on behalf of the County.

Alpers moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Stump

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8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL) - NONE

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

9. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Fish and Game Fine Fund Expenditure

Departments: Economic Development

(Alicia Vennos) - The Board consider and approve the recommendation by the Mono County Fisheries Commission to allocate \$700.00 from the Fish and Game Fine Fund to support the Mammoth Creek Clean-up Day.

Action: Approve the recommendation by the Mono County Fisheries Commission to allocate \$700.00 from the Fish and Game Fine Fund to support the Mammoth Creek Clean-up Day.

Alpers moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Stump

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Supervisor Corless:

- She is presenting staff report because Jeff Simpson is on vacation and chair of Fisheries Commission has her birthday today.
- At last meeting the Fisheries Commission voted to support a clean-up effort on Mammoth Creek and to allocate \$700.00 from their fine fund to fund this.
- The \$700.00 will be paid to Friends of the Inyo to assist their efforts/coordination and staffing for event.

Supervisor Johnston:

- He's happy we are doing something about the litter left behind from the fisherman; especially since we promote the fishing so aggressively.
- Is there such a thing as biodegradable lines or lures or anything?
Asked that someone check into this.

Supervisor Fesko:

- He thinks this is good; thinks we need to continue expanding education on clean up while fishing. We need some way to enhance this education.

Supervisor Alpers:

- Some of the material does dissolve within a certain period of time.

B. Resolution of Intent To Approve An Amendment To An Existing CALPERS Contract

Departments: Finance

(Leslie Chapman) - 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: Proposed resolution #R15-68, approving an amendment to the contract between the Board of Administration California Public Employees" Retirement System and the Board of Supervisors, County of Mono.

Johnston moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Stump.

R15-68

Leslie Chapman:

- This is just for the bargaining unit for the one Lieutenant in the Sheriff's office; required to change the PERS contract.
- Trying to get in line with other contract.

C. CALPERS SDMGMT Contract Amendment Ordinance - First Reading

Departments: Finance

(Leslie Chapman) - 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.

Corless moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent: Stump

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Leslie Chapman:

- This is part of previous item; another piece to take care of.
- Will come back in several weeks due to timeline by PERS.

D. Regional Transportation Plan/General Plan Update Workshop

Departments: Community Development Department

(Scott Burns, Wendy Sugimura, Brent Calloway) - Presentation by the Mono County Community Development Department regarding the 2015 Regional Transportation Plan/General Plan Update.

Action: None.

Scott Burns:

- Explained item and that we periodically update our general plan.
- Congrats to Wendy who secured grant (approximately \$325,000).
- Only county in state that has compressed their planning documents;

plan is very comprehensive.

- No major changes, just tweaks that will be highlighted in presentation.
- Intent in EIR is to streamline things.
- Thanked everyone that helped.
- “Private Road” issue: might be good to invite Stacey Simon up to clarify.
- Explained definition of “neighborhood acceptance”, neighborhood support.
- Answered questions about avalanche hazards in our county; we’d need a very good expert to come in and update what’s been done previously.

Wendy Sugimura:

2015 Regional Transportation Plan/General Plan Update:

- Gave brief introduction to item.
- RTP/GPU and EIR Components.
- Major Planning Efforts for Policy Development.
- Land Use Element
 - Buildout Calculations
 - Maps – online at <https://monomammoth.maps.arcgis.com/home/>
 - Area Plans (different areas in the county)
 - Development Regulations
 - Clarification of existing policies
 - Modified or eliminated outdated/inconsistent policies
 - Streamlined or updated regulations to reflect local circumstances
 - Addressed State mandates, such as fire safe regulations
- Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
- Conservation/Open Space Element
 - Biological Assessment
 - Policy Development and Review
- Safety and Noise Elements
- Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP)
- Environmental Impact Report
- 2015 Anticipated Adoption Schedule
- Questions? Comments?

Supervisor Fesko:

- Discussion about map system in relation to use of words “private road”; feels it needs to be changed.
- Is impressed with maps and how they work and the amount of information there is to access; great to have online.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Asked about criteria for “neighborhood acceptance”? How do you maintain consistency with so many different perspectives?
- Asked about Long Valley – how do they meet when they don’t have a formal RPAC?
- Asked for more detail on the Resource Efficiency Plan.

Supervisor Corless:

- Trails planning questions.

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

11. CLOSED SESSION

There was nothing to report out 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 Lynda Salcido. 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

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrator.

C. Closed Session - Public Employment

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: HR Director.

D. Conference with Legal Counsel

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: one. Facts and circumstances: personnel complaint.

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES AFTER CLOSED SESSION

12. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Dana Stroud:

- Updates from Sierra Nevada Conservancy.
- End of this week is the great Sierra River Clean up for Mammoth this Saturday, hosting northern parts of River. Also one at Owens River in Bishop.
- October 8th – SNC, hosting webinar on WHIP program, can go to website. From 1-2:30 p.m.
- October 1st – hosting new area manager, Randy Jordenson; she'll be sending out invitations. Late afternoon/evening, location(s) to be determined.
- SNC in process of updating its Strategic Action Plan, final version at December meeting, will be released to public again prior to that.

13. **REGULAR AGENDA – AFTERNOON**

A. **Benton and Chalfant Ballfields**

Departments: Public Works Facilities

(Joe Blanchard) - Discussion regarding the condition of the Benton and Chalfant Ballfields and Public Works' efforts to make improvements.

Action: None.

Joe Blanchard:

- Gave brief introduction including history and current conditions.
- The county has added projects but reduced staff; makes it hard to get things completed.
- He feels Chalfant Park is looking a lot better.
- Does not have hard numbers on how many people use these facilities.
- If we can get to the point where the grass, etc. can be normally maintained the cost would go down.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Asked whether or not we should postpone until Supervisor Stump was present?
- He originally didn't want money allocated to fixing these things because not many people use them.
- Watering and mowing takes a lot of effort for no return. He's reluctant to encourage much more work; he thinks maybe a different approach needs to be taken for ballfield – just dirt for both infield and outfield.
- For him, this makes no sense. The water issue is going to remain an issue. When we allocate money to things, we need to think about what our staffing levels are. If we can't staff these projects, we're missing something.

Supervisor Alpers:

- Asked about numbers of people actually using it?

Supervisor Corless:

- We voted to maintain these; we may need to look at doing things differently in the future but for now we need to continue to maintain them.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Feels things look much improved at this time; he knows Supervisor Stump is in favor of this work/maintenance.
- How do you decide how many kids using it is enough kids using it? He's in support of this.
- Feels that if Supervisor Stump has any issues with what occurred today then the item should be brought back. If not, he feels it's being handled appropriately.

B. **Assessor's Response to Grand Jury Report**

Departments: Assessor, Board of Supervisors

(Barry Beck) - Discussion with the Assessor regarding his proposed responses to findings and recommendations of the 2014-15 grand jury report pertaining to the Assessor's Office ("Case #05"). (This item was requested by Supervisor Corless with concurrence by the Assessor, Barry Beck.)

Action: None.

Barry Beck:

- He's hopeful that the Board has already reviewed the responses submitted with the packet.
- Asked for questions/comments.
- BOE arrived yesterday; they'll be here for several weeks. Should have first draft of their report in about a month.

Supervisor Corless:

- Thanked Barry to coming to the Board.
- While it's not legally required for an elected official to speak publicly about his responses, etc. they felt it was a good idea.
- She concurs with his response, particularly recommendation #1 (BOS monitoring staff more closely), wants to stay in close communication with his office.
- She was most interested in having the transparency of his office.
- BOE will be here for audit – hope all goes well. Asked for a report of how audit goes after it's completed.

Supervisor Fesko:

- It's unprecedented to have this type of item in front of the board.
- Agrees that continued updates to the board are encouraged.

Supervisor Johnston:

- He neither concurs or disagrees with what Barry Beck says in his report.
- The Board has their own report to do as well.

ADJOURN 2:51 p.m.

ATTEST

TIMOTHY E. FESKO
CHAIRMAN

SHANNON KENDALL
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD