



**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 Suite Z, 2nd Floor Minaret Mall, 437 Old Mammoth Rd., Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

**Regular Meeting
February 21, 2017**

9:08 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chairwoman Corless.

Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Johnston, and Stump (at Mammoth Lakes teleconference location, Suite "Z"); Peters (in Bridgeport).

Supervisors Absent: None.

**All votes done by roll call vote, facilitated by the clerk of the board.*

Closed Session: 9:55 a.m.

Reconvene: 12:00 p.m.

Break: 1:59 p.m.

Reconvene: 2:10 p.m.

Adjourn: 3:07 p.m.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Stump.

Supervisor Corless:

- Mentioned that Items #9a and #9b have been postponed until the regularly scheduled meeting on March 7, 2017.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Eric McCann (Washoe Paiute of Antelope Valley):

- Here to discuss staking receivership of Antelope. He wants this on record so this can be taken care of. Gave some history.

- Supervisor Stump: Who are you demanding receivership from?
- Supervisor Corless: can't take action on public comment but appreciates update.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE

3. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- Close meeting in memory of Erin Willingham, June Lake Resident, Town of Mammoth Lakes employee who died 2/17, and (added in afternoon agenda discussion) Saul Morales of Mammoth Lakes.
- EMS discussion, continued—Wednesday, March 8 in Bridgeport, 10am.
- 2/16: Eastern Sierra Child Support Services Regional Oversight Committee special meeting, with agency staff Ashlee Alex and Emily Casabian, Rebecca Buccowich from our CAO office, Inyo County Supervisor Mark Tillemans and CAO Kevin Carunchio: Collection rate of 71%, top 15-20 agencies in the state (there are 49); approved the 17/18 budget recommendation/changes from prior year's budget.
- ESCSS had to move offices in Bishop twice in January but still maintained work/collections levels; they are interested and would like to be included in discussions of South County facilities in Mammoth.
- 2/17: Eastern Sierra Council of Governments
 - Approved first quarter work plan for new Inyo-Mono Broadband consortium, including formation of provider and community advisory councils, to which Mono County will need to appoint members (will bring this back for further discussion in March).
 - Approved letter of support to legislators re: Outdoor Rec Act.
 - Directed City of Bishop officials/staff to look at creating a stable web presence for ESCOG; currently there isn't one place to find meeting information, agendas, minutes, etc.
 - Discussion of regional air service: not too much to report due to weather.
 - Cannabis regulation: review of policy will be on agenda for August meeting.
 - YARTS JPS meets 2/22.
 - NACo legislative conference 2/24-3/1.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Attended the First 5 Commission meeting last Thursday and met the other Commissioners. The Chair is the County Supt. of Education, Stacy Adler. He was impressed with the various programs First 5 operates, and their efforts to track progress achieved.
- Attended the monthly meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Board. We discussed several items, including continuation of the June Lake Community Shuttle service this summer.
- ESTA also operated a shuttle in June Lake from several locations to June Mountain, in an effort to reduce some of the parking crunch this last Saturday and Sunday. June Mountain supported this special service.
- He has received several emails and calls regarding the sheep grazing issue before the Board. There is clearly much concern about this issue in the County.
- He continues to be impressed with county staff's dedication and hard work during these storms.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Has been receiving a number of emails and has been reviewing numerous reports and background studies related to the Big Horn sheep issue coming up on March 7.
- Along with other supervisors participated in the EMS workshop held last week; follow up will be on March 8th special meeting.
- Also along with other supervisors participated in the Cemetery workshop held last week.
- Attended the ESCOG meeting last Friday; Supervisor Corless has reported on this meeting.
- Attended the CSAC Board of Directors meeting; main items included road funding legislation

and possible effects on the IHSS program as currently contained in the Governor's budget. Provided handouts from the meeting including a graphic one that describes California's Uneven Recovery.

- As other Supervisors have commented, thanked the staff for efforts during the recent storms. Noted and thanked the Town for supplying CCC crews for snow removal work.

Supervisor Peters:

- Held 2 Town Halls in Walker and Bridgeport. At the Bridgeport Town Hall, there was a Behavioral Health Social organized by Debra Stewart.
- Attended the Cal Trans Aspen Fales Public Hearing.
- Bridgeport RPAC last Thursday – Banner Project
- Met separately with Fire Chiefs Mike Curti and Mike Booher.
- On Thursday visited the Bridgeport Parks/Facilities Shop and observed the training for the new Mono County Thermal Bio Mass Project which provides heat for the Road and Facilities shop. On site was a Rep from Viessman (acknowledged Joe Blanchard and the Facilities Team led by Jason Davenport Project Manager, Don Nunn, Electrical, Jesse Hale, Tom Music, Eric Ellets, Tony Iniquez, John Hauter, and Claude Fiddler).
- Recognized Animal Control for all their work during difficult weather challenges.
- Thanked Public Works, Cal Trans, Sheriffs and Highway Patrol.
- Toured the Bridgeport Cemetery.
- Met with our DA Tim Kendall.
- Scheduled a meeting with Jim Donallen at MWTC for 28th.

Supervisor Stump:

- Continued work on the SGMA and its impact on the County, Tri Valley, and Swall Meadows. On Thursday, had a long conversation with Bob Harrington of the Inyo County Water Department. I was informed that the Department of Water Resources has issued new and quite strict guidelines on what a sustainability plan should contain.
- Continued work with Frontier on phone service issues in Hammil Valley. Hammil Valley has no cell service and there are many landline problems that have been documented by the community. Basic 911 service is at risk. He will go to the Public Utilities Commission if Frontier's response is inadequate.
- Thoughts on the Oroville Dam situation: The Sacramento Bee has reported that the flood plan for the dam has not been updated for 50 years. This is in addition to the 10 year recognition that the spillways needed repair and upgrades. Hwy 70 has a 20+ mile streak of two lane road that has been on an upgrade list for many years. When the evacuation order was issued this stretch of road became gridlocked. Our State Government has ignored these issues, of course after evacuating 180,000 people they are now getting attention. We have been discussing the need to evaluate our performance during this winter and create improvements in communication and coordination. I hope that when this happens we are more proactive than the State of California has been around the Oroville Dam and implement constructive changes to improve our operations. We have done an admirable job this winter but there is always room for improvement.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

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

Leslie Chapman:

- 2/15 – special board meeting EMS workshop; 3/8 another special meeting for EMS scheduled.
- Consent item on agenda today to hire new EMS Chief.
- 2/15 Town Council meeting p.m. – mostly there for South County Facility discussion.
- ICEMA – met with them, they provide retirement benefits. Asked to meet with this group by

Deputy Sheriff Association, will bring back further information.

- 2/17 – attended ESCOG meeting.
- Today in Inyo County, we have planning department representatives at their board meeting regarding State Groundwater Management Act.
- Expecting to have bound copies of Leg Platform delivered tomorrow in Mammoth; shoot her an email if you want one.
- Trying to keep on top of storms and damage; Town and County doing all they can; Red Cross here through Thursday. Plan for worst, hope for best.

6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Sheriff Braun:

- Swore in new deputy: Ralston; also reported that she swore in Brent Gillespie several months ago.

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. Out of State Travel Request - Penny Galvin

Departments: Finance

This conference will provide Penny Galvin with enhanced knowledge on the EMS billing software ImageTrend and allow her to share her knowledge of EMS billing in order to assist in the expansion and fine tuning of the ImageTrend software.

Action: Approve out of state travel request for Penny Galvin, in order to attend ImageTrend Connect 2017 Conference in St. Paul, Minnesota, leaving July 18, 2017 and returning on July 21, 2017.

Stump moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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B. Out of State Travel Request - Janet Dutcher

Departments: Finance

This annual conference features many opportunities for finance officers to hone their leadership and management skills with a chance to learn about fiscal strategies, policies and practices for managing governmental financial resources and to implement these best practices here in Mono County.

Action: Approve out of state travel request for Janet Dutcher, to attend the Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA) annual conference being held in Denver, Colorado this year, leaving May 21 and returning May 24, 2017.

Stump moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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C. Out of State Travel NADCP Training Conference

Departments: Probation

(Karin Humiston) - Seeking approval for out of state travel from July 9, 2017 through July 12, 2017 for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) Annual Training Conference in Washington D.C. Attendees are Jon Himelhoch, Stacie Casabian and Rich Bonneau.

Action: Approve out of state travel for Probation employees Jon Himelhoch and Stacie Casabian and for Behavioral Health employee Rich Bonneau to attend the NADCP Annual Training Conference in Washington DC July 9-12, 2017 with a travel day July 8, 2017.

Stump moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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D. Planning Commission Appointments

Departments: Community Development and Board of Supervisors

Appointment of three planning commissioners to new four-year terms.

Action: 1. Reappoint Roberta Lagomarsini, with term expiring March 1, 2021, to the Mono County Planning Commission as recommended by Supervisor Stump; 2. Reappoint Daniel Roberts, with term expiring March 1, 2021, to the Mono County Planning Commission as recommended by Supervisor Gardner; 3. Reappoint Scott Bush, with term expiring March 1, 2021, to the Mono County Planning Commission as recommended by Supervisor Peters.

Stump moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Supervisor Peters:

- Commended Scott Bush for all his years of service.

E. Recruitment of EMS Chief

Departments: EMS Department

The current EMS Chief, Robert Rooks, will exceed his 960 hours allocated in his employment contract by the end of April, 2017. Therefore, recruitment for his replacement should begin as soon as possible.

Action: Authorize the Mono County Human Resources Department to begin recruitment for a full-time EMS Chief.

Stump moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Pulled by Supervisor Johnston:

- An EMS chief may not be necessary in light of options that are out there.
- Doesn't feel discussion has been completed.
- He thought there was a caveat involved.
- He's in support but if there is an option chosen that doesn't require a chief, this needs to be clearly communicated to potential chief.
- Maybe once we discuss in March, this will become clearer.

Leslie Chapman:

- Feels that regardless of which option is chosen that there was a lot left to do that would

benefit from having a chief. We could benefit from having someone lead us through that process.

- Even if we do a RFP, she feels that we'd need help, i.e. a chief.
- We have the money in the budget.
- If it's not the board's intention to hire a chief, she needs to know as soon as possible.

Lynda Salcido:

- This position cannot be left vacant, there is too much to this position.
- This is an At-Will position and would be subject to whatever option the Board chooses.
- Encourages to do this ASAP so as not to leave program unattended.
- Feels we should be transparent in the process with all recruits for chief.

Supervisor Stump:

- After recruitment, will there be some information given to prospects regarding what's going on?

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - NONE

9. REGULAR AGENDA – MORNING

A. Presentation on Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep

Departments: Public Works

(CA DFW staff and USFWS staff) - Presentation by CA DFW and USFWS regarding Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep Recovery efforts.

Action: None, item postponed until March 7, 2017.

B. Direction to Staff re Conway Ranch Request for Grazing Proposals

Departments: Public Works

(Tony Dublino) - Presentation by Tony Dublino regarding potential issuance by County of a Request for Proposals for Grazing at Conway Ranch.

Action: None, item postponed until March 7, 2017.

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

11. CLOSED SESSION – **BEGAN AT 9:55 A.M.**

There was nothing to report out of closed session.

A. Closed Session--Human Resources

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Stacey Simon, Leslie Chapman, and Dave Butters. 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.

12. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. Review of Need for Continuation of Local Emergency

Departments: CAO, Sheriff

(Leslie Chapman, Ingrid Braun) - On January 31, 2017 the Mono County Sheriff declared a state of local emergency as a result of extreme winter weather. The Board of Supervisors ratified this declaration on February 7, 2017, and further declared a continuing state of emergency. Mono County Code Section 2.60.080 requires that the Board of Supervisors review the need for continuing the local emergency every 14 days until it is terminated. This item is provided for that purpose.

Action: None (state of emergency continues).

Sheriff Braun:

- Feels we are still in a state of emergency.
- Her intention is to continue emergency until we see how much damage has been caused.
- They will come back every 14 days to continue the state of emergency.

Supervisor Stump:

- Encourages continuing emergency into run-off season.

Leslie Chapman:

- There will be times when this might not be on an exact 14 day frequency but we'll work around it.

B. Mid-Year Budget Review

Departments: CAO, Finance

(Leslie Chapman, Janet Dutcher) - Receive analysis of the County's General Fund fiscal performance for the year ended June 30, 2016. Present mid-year budget review and discuss budget updates.

To view documents related to this item which are too large to attach to the agenda, please click on the link below:

<http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/auditor/page/2016-17-mono-county-mid-year-budget-review>

Action: Receive analytical analysis of General Fund fiscal performance for the year ended June 30, 2016. Hear budget updates and approve the mid-year budget adjustments (4/5ths vote required).

Garner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Janet Dutcher:

MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW POWER POINT:

- GF Fiscal Performance FY 2015-16
- Mid-Year Budget Review FY 2016-2017
- Budget updates and requested mid-year changes
- Why are we comparing last year's budget with actual year-end results?
 - Assess GF fiscal health
 - Analyze budget preciseness
 - Evaluate trends

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- Carryover balance
- Long-term financing needs
- GF Fiscal Overview for FY 2016
 - Unassigned fund balance: \$6,920,037
- Highlights
- GF Revenues – two types (Program and Discretionary)
- GF Revenues Budget vs. Actual 2016
- Discretionary Revenues Recovering FY 2013 – FY 2016
- Changes in Program Revenues FY 2013 – FY 2016
- How did we do controlling spending?
- Salary, Wages, Overtime and Benefits FY 2013 – FY 2016
- Other Expenditures FY 2013 – FY 2016
- Fiscal Sustainability (ability to sustain spending when revenues are insufficient).
- General Reserve Balance
- What is carryover available for future spending or saving?
- What's not included in the budget (long-term financing needs)?
- How are we doing on FY 2017 discretionary revenues – so far?
- Budget status?

Other Discussion:

- Entire presentation is only General Fund.
- We have sufficient contingency funds that Supervisor Stump's extra road requests can be funded with.
- Budget calendar will be coming in the next couple months.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Asked about dates on various slides.
- Asked Prop 8 questions.
- New growth or recuperation of growth?
- Where is allocation of CAO positions?
- Had an avalanche earlier this year – had potential to take out all power in town: fueling stations could have been shut down. He believes it is essential that county working with town, have hookups available to designated stations to enable people to get fuel if necessary. Not sure of cost. Needs to be structured as a county owned tool that public owners at gas stations could access in an emergency.
- Can we ask Avalanche Consultant what her budget is now? Adjust accordingly?
- School District request (Footsteps2Brilliance): reluctant for county to be funding school kinds of things; should be a way to fund through other school sources.
- Didn't like what we did creating the Economic Stabilization Fund. When we get to point of considering how much to put into reserves, need to look at where we are, etc. at state and federal levels.

Supervisor Stump:

- Overtime questions.
- Services is only General Fund?
- This year we will be faced with the issue of Tioga Pass.
- Concerned about funding for road rehabilitation and sandbags etc.; needs assurance that contingency funds can fund additional emergency needs.
- Discussed Avalanche Consultant.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Asked how policy items came about?
- Staff should bring back plan for backup generators.
- He agrees that supporting the Footsteps2Brilliance initially is important to help get it off the ground.
- His experience with what "reserves" are used for is different than Supervisor Johnston's.

Supervisor Peters:

- How much overtime is scheduled?
- School District request: jump start funding request, will tie into first five. Something Stacey Adler identified after budget was approved; it's separate from the traditional funding request stream. He supports the \$10,000 appropriation.
- Clarified the unassigned fund balance.

Supervisor Corless:

- Request today is to approve mid-year budget recommendations.

Leslie Chapman:

- \$1.7% was GDP or COLA, what we don't know is amount of Prop 8 vs. new sales.
- What is the carryover available for future spending or saving?
- Recommends we bring road supplies back as extra contingencies?
- Combo of increased revenues and contingencies.
- She did a little research about back-up generator at gas stations: the issue of a gift of public funds came up; county counsel has done some research on this. She's happy to take this up again and get more information.
- Public Works has money to purchase another 10,000 sandbags.
- Avalanche consultant contract: doesn't it even out?

Bruce Woodworth:

- Antelope Valley Emergency Response Team
- Asking for radio system specific to needs of Antelope Valley but would be integrated through AV Fire Dept.
- To his knowledge, they have not asked for county funds before.
- This is for a radio communications system to maintain interoperability and reliable radio communications.
- Asking for \$3,500.
- Supervisor Johnston: believes there were some start-up funds initially for this; could do a tentative allocation.
- Supervisor Gardner: Asked to hear from Nate Greenberg, IT Director.
- Nate Greenberg: thinks in concept it is a good idea but this is the first he's heard of this. Would like more information. He'd be happy to work with Antelope Valley. Need to determine how dispatch response works with all this. Our dispatch is responsible for all areas in Mono County. Seems like a good opportunity to explore coordination; feels it needs to be looked at on context of overall communications.
- He'd like more information on GIS aspect, would be interested in working with Nate's office.
- Other speaker (no name given): looking for something that will cover only the valley. His understanding is that they are coordinating with state OES system with already licensed portable units.
- Supervisor Stump: proposal here doesn't specify which frequencies you'd be on. Not necessarily opposed to their request but he has concerns and is worried that the radios they want to use are out of date. He sees the benefits of covering the valley but he sees need for further analysis.
- Leslie Chapman: we wouldn't release monies without invoice.
- Supervisor Peters: needs to be coordinated with IT.

C. SB 844 Jail Project Proposal Package

Departments: Public Works

(Garrett Higerd) - Update on proposal for jail revenue bond funds to construct a new jail facility on the site of the old County hospital on Twin Lakes Road. The Mono County General Plan is available

at: <http://monocounty.ca.gov/planning/page/general-plan-eir>The contract documents

(in template form) for the project are located at http://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_cfcformofdocuments.php. These documents would be approved as to form in the proposed resolution and then finalized and executed if the grant were awarded. County Counsel has reviewed the contracts and finds them to be legally adequate and acceptable as to form.

Action: Receive update on status of SB 844 Jail Project Proposal Package to construct a new jail facility on the site of the old County hospital on Twin Lakes Road. Approve Resolution R17-17 authorizing application for adult detention facility construction funds under SB 844 from the Board of State and Community Corrections and adopting a General Plan EIR Addendum.

Peters moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R17-17

Garrett Higerd:

- Here to walk everyone through SB 844 Jail Proposal package.
- Wants to make sure everyone understands application package.
- Gave information regarding Site Plan (showed map).
- Big change since last site plan, whole jail's structure has been moved to the north. Puts it closer to existing Bridgeport medical clinic which creates better access between the clinic and the new jail facility, including parking options. Lowers footprint.
- New site plan is much better from an engineering point of view.
- Went over all costs associated with building jail.
- Between now and contract for construction is a long time; there is a cash flow component.
- Applications are due February 28th and they will give notice to people that have been successful in June. This money would not need to be funded until well after June 2017.
- Scheduled included in packet (attachment 4 in packet) showing detailed timeline.
- EIR attachment also very pertinent; this is important as it is a large part of our score.

Janet Dutcher:

- Besides having to pay for expenditures which are our responsibility, we will have to pay 25,000,000 over period of times; idea is to put into fund to pay out of.
- Fanny Mono Loan – only thing available to us at this point. We can fund with stabilization fund but that could impact our operating budget.
- Short-term borrowing: Fanny Mono or some kind of bank loan which we haven't initiated conversations on that as of yet.
- Funding source needs to be secure and separate.
- Went over loan numbers.
- There will be a separate agenda item to approve loan, not sure of timing. May need to be in place prior to being approved.
- TOT tax might be impacted during construction phase.
- Hopeful we can find outside funding and be creative with budgeting: contingent funding.

Supervisor Stump:

- Asked about term of loan (Fanny Mono).
- Added as line item where?
- Asked about kitchen and dining area.
- Supports this but Bridgeport's gain will come at a cost to the rest of the county. He acknowledges liability concerns and also that our other option has been taken off the table.

Supervisor Corless:

- Resolution today approves applying for grant and budget amendment?
- She still wishes that we could fund something other than the jail, it's a lot of money.
- Finance mechanism discussion: we demonstrate clearly to public all options that have been exhausted to get us to this point.

- We need to continually make sure we can afford this and be cognizant of sticking to our budget.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Asked general funding/other questions.
- What is Garrett's sense of this being approved?
- Can we guarantee \$1.4 million another way and then do rest with Fanny Mono?
- Feels this is very significant for county.

Supervisor Gardner:

- This addresses deficiencies in current jail. This new facility will correct those?
- We could be subject to potential litigation without corrections, correct?
- Asked about jobs that this might generate?

Supervisor Peters:

- Ready to make a motion.

Mike Booher:

- Gave number of female beds (currently at 4). Can go to 10, as high as 12.
- Intent is to enclose walkway for dining.

Sheriff Braun:

- Thanked staff and Mike Booher for all their work.
- Thanked Janet and Leslie too for helping put this together.
- Feels this is a great opportunity for county overall.
- Bridgeport needs jail as much as jail needs Bridgeport.

Hector Gonzalez:

- Spoke to Judge Magit about court's input and is her to convey those.
- Feels this is an overall improvement in infrastructure.
- Discussed various issues including inclusion of a facility for juvenile detention.
- Multi-Purpose room for video arraignments, willing to coordinate costs with county assuming equipment is appropriate.
- Logistics: there might be increased costs for transporting inmates.
- Collaborative group of justice partners should come together.

Joe Blanchard:

- Old hospital is cold storage, would be a win for county to get rid of that. Not dealing with maintenance in old jail would also be a win.
- Public Works is strong advocate for this project.

Abagael Giles (The Sheet):

- Asked whether we had to commit to funding prior to being approved?

ADJOURN 3:07 p.m. in memory of Erin Willingham and Saul Morales.

ATTEST

STACY CORLESS
CHAIRWOMAN OF THE BOARD

SHANNON KENDALL
CLERK OF THE BOARD