



**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  
April 4, 2017**

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9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair of the Board Corless.

*Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Johnston, Peters, and Stump.  
Supervisors Absent: None.*

*Break: 10:37 a.m.  
Reconvene: 10:49 a.m.  
Lunch: 12:06 p.m.  
Reconvene: 12:37 p.m.  
Break: 3:22 p.m.  
Reconvene: 3:30 p.m.  
Adjourn: 3:55 p.m.*

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Stump.

1. **OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**  
*No one spoke.*
  
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. **Board Minutes**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 7, 2017, as corrected.

**Peters moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M17-65**

**Supervisor Peters:**

- On page 15, his comment should say “future management”.

## **B. Board Minutes**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approve minutes of the Special Meeting held on March 8, 2017, as corrected.

**Gardner moved; Johnston seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M17-66**

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- On page 2, his comment should say “Is comfortable with the current budget because it’s been approved recently”.
- On page 5, add a bullet point with his comment, “Public generally can support a fee/tax if the system is efficient as possible”.

## **C. Board Minutes**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 14, 2017, as corrected.

**Peters moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M17-67**

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- On page 4, under Leslie Chapman’s Board report, wanted to clarify and correct the first bullet point as “Conway Ranch Big Horn Sheep and Grazing permit workshop was completed”.
- On page 9, correct Nick Criss’ comment to “Reasonable opposition guidance is within 500 feet”.

## **D. Board Minutes**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 21, 2017.

**Gardner moved; Peters seconded**

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

**M17-68**

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Just a note on page 2, his Board report, that the resolution of appreciation for Rick Phelps will be brought back in July.

3. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

**Supervisor Corless:**

- 3/29--Visit California Global China Ready Seminar—great event hosted by our own Ec Dev/Tourism team, Mammoth Lakes Tourism and Chamber, happy to welcome the group and participate.
- Ongoing work with the Inyo Mono Broadband Consortium's formation and advisory council appointments, preparing for the upcoming ESCOG meeting, thanks to board members for their consideration of appointees and understanding that this effort is just getting started.
- This Thursday—Clubhouse Live open house, 3-6pm at the Wellness Center, very nice article in The Sheet this week, thanks to Behavioral Health Staff and Probation for working together for kids.
- Monday 4/10: Behavioral Health Advisory Board, YARTS
- Per our legislative platform, signing Mono County on as in support for AB 1655, Internet for All Act.
- Question re: scheduling in May/June, hoping to schedule a Fire MOU presentation.

**Supervisor Gardner:**

- I have received numerous calls and other contacts regarding the short-term rental issue. There is a range of views on this topic in June Lake. We are continuing to work through the process set up by Wendy Sugimura on the Community Development staff. I am confident there will be plenty of opportunities for June Lake residents to make their views known.
- I have also had a few conversations with residents in my district about the County's role in cannabis regulation. There are again a variety of opinions about this issue.
- I also have worked with County staff and talked with June Lake residents to learn more about the status and past attempts to improve roads in the Clark tract and other areas that are not County roads. These are important concerns for residents given the impact this winter on our local roads. We will be preparing information for residents and holding special meetings to address this issue.
- I have been working with County staff to establish a possible host arrangement for the June Lake Community Center. This would be a good way to ensure we keep this facility in good shape in the future.
- Finally, I learned this week the Mono Basin Visitor center will not be opening until April 27, almost a month later than last year. This is disappointing for our local Lee Vining businesses, especially since the passes will open later this year. Visitors are already parking at the Center expecting to use the restrooms and to visit the exhibits and bookstore. I have asked the US Forest Service to reconsider this decision, which should have included its partners as a part of the process. The Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association is prepared to staff the Mono Visitor Center starting next week, without US Forest Service staff. ESIA uses its profits to support USFS programs, so a later opening hurts the Inyo National Forest. I wanted the Board to be aware of this situation.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Attended the Mammoth Lakes Housing meeting last night. Items discussed included a report on proposed cuts to HUD budget programs. Noted several local benefits associated with past HUD/ CDBG / HOME funds. Staff reported that in 2017 there was a 0.22% vacancy rate and a 3 year rate of 0.67 %, both extremely low. We also supported two housing bills that are being processed through the State Legislature.
- Noted that CSAC is requesting support for the current transportation bill that is being considered by the state - this item is listed later on this agenda for our action.
- CSAC has also provided information on the various cuts to programs contained in the Trump budget proposal - an email was read and transmitted to the CAO for distribution to Board members.

- Will be attending a CSAC Executive Committee business meeting this Thursday.

**Supervisor Peters:**

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Met with local residents regarding short term rental issues
- 27<sup>th</sup> Several conversations with Chief Rooks about concerns with Paramedic coverage in AV during winter rotation to cover high demand areas
- 27<sup>th</sup> Bridgeport PUD Discuss progress on sewer disaster. Connected them with Janet Dutcher
- Continuing to work on repairs and replacement of the sewer infrastructure. There is continued 24 hour monitoring of the system by our PUD staff to insure there is no interruption to service and more importantly no additional spills.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Mono County EMCC
- Many items were discussed including ePCR Reporting, Dispatch CAD system, Healthcare coalition update. Met several individuals including Tom Lynch from ICEMA
- 29<sup>th</sup> China Ready Workshop
- Great opportunity to learn new customer relation practices applicable to the emerging Independent Chinese Traveler market. Thank Economic Development Team for helping organize this event with Visit California
- 29<sup>th</sup> Met with Tony Dublino to discuss South County Facilities and the current state of lease negotiations
- 29<sup>th</sup> Mono County Resource Conservation District
- Listened in on Discussion by local ranchers about projects in both the Bridgeport and Antelope Valleys
- 30<sup>th</sup> met with AV community members about concerns with lighting adjacent to the AV community center. Had a productive conversation with Joe Blanchard who has been very responsive and proactive in this and other issues in and around this facility
- 1<sup>st</sup> Lions Club Cow Pasture Golf Tournament
- Successful event with great weather and delicious food with over \$3500 being raised to support local scholarships
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Met with Wendy Sugimura and Michael Draper to plan and strategize for the Cannabis Workshop agenda item at the Antelope Valley RPAC this Thursday.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Met with Nate Greenberg on two separate occasions regarding Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium Advisory Council, Provider Council and the Action Plan itself. I have met with local providers, provider technicians and community members in an to identify candidates from District 4 for appointment consideration on both the Advisory Council and Provider Council.
- Upcoming events :
- CSA#5 Tonight, Fisheries Commission Wed 5<sup>th</sup>, CERT planning meeting Wed 5<sup>th</sup> 4pm, AV RPAC Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> (Cannabis Workshop)
- Town Hall Meetings April 19<sup>th</sup> Antelope Valley & April 27<sup>th</sup> Bridgeport
- CSAC April 20<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> of three part New Supervisors Institute Series
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gun Rights Dinner- Bridgeport Gun Club

**Supervisor Stump:**

- 3-24 : Met with Peter Stickells who represents the largest agricultural producer in the Tri Valley about Sustainable Groundwater Management Act issues.
- 3-27 : Held a Community Meeting in Chalfant about Marijuana and SGMA. Well attended
- 3-28 : Attended the CSA 1 meeting. Skate park bids are in, we will be hearing more about the project this year. Thank you to Peter Chapman for his hard work in pulling this together.
- 3-29 : Held a Community meeting in Crowley to discuss marijuana and other issues. Thanks to Wendy, Michael, Christy Milovich, and Nate Reade for their contributions. There were some common areas of concern at both meetings.
- 3-30 : Had a conference call with Karen Eckersley of the CPUC about Hammil Valley phone issues. Frontier is telling the PUC the problems have been fixed but not so according to the

residents. The PUC is keeping the complaint open while the citizens continue to register complaints with Frontier. The gift that keeps on giving.

## 5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

### Leslie Chapman:

- We will be scheduling a workshop on June 6<sup>th</sup> with a member of CSAC to discuss Board Rules of Procedure. Bill Shiad will be contacting each member for input. June 7<sup>th</sup> is the regular Board meeting; potentially also a good day for the ribbon cutting on the Biomass Bioler.
- Workshop today: Strategic Plan update.

## 6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

### Janet Dutcher:

- The external auditors finished their work for FY 2016. We received an unmodified opinion (very good); they had no findings.

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor Stump pulled Item 7a

(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. Increase Appropriations in the Mental Health Services Act Fund for the Davison House Project

Departments: Behavioral Health

This appropriation will allow Mono County Behavioral Health to move forward on the Davison House Project. Behavioral Health will be managing this project. Project funding and anticipated expenditures were included in the County's recent MHSA three-year plan adopted by the Board on March 14, 2017. This is a part of the capital facilities funding category of the MHSA fund.

**Action:** Board approval to increase appropriations by \$300,000 in the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) fund for the Davison House Project, utilizing the fund's carryover balance (requires 4/5ths vote). Provide any desired direction to staff.

**Gardner moved; Johnston seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M17-69**

### Supervisor Stump:

- Supportive of this but concerned they are marching ahead without sufficient outreach to the Town, particularly in the neighborhood where this is located. At least one constituent has concerns.

### Supervisor Corless:

- As Acting Chair of Behavioral Health Advisory Board, believes it is premature for Town outreach as there are no actual plans yet. The BHAB has published an FAQ, on their website. Just not very far along in the process yet.

**Leslie Chapman:**

- This is on the Public Works project list, will be brought to the Board during a Capital Projects item in a few weeks.

**Garrett Higerd:**

- Joe Blanchard will be bringing a contract with Aspen Street Architects before the Board for this project. Met with Town last week and their planning staff. Large capital improvement project.

**B. Letter to US Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region**

Departments: Community Development

The US Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region sent a request to identify priority trail maintenance projects. The county's comment letter requests consideration of the Inyo National Forest's wilderness trails as a priority for increased trail maintenance efforts.

**Action:** Approve comment letter to the US Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region.

**Gardner moved; Peters seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M17-70**

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Thank you to Paul McFarland for his hard, last minute work on this.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Seconds the thanks to Paul McFarland

**8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

All items listed are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board, and are available for review. Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

**A. ESLT Letter to The Sheet re Conway Ranch Article**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Letter from the Eastern Sierra Land Trust to the Editor of The Sheet, in response to the article titled "Mono Supes vote to end domestic grazing at Conway, Mattly".

Board discussion to double check on requirements for the County to irrigate this land, schedule a follow up with ESLT in May.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Asked that the Sheet please publish the corrections to the original article.

**B. CalOES Letter re US Department of Agriculture Designation**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Letter from CalOES regarding the Secretarial Disaster proclaimed for Mono County on February 23, 2017.

**C. CalOES Letter re US Small Business Administration**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Letter from CalOES regarding the U.S. Small Business Administration's Disaster proclamation for 32 California Counties, including Mono County, on February 23, 2017.

**D. ABC Application for The Lift, LLC**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Application for Alcoholic Beverage License received on behalf of The Lift, LLC, located at 2587 Hwy. 395 in June Lake.

**E. April 2017 Agricultural Commissioner's Office Update**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

April 2017 update from the Inyo Mono Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

**F. Letter of Support of Assembly Bill 907**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Letter from RCRC, addressed to State Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia, in support of AB 907.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- She would like to see our Board write a letter of support of this as well.

9. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

**A. State Transportation Funding Legislation Update**

Departments: Public Works

(Garrett Higerd) - Update on Transportation Funding Legislation and consideration of letter of support.

**Action:** Approval of a letter of support for the Governor and Legislative Leaders' Transportation Funding and Reform Deal (SB 1). Provide direction to staff.

**Johnston moved; Gardner seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M17-71**

**Garrett Higerd:**

- Last week it was announced that the Governor and Legislature had reached an agreement. The deadline is Thursday this week to take action on it. Went through his staff report.

**Supervisor Gardner:**

- Funding seems to be based on individual usage.

General Board Questions for Garrett

**Garrett Higerd:**

- Pilot study just completed on vehicle miles. Pilot apps included charging per miles driven, but not ready for full implementation.
- Attended a County Engineer conference, discussed the Three Ps: Public, Private, Partnerships system. This turns out looking like a toll road system, doesn't see that working in Mono County. Our three Ps should be Pavement Preservation Projects.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> attachment is a draft letter, if Board is inclined. This board has supported Beall-Frazier, but this letter is supportive of this specifically.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Recognizes the regressive nature of these taxes, but due to the lack of funding elsewhere, he supports this bill but not enthusiastically. Concerned about the impact on low income households, this would make CA's gas tax the highest in the nation. Understands if the gas tax were increased slowly, we might be at the same levels this bill proposes.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Feels a big part of this is transit. He feels low income households use public transit systems more. Funding ESTA has the potential to increase public services.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Wants to send the letter as is.

**B. Review of Need for Continuation of Local Emergency - Severe Winter Storms**

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, and Government Code section 8630 requires that the Board review the need at least every 30 days until it is terminated. This item is provided for that purpose.

**Action:** Review need for continuing the local emergency. If Board determines that need no longer exists, direct staff to prepare a declaration terminating local emergency.

**Board consensus; direction given to continue state of emergency.**

**C. Review of Need for Continuation of Local Emergency - Snowmelt and Runoff**

Departments: CAO, Sheriff

(Leslie Chapman, Ingrid Braun) - On March 20, 2017 the Mono County Sheriff declared a state of local emergency as a result of continuing snowmelt and runoff from severe winter storms beginning in January 2017. The Board of Supervisors ratified this declaration on March 21, 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, and Government Code section 8630 requires that the Board review the



need at least every 30 days until it is terminated. This item is provided for that purpose.

**Action:** Review need for continuing the local emergency. If Board determines that need no longer exists, direct staff to prepare a declaration terminating local emergency.

**Board consensus; direction given to continue state of emergency.**

#### D. FY 2017-2018 Budget Calendar

Departments: CAO, Finance

(Janet Dutcher, Finance Director) - Report and discussion regarding the budget calendar for adoption of the County's FY 2017-2018 final budget.

**Action:** Receive budget calendar outlining sequence of events culminating in the adoption of the County's FY 2017-2018 final budget; discuss and receive direction, if any.

**Janet Dutcher:**

- Budget workshops scheduled between August 9 and 14<sup>th</sup>. Hard to get everyone together, please reserve time on those days. Went through the calendar in the packet for the board.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Would like to coordinate with the Town Council meeting. Something to generate more interest from the public.
- Supportive of Ad Hoc committee formation. Wants to see a presentation available publicly on the website, more in a narrative form rather than a numbers form.

**Supervisor Gardner:**

- Would like to organize the meeting around certain topics to increase participation.
- Would like to create Board Ad Hoc committee to focus on the budget.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Would be supportive; would like to see both ends of the county represented. Does not want to see two supervisors going in to micromanage the committee.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Sees large changes in the budget each year that need clarification. Many departments are mandated to perform certain functions; these should be better explained.

**Leslie Chapman:**

- We can create an item to bring the idea of an Ad Hoc Committee back to the board for a vote.
- Wants to dovetail the strategic plan into the budget. One thing not on the budget calendar is the Strategic Plan workshop. A college professor from Cal State San Bernardino is coming to facilitate the workshop. Discussion about when meetings to combine the two could happen.

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#### E. Strategic Update on Departmental Goals and Strategic Focus Areas

Departments: CAO

(Leslie Chapman) - Presentation from departmental leaders regarding the purpose

of each department followed by an update on progress towards selected goals and how they relate to specific Strategic Focus Areas.

**Action:** Hear update and provide feedback

**THERE WILL BE A LUNCH BREAK DURING ITEM 9e. THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL RECONVENE AFTER THE BREAK, BUT NO EARLIER THAN 12:30 P.M.**

**Leslie Chapman:**

- Our vision is to have outstanding community services and quality of life.
- Touched on strategic focus area points within her staff report.

The following department heads / employees spoke on behalf of each department:

Alicia Vennos – Economic Development / Filming

Liz Grans – Tourism

Jeff Simpson – Fisheries Commission / Economic Development

- Presented a short video

Karin Humiston – Probation

Tim Kendall – District Attorney

Ingrid Braun – Sheriff

Kathy Peterson – Social Services

Krista Cooper – Social Services / Foster Care program

Francie Avitia – Social Services / Cal Works

Robin Roberts – Behavioral Health

Lynda Salcido – Public Health

Louis Molino – Environmental Health

Bob Rooks – Emergency Medical Services

Nate Greenberg – Information Technology

Angelle Nolan – Animal Control

Barry Beck – Assessor

Shannon Kendall – Clerk / Recorder / Elections

Scott Burns – Community Development

Wendy Sugimura – Community Development

Garrett Higerd – Public Works / Engineering

Joe Blanchard – Public Works / Facilities

Peter Chapman – Public Works / Cemeteries

Jeff Walters – Public Works / Conway / Motor Pool / Roads / Solid Waste

Janet Dutcher – Finance

Christy Milovich – County Counsel

Dave Butters – County Administration / Human Resources

General Board Discussion:

Board consensus to be able to bring forward their own priorities, present their own lists of projects.

Should have another board discussion in May about the meeting on the 12th.

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

11. CLOSED SESSION - NONE

**ADJOURN 3:55 p.m.**

**ATTEST**

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**STACY CORLESS  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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**HELEN NUNN  
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD**