



**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 Suite Z, 237 Old Mammoth Rd, Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

**Regular Meeting
March 20, 2018**

9:01 AM Meeting called to order by Chair Gardner.
Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Peters, and Stump.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Peters.

Supervisor Stump:

- Requested that today's meeting be adjourned in memory of Michael Grossblatt.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Requested that today's meeting also be adjourned in memory of Supervisor Larry K. Johnston.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Pam Bold, High Sierra Energy Fund:

- Mammoth Middle School Students - Water Super Heroes.
- McConkey Foundation EcoChallenge Entry.
- Before you twist the cap, try the tap.
- Board members partook in water taste test (available in additional documents).
- Attending the meeting at the lodging association asking them to put them in rooms.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Memories in Honor of Supervisor Larry K. Johnston

Departments: CAO

Recognizing Supervisor Larry Johnston.

Board / Staff / Public spoke, discussing memories of Supervisor Johnston.

Supervisor Corless:

- We carpoled (just like he and Byng Hunt did before me), and driving to Bridgeport together, he always had to stop at Mono Market, he loved the coffee.
- Local Transportation Commission was one of his assignments, and he'd give me details of Caltrans projects, like the retaining wall south of Lee Vining and the discussion/controversy of what to plant (he'd point out when the vines planted on the wall were greening up/growing).
- Talked about his cycling adventures, and always advocated for bike lands/multi-modal transportation.
- He advocated for vehicle-wildlife collision reduction measures (and had a plan for deer fences); I'd like to see the Caltrans proposed project move forward in his honor.

Supervisor Gardner:

- I only sat on this Board for a few months with Larry, but in that short time I learned much from him. Larry cared deeply about Mono County and its citizens. He was committed to making life better for our residents, and to making the government that served them better. He was creative in his ideas and aggressive in wanting to get things done. These are important examples for those of us on this Board, and for anyone in public service. His legacy of bringing constant energy and devotion to serving as a County Supervisor is one I will always remember. Our thoughts and prayers go to Karen and the rest of Larry's family in their loss.

Supervisor Peters:

- I first met Larry sometime back in the early 2000's as we were both volunteers helping to support Little League in Mono County. Many years passed until I had the privilege to reacquaint myself with Larry as a colleague on the Mono County Board of Supervisors. Although the time was short I will always value our professional relationship. I never knew Larry the husband, Larry the father or Larry the sports enthusiast but I treasure the time we shared as colleagues.
- To the Mono County Supervisors: We are so sad to here of Larry Johnston's passing. I would like to express how Larry did touch our lives, as small as it may sound, he made an impression on us. We (my husband and I) were going through a situation that we had to bring attention to the board. We went to the board of Supervisors meetings, pleaded our case time and time again. I was getting quite good at writing letters and we even were getting to know all the board of supervisors and their different personalities. There was one of the board members that really stuck out and that was Larry Johnston. All of the Supervisors were great and they all seemed to understand our situation and we do appreciate their support, but Larry Johnston took it one step further. On one of the numerous meetings that we went to, we had to present our case and again we found ourselves disappointed and confused at the outcome. It seemed to both of us that one of the only Supervisors that didn't seem to side with us on anything was Larry Johnston. What happened next was a real shocker, he came to our house after the meeting was over to express his concern and that he wanted us to be successful. While at our house, he continued to try to come up with a solution to our problem. My husband and I were amazed, number one, that he took the time after a long meeting, to come over to speak with us at our house, and number two, to help us brainstorm to come up with a solution. We had underestimated what a nice person he really was. In our opinion Larry showed a real genuine concern to try to help us. Yes, we all heard the fire in his voice at the meetings but when you are representing the people you need to sometimes show that fire to get things done. Again, we would like to express to all of

you and especially Larry's family how sorry we are for your loss. We just want to let you know. Dear Mr. Peters, It's up to you if you want to read this tomorrow at the meeting I just felt like I needed to reach out. Thanks so much. Sincerely, Jeff and Donna

Supervisor Stump:

- This story is about Larry's ethics and honesty. Early in 2014, when Larry was Board Chair, the Board became aware that some County Elected officials who were going to run for reelection were taking their signature in lieu of filing fees petitions to County Staff meetings and were asking County employees to sign their petitions. There was no prohibition on doing that at the time, in fact there still is no prohibition. Larry considered that this practice was crossing the line between work and campaigning and objected. He had an ordinance drafted by the County Counsel to restrict this practice. The idea was that using work time or position to campaign created unfair advantage above that already enjoyed by incumbents. Larry was running for reelection himself and pushed this forward anyway because he thought it was the right thing to do. Eventually the Ordinance failed by a 3 to 2 vote. The three Board members that voted no are no longer on the Board. This is only one example of the ethical standards Larry brought to the Board and the County. He applied those standards regardless of party affiliation, philosophy, agenda, or position. He practiced what he preached.
- I also admired Larry's ability to dissect documents. I learned this early on as a Board member. In 2013, my first year on the Board, the Bi-State Sage Grouse was being considered by US Fish and Wildlife for listing as endangered. The Board held a Special Meeting with US F&W to consider the issue including a review of their proposed planning/environmental document. When Larry's turn to speak with US F&W representatives came he gave an extremely thorough and complete analysis of the document including how several of the proposed actions had already been incorporated locally, including in the County General Plan. Other sections of the document received thoughtful comments on their validity. I believe that Larry's exhibition of knowledge created a positive atmosphere at the meeting and led to US F&W giving Mono County responses serious considerations. He had quite the mental gift in this area.

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

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

Leslie Chapman, CAO:

- Last Wednesday, invited to attend a training put on by the judicial council for our Social Services. Very educational.
- Following day, leadership training put on by Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District. Met with Kevin Carunchio (CAO Inyo County).
- Yesterday, attended Land TAC meeting.
- New Interim Public Works Director started yesterday.
- Later today, there is a staff meeting regarding the county line adjustment.
- We have invitation to attend meeting about 2-1-1 services. Nate Greenberg, Sheriff, and I will be sitting in on that meeting tomorrow.
- Next segment is a progressive discipline training. One in Mammoth, one in Bridgeport.
- A group is forming to come up with a plan and recommendations on how to further some worksite wellness programs.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Kathy Peterson, Social Services:

- Visit from California Judicial Council. Come out every couple of years to review court cases for dependency and delinquency court.
- Cathy Young has asked for, and will be receiving from American Red Cross a new emergency disaster shelter trailer with enough supplies for a 100-person shelter.

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Lee Vining High School Mock Trial team state finals.

Alicia Vennos, Economic Development Director:

- The County was well-represented at the CALED (California Association for Local Economic Development) Conference this week.

Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Supervisor:

- Solid Waste Task force will be meeting to discuss preparation of an RFQ on regional services.
- Extend invitation to Board Members to come out and see operations at the Benton Cross Landfill.

5. 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. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of Board minutes from the regular meeting of February 20, 2018.

Action: Approve the Board minutes from the regular meeting of February 20, 2018, as amended.

Stump moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

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Supervisor Stump:

- Meeting called to order by Chair Gardner, not Corless.

B. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of Board minutes from the Adjourned Regular meeting of March 9, 2018.

Action: Approve the Board minutes from the Adjourned Regular meeting of March 9, 2018.

Peters moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no;

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C. First 5 Mono County Children and Families Commission Appointment

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Request for Board of Supervisors to appoint Dr. Tom Boo, Mono County Health Officer, to the First 5 Mono County Children and Families Commission.

Action: Appoint Dr. Boo to the First 5 Mono County Children and Families Commission indefinitely, or until he no longer holds the position of County Health Officer. Mono County Code requires that one member of the Commission be the county health officer.

Peters moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

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6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - NONE

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.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Behavioral Health Department Presentation

Departments: Behavioral Health

(Robin Roberts) - Presentation by Robin Roberts about Mono County Behavioral Health Department. This presentation will cover the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 goals, as well as an overview of the general operations of the Behavioral Health Department including: current projects, state and federal requirements and mandates, policy changes and innovation.

Action: Presentation only.

Robin Roberts, Behavioral Health Director:

- Went through presentation.
- Overview of the department.

Supervisor Corless:

- Behavioral Health Advisory Board, way for people to get involved.

Break: 10:36 AM

Reconvene: 10:47 AM

B. Update on Supportive/Affordable Housing Projects

Departments: Behavioral Health

(Robin Roberts or Amanda Greenberg) - Presentation by Robin Roberts and Amanda Greenberg regarding 71 Davison Street property, Mammoth Lakes housing options for people in need of supportive housing, and the Walker area housing project.

Action: None (informational only). Provide any desired direction to staff.

Amanda Greenberg, Mental Health Services Act Coordinator:

- Went through presentation.

Board consensus to give direction for Walker and Mammoth projects.

Moved to item E.

C. Information Technology Year-in-Review: Fiscal Year 17-18

Departments: Information Technology

(Nate Greenberg) - This item will provide a review of the work efforts from the Information Technology (IT) Department, including Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and Radio & Communications during Fiscal Year 2017 – 2018. In addition, an overview of the strategic planning process for IT/GIS will be discussed as it relates to the existing and future strategic plans.

Action: Information item only.

Nate Greenberg, IT Director:

- Overview of the department.

D. Replace Cadastral Analyst position with GIS Analyst within the IT Department

Departments: Information Technology

(Nate Greenberg) - With recent staffing changes and vacancies in the GIS Division of the IT Department, it has been determined that the staffing needs are better supported by a GIS Analyst rather than the existing Cadastral Analyst. This is a new position within the organizational structure which fills a large gap between the GIS Technician and GIS Specialist series.

Action: Approve Resolution #R18-17, Authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the County of Mono list of allocated positions to reflect the addition of a GIS Analyst and the deletion of a Cadastral Analyst in the Information Technology department.

Corless moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

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Nate Greenberg, IT Director:

- Described position.

Moved to item F.

E. White Mountain Fire Protection District Proposal to Provide EMS

Departments: EMS

(Chris Mokracek, EMS Chief, Dave Doonan, WMFPD Fire Chief, Chris Carter, WMFPD Fire Commissioner) - Presentation by Fire Chief Dave Doonan and Fire Commissioner Chris Carter of White Mountain Fire Protection District regarding a proposal to provide 24/7 BLS ambulance to the District and surrounding areas.

Action: None (informational only). Provide any desired direction to staff.

Chris Carter, White Mountain Fire Protection District Board member:

- Acknowledged people in the room, thanked Board and staff

Dave Noonan, DVM:

- Went through presentation, with Chris Carter.

Public Comment:

John Almeida, Mono County EMS:

- Offered support.

Supervisor Stump:

- Wishes Board would give staff direction to continue to move forward on this.

Leslie Chapman, CAO:

- Appropriate time to bring back this item is during the budget process, Special meetings of May 21, 22, and 23.
- This is an ongoing expense, not a one-time expense.
- Haven't made a final decision on what we will recommend to the Board. Grant opportunities are being discussed.

Moved to Closed Session.

F. Employment Agreement with Renn Nolan for Election Advisor to Mono County

Departments: Elections

Proposed resolution approving a contract with Renn Nolan as Election Advisor for Mono County, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

Action: Announce Fiscal Impact announced by Supervisor Gardner. Approve Resolution #R18-18, approving a contract with Renn Nolan as Election Advisor for Mono County, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment. Authorize the Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Fiscal Impact: Total fiscal cost of this contract is \$33,600, of which \$11,170 is anticipated for FY 2017-2018 and was included in the Elections budget. \$25,000 is estimated for FY 2018-2019 and the Department plans to include this amount in their Department requested amount.

Stump moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

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Shannon Kendall, Clerk-Recorder:

- Presented item.

G. Argument in Favor of County Cannabis Business Tax

Departments: Finance and CAO

(Janet Dutcher and Leslie Chapman) - Argument in favor of proposed Mono County Cannabis Business Tax (Measure D, June 2018), and rebuttal to argument against Measure D (if applicable).

Action: Review and approve argument in favor of Measure D as presented, or as revised by Board. Authorize County Administrative Officer to prepare and submit a rebuttal to the argument against Measure D, if one is submitted. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Stump moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no

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Leslie Chapman, CAO:

- For the Cannabis Ballot Measure. Must be in by March 30.

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

Moved to Board reports.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 12:41 PM

Reconvene: 1:35 PM

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, Dave Butters, Janet Dutcher, and Anne Larsen. 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 - Real Property Negotiations, 126 Old Mammoth Rd.

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Government Code section 54956.8. Property: Mammoth Mall, 126 Old Mammoth Rd., Mammoth Lakes, CA. Negotiating Parties: Mono County and Greenlaw Partners. Agency negotiators: Leslie Chapman, Stacey Simon and Tony Dublino.

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

The Board may, if time permits, take Board Reports at any time during the meeting and not at a specific time.

Supervisor Corless:

- 3/8 Mammoth Lakes Foundation: attended presentation on plans for the performing arts center. The project has significant funding in place and MLF hopes to break ground this year (plan available in additional documents).
- 3/10: Project Bighorn: Mammoth's Girl Scout Troop 580 hosted an open house to educate/raise awareness about Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep, they had some 200 attendees participate.
- 3/12: Local Transportation Commission—noted that there will be a ground breaking for the Highway 14 Freeman Gulch project; Caltrans expecting large number of retirees over next five years.
- 3/14: RCRC board meeting—I did not attend, given the weather forecast, but have included meeting highlights for review (available in additional documents). Board did approve supporting some June ballot measures, including proposition 70 regarding cap and trade spending.
- 3/15: CSAC agriculture, environment, natural resources committee—discussion of Prop 68, unfortunately the committee was not inclined to take a “support” position, so voted to take a “no position” position; this recommendation will go to the CSAC board in May.
- 3/19: Mammoth Lakes Housing: Special meeting to discuss Executive Director transition planning. It's a critical time for the organization, and the board agreed that the ED transition needs to consider MLH's ability to provide uninterrupted service, negotiate with the town on a new contract that will include fulfilling elements of the housing action plan, along with the uncertainties of election outcomes, expanding the board during a time of heightened interest in/focus on housing. The town offered to assist with ED recruitment planning efforts.
- Future Agenda Items: Mammoth Community Water District report and public relations campaign regarding geothermal impacts on Mammoth's water supply—I've requested an agenda item, letting board know.

Supervisor Gardner:

- On March 12, I attended the meeting of the Mono Basin Fire Safe Council. This group continues to get organized and set up activities like other fire prevention groups in the county.
- On March 14, I participated in the Mono Basin RPAC meeting. The meeting included a good discussion of several potential projects the County could fund with the recreation dollars included in this year's budget.
- On Thursday, March 15, I attended the First 5 meeting in Mammoth. This Commission continues to accomplish much, focused on improving the lives of our youngest residents. We are fortunate to have this organization and its resources in Mono County.
- On Friday, March 16, I attended the monthly meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board. The Board is reviewing candidates for a new Executive Director and has received several strong possibilities.
- Yesterday, I participated with Supervisor Corless in a meeting about the joint recreation position with the Town of Mammoth Lakes. We are making progress on this position. We expect the position will be jointly funded by both entities and housed in the Mammoth Lakes Recreation organization. The goal is for the position to be filled by this fall.

Supervisor Peters:

- Met with Bridgeport Tribe over the Cannabis issue
- Continued support and advice for the Northern Mono Hospice
- **10th** Yerington Lions Club

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- 12th LTC
- 12th Wendy and Bentley
- 13th BP Chamber 13th
- 13th BP RPAC 13th
- 14th IT Brownbag Lunch
- 15th Coffee With Coworkers
- 17th Retirement Celebration Joe Burbine ,PSO, Former Marine and neighbor
- Tony Dublino several topics including Recreation position and Virginia Lakes Road
- **Upcoming:** Town Hall April 11th

Supervisor Stump:

- 3-8: Attended the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority meeting. Mono County wound up with 6 and 2\3 votes.
- 3-12: Attended the Local Transportation Commission Meeting. Cal Trans gave an update on upcoming construction projects this summer. 395 between Bridgeport and Walker will have a couple.

**ADJOURNED in memory of Michael Grossblatt and Supervisor Johnston
at 1:47 PM**

ATTEST

**BOB GARDNER
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**SCHEEREEN DEDMAN
SR. DEPUTY CLERK**