



**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
January 8, 2019**

9:03 AM Meeting called to order by Chair Gardner.

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

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Stump.

Ceremonial Swearing in of Newly-Elected Officials

Judge Magit will administer the oath of office to District One Supervisor Jennifer Halferty, District Five Supervisor Stacy Corless, Assessor Barry Beck, District Attorney Tim Kendall, and Sheriff-Coroner Ingrid Braun.

Shannon Kendall, Clerk-Recorder:

- Introduced item.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Election of New 2019 Board Chair

Departments: Clerk of the Board

(Outgoing Board Chair) - The outgoing Board Chair will call for nominations to elect the Chair of the Board for 2019.

Action: Elect the new Chair of the Board for 2019, Supervisor Peters.

Stump moved; Halferty seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-01

Supervisor Gardner:

- Introduced item.
- Called for nominations.

Supervisor Stump:

- Nominated Supervisor Peters.

Supervisor Peters:

- Thanked everyone and talked about his hopes for future.

B. Presentation to Outgoing Chair Gardner

Departments: Clerk of the Board

(Board Chair) - Presentation to Chair Gardner by the newly elected Board Chair honoring Supervisor Gardner's service to the Board in 2018.

Action: Outgoing Chair Gardner presented plaque to incoming Chair Peters.

Supervisor Peters:

- Presented plaque to Supervisor Gardner.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Spoke of his hopes for the future.

C. Election of New 2019 Vice Chair to the Board

Departments: Clerk of the Board

(Board Chair) - The newly elected Board Chair will call for nomination to elect the Vice Chair of the Board for 2019.

Action: Elect the new Vice Chair of the Board for 2019, Supervisor Corless.

Peters moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-02

Supervisor Peters:

- Introduced item.
- Typically, the Chair Pro-Tem moves into the Vice Chair seat, but Supervisor Stump stated that he did not want to be Chair the following year.

D. Election of New 2019 Chair Pro-Tem

Departments: Clerk of the Board

(Board Chair) - The newly elected Chair will call for nominations to elect the Chair Pro-Tem of the Board for 2019.

Action: Elect the new Chair Pro-Tem of the Board for 2019, Supervisor Halferty.

Stump moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-03

Supervisor Stump:

- Nominated Supervisor Halferty.

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

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

Leslie Chapman, CAO:

- Next week, current priorities will be discussed. Board will hopefully agree what projects to work on for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- Midyear budget followed by state of the county which involves each department head standing before board going over goals that they presented during the budget adoption.
- January 15 - Solid Waste presentation, including closure of Benton landfill and solutions.
- Still working on what the duties will look like for the Housing person. Planning on having an overall strategy agreed upon in order to determine duties.
- The legislative platform needs to be brought to the forefront. Board rules of procedure will probably be amended during the workshop.
- Have been talking to Inyo County CAO Clint Quilter to get Kim Vann up here for a visit.
- More workshops.
- **Supervisor Corless:** asked that Leslie send out the legislative platform for input and review. Would like to have in hand for the (NACo) Legislative Conference by end of February.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Litigation against Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.
- Leg taking effect in 2019, Christy Milovich working on that. Might be useful to have Board presentation on that. Feb 5.

Kathy Peterson, Social Services:

- Partial Federal government shutdown. Heard from her professional association that some programs, such as SNAP (Cal Fresh) will exhaust all federal money by early to mid-February. SNAP is a mandatory entitlement program and is relying on a reserve fund. No projection of how long the fund will last.
- The US Census Bureau is looking to hire part-time field representatives. The information will be posted on Mono County website. They are offering \$14.30 per hour plus mileage and flexible hours. Particularly looking for bilingual people.

Robin Roberts, Behavioral Health:

- She will be attending association meetings in Sacramento; she will be hearing about plans for federal dollars received.
- Meeting with the Governor's office, whose concern is Mental health and wellness in the state of California.

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 minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting on December 4, 2018.

Action: Approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting on December 4, 2018.

Gardner moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-04

B. Second Amendment to Contract with Inyo County for Senior Services funds

Departments: Social Services

Second Amendment to Contract with County of Inyo for a decrease of funds for FY 2018-19 pertaining to the Senior Services Program

Action: Approve the proposed contract Amendment #2 to the contract with Inyo County for senior services for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2020 and authorize the Board Chair to execute such Amendment on behalf of the County.

Gardner moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-05

C. Amendment to Fiscal Year 2017-2020 Substance Abuse Block Grant Agreement with Department of Health Care Services

Departments: Behavioral Health

(Robin Roberts) - Proposed amendment to contract with California Department of Health Care Services pertaining to the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant.

Action: Approve County entry into proposed contract amendment and authorize director of Behavioral Health to execute said amendment and related certifications and assurances on behalf of the County.

Gardner moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-06

D. Resolution Delegating Investment Authority to the County Treasurer

Departments: Finance

Resolution Delegating Investment Authority to the County Treasurer.

Action: Adopt Resolution R18-01, Delegating Investment Authority to the County Treasurer.

Gardner moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R19-01

E. Monthly Treasury Transaction Report

Departments: Finance

Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 11/30/2018.

Action: Approve the Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 11/30/2018.

Gardner moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-07

F. HAVA Grant Approval

Departments: Elections

The U.S. Elections Assistance Commission, through the State of California, is offering Help America Vote Act (HAVA) federal reimbursement funding for County efforts to improve cyber security and infrastructure related to VoteCal.

Action: Approve and authorize the Mono County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters to sign Agreement #18G27126 with the California Secretary of State for receipt of up to \$10,000 to be used for HAVA Cyber Security and Infrastructure Improvement program.

Gardner moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-08

G. Contract with Willdan for Interim Assistant CAO Services

Departments: CAO

(Leslie Chapman) - Contract with Willdan for Interim Assistant County Administrative Officer services to be provided by Kevin Carunchio.

Action: Approve contract with Wildan and authorize the CAO to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Gardner moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain

M19-09

Supervisor Stump:

- Kevin Carunchio was deeply involved in the creation of the Joint Powers Owens Valley Groundwater Authority (OVGA). That Authority was created to comply with requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. I am Chair of the OVGA Board. I do not know if there is a conflict of interest in my voting on this item but out of an abundance of caution, I am abstaining.

Supervisor Corless:

- Some employees were surprised by this item. Encourage good, open, and honest communication about what this does and what it means.

6. 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. Hemp Cultivation Letter

Letter from Vanessa Arnold to the Board asking to codify hemp as a permitted agriculture crop.

Supervisor Halferty:

- Farm Bill 2019 included Hemp becoming an agriculture commodity.

B. Invitation for a Meeting to Discuss the Inyo National Forest Land Management Plan Revision Objections

An invitation from Bernie Gyant, Deputy Regional Forester and Objection Reviewing Officer, to a meeting to discuss potential resolutions to objections on January 15-17, 2019 at the Eastern Sierra Campus of Cerro Coso Community College. The meeting is open to the public.

Supervisor Corless:

- Objection meetings have been postponed due to the shutdown.
- Wanted to recognize the Community Development staff.
- Hopes the Forest Service can provide a better meeting time once business resumes.

C. Liberty Utilities Rate Increase Request

A notification of Liberty Utilities LLC request to increase rates - 2019-2021 General Rate Case application filing from November 30, 2018.

D. Suddenlink Restructuring

A letter from Davis Wright Tremaine LLP and Jenner & Block LLP, attorneys for Altice USA, to the Video Franchising and Broadband Deployment Group of the California Public Utilities Commission regarding a Pro forma restructuring of intermediate parent entity of Cequel III Communications I, LLC, Cebridge Acquisition, L.P., and NPG Cable, LLC (all d/b/a Suddenlink Communications).

E. Agricultural Commissioner's Office Department Update January 2019

January 2019 department update from the Counties of Inyo and Mono Agricultural Commissioner's office.

Supervisor Peters:

- Includes the farm bill update.
- **Leslie Chapman:** The Ag. Commissioner comes when there is an item of interest. He will be here on Jan. 22 to present his department's goals.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Supervisors' Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees for 2019

Departments: Clerk of the Board

(Shannon Kendall; Board Chair) - Mono County Supervisors serve on various board, commissions and committees for one-year terms that expire on December 31st. Each January, the Board of Supervisors makes appointments for the upcoming year.

Action: Appoint Supervisors to boards, commissions and committees for 2019, as discussed and agreed upon.

Halferty moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-10

Shannon Kendall, Clerk-Recorder-Registrar:

- Introduced item.

The 2019 list of Supervisor's Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees can be found on the Mono County website:

Break: 10:25 AM

Reconvene: 10:35 AM

B. Mono County Statement of Investment Policy

Departments: Finance

(Gerald Frank) - Annual renewal and approval of the Mono County Statement of Investment Policy pursuant to Section 27133 of the Government Code of the State of California.

Action: Approve the Mono County Statement of Investment Policy, as presented or amended.

Gardner moved; Halferty seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-11

Gerald Frank, Treasurer – Tax Collector

- Introduced item. Went through corrections:
- Section 4.3 - adding code section that was left out.
- Section 8 – authorized investment. Added codes to make it consistent.
- Section 9.25 – changing this statement to be more of a guideline. Added bottom section.
- Appendix A – Corrections to government code references.

C. Criteria for Planning Commission Appointments

Departments: CDD

(Wendy Sugimura on behalf of Supervisor Stump) - Discuss the duties of and criteria for appointment to the Mono County Planning Commission.

Action: Discuss duties and criteria for Planning Commissioner appointments and provide any direction to staff.

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Introduced item.

Moved to Board Reports.

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

9. CLOSED SESSION at 11:27 AM

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.

Reconvene: 11:43 AM

Nothing to report out of Closed Session.

Moved to Adjourn.

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:

- 1/3: Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District Board in Independence, last meeting
- 1/7: Mammoth Lakes Housing: approved submitted a proposal to TOML Request for Qualifications for housing "experts," MLH will work with Sierra Business Council and consultants who worked on Community Housing Action Plan collaboratively on the proposal. MLH was approved for participation in the CA Coalition for Rural Housing's internship program and will now work to recruit an intern. (Will send application in separate email.)
- Local Impacts of Government Shutdown: Hearing from constituents about concerns of lack of agency presence during times of high visitation, worked to get information on social media, urge board and county to be active in looking for solutions if shutdown continues.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Went on a trip for two weeks.
- Spoke of the Government Shutdown in Washington and its effects in the Eastern Sierra.

Supervisor Halferty:

- On December 20th I attended the County Planning Commission.
- On January 4th I attended the first meeting of the California Coalition for Rural Housing Board Subcommittee Disaster Relief/Prevention. The committee agreed to focus on working with the State Housing and Community Development Director on putting in place the means to quickly get housing funding out to disaster areas. A tentative meeting is scheduled for next week. I plan to call into the meeting.
- On January 7th I attended The Land Development Technical Advisory Committee. I also attended the CCRH Finance Committee meeting and the CCRH Legislative Committee meeting. I did learn that the State Senate split their Housing and Transportation Committee into two separate committees. Senator Wiener will serve as a chair of the Housing Committee and Senator Beall will serve as the Transit Committee Chair.

Supervisor Peters:

- 18th Dustlynn Beavers PH
- 3rd AV RPAC
- Lots of Holiday Events in Bridgeport, AV and Mammoth
- **Upcoming:**
- BP RPAC Tonight

Supervisor Stump:

- 12-20: Attended Special Board meeting - approved Behavioral Health's request.
- 1-2: Met with Jerry Vandebrake to discuss specifications for slip in water tank/pump units for the County Road Department. Better to use slip in units in existing County Dump truck beds that to purchase entire new water trucks vehicles. Old fire people, yes that applies to me, know pumps and plumbing.
- 1-3: Attended the Great Basin unified Air Pollution Control District meeting. Supervisor Corless announced that she is leaving that Board due to schedule conflicts. The entire GBUAPCD Board, myself included, are sorry to see her go.
- 1-4: Attended a staff meeting to prepare for the 1-15 CSA TV service item that will be on the BOS agenda. Meeting was put together by County Counsel Simon and once again I got to be impressed by her skills

Moved to Closed Session.

ADJOURNED at 11:43 AM

ATTEST

**JOHN PETERS
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**SCHEEREEN DEDMAN
SR. DEPUTY CLERK**