



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

**Regular Meeting
October 15, 2019**

9:02 AM Meeting called to Order by Chair Peters.

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

The Mono County Board of Supervisors stream most of their meetings live on the internet and archives them afterward. To search for a meeting from June 2, 2015 forward, please go to the following link: <http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/meetings>.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Corless.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Kristen Reese, Mono Arts Council Executive Director:

- Invited the Board to the launch of "Arts Now Mono County," which informs the public about the importance of arts education in Mono county.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Employee Service Award Ceremony

Departments: CAO

(Steve Barwick, CAO) - Presentation by the Board of Supervisors, Steve Barwick, and Managers to Mono County employees, celebrating years of service to the County.

Action: Present awards, gratitude and congratulations to employees who have earned awards for years of service and dedication to the County.

Steve Barwick, CAO:

- Introduced item. Recognized the following employees:

Behavioral Health

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Richard Bonneua
Lourdes Gonzalez
Laura Cruz
Salvador Montanez

Community Development

James Shoffner
Nicholas Criss

Emergency Medical Services

Fletcher Buccowich
Kyle Rose
Sean Macedonio

Public Health

Christopher Babula
Luz Mijares-Wilson

Finance

Megan Muhaffy

Information Technology

Andy Liu

Public Works

David Campbell
William Van Kampen
Joel Erickson
Paul Roten

Social Services

Cathleen Young
Yvon Guzman-Rangel
Rose Martin
Alecxis Cannon

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Steve Barwick, CAO:

- Heading to a conference for California Association of County Executives.
- Last week, continuing to dive into landfill and solid waste, and housing operations.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Close to closing escrow on the sale of the Davison House.
- There was a glitch with the registration of Silver State with the state of California.

Janet Dutcher:

- Auditors will be in county on October 28. The programs they will audit: HOME, CDBG, Alcohol and Drug, and Victim Witness.
- Agenda item: Fiscal 2019 update in November.

- December: Workshop for resources, raising revenue, and walk through the cost plan.

Robin Roberts:

- Last Wednesday, people from the Harm Reduction Coalition came to the County to do a Harm Reduction 101, 50 people attended..

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. Mono Arts Council - California Arts Council's State-Local Partnership Program

Departments: Board of Supervisors

The State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) provides general operating support and technical assistance for county-designated local arts agencies. The purpose of the SLPP is to foster cultural development on the local level through a partnership between the State and the counties of California.

Action: Approve resolution R19-75, Designating Mono Arts Council as the local partner for the California Arts Council's State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) and supporting Mono Council for the Art's Council's 2020-2022 grant application.

Corless moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R19-75

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. Letter from Twin Lakes Resort

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Correspondence received from Twin Lakes Resort regarding flavored tobacco sales in Mono County.

B. Resolutions from MCOE and MUSD

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Resolutions received from the Mono County Office of Education and the Mammoth Unified School District regarding the sale of flavored tobacco.

C. Letter from R. Scot and Katherine Buell

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Letter received from R. Scot and Katherine Buell regarding power poles in the Antelope Valley.

Katie Buell:

- She is requesting an explanation for how power poles were approved to be installed in the Antelope Valley in regards to the general plan.

Wendy Sugimura:

- Has not had an opportunity to research the issue. Suggest when individual project concerns come up, people should contact the Community Development office directly.
- Workshop at the Antelope Valley RPAC.

Moved to item 7e.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. PSPS Action Items Workshop

Departments: Information Technology / Sheriff

(Nate Greenberg, Ingrid Braun) - This item will be a workshop in which staff works collaboratively with the Board of Supervisors and public to develop and prioritize a list of tasks related to work being done by the County to address the impacts of Public Safety Power Shutoffs.

Action: None.

Nate Greenberg, IT Director:

- Went through presentation (available in additional documents).

Supervisor Corless:

- Would like to bring back a specific item about advocacy, engaging the CPUC.

Break: 10:41 AM

Reconvene: 10:52 AM

B. Workshop on Mono County Code Chapter 7.92 Pertaining to the County's Smoking and Tobacco Policy

Departments: Public Health

(Sandra Pearce) - Workshop on Mono County Code Chapter 7.92 Pertaining to the County's Smoking and Tobacco Policy

Action: Make no changes to the current ordinance. Mono County Code (MCC) Chapter 7.92.070 (E) shall sunset and menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars, little cigars, cigarillos, snuff and chewing tobacco will be banned. Retailers will no longer be able to order any new flavored tobacco products effective 11/1/19 but could sell the remainder of their inventory.

Dr. Thomas Boo, County Health Officer:

- Went through presentation (available in additional documents).

Sandra Pearce, Public Health Director:

- Handed out letter from April 2018 (available in additional documents) that went out to tobacco retailers. Sent out with original amendment.

Letter from Debie Bush (available in additional documents).

C. Proposed Senate Bill 2 Application for Funds Targeted at Increased Housing Production

Departments: Community Development

(Bentley Regehr) - Presentation by Bentley Regehr regarding Senate Bill 2, the Building Homes and Jobs Act, planning grant application.

Action: Approve the proposed SB-2 application to fund a) prescriptive designs for accessory dwelling units and b) an update to the County's greenhouse gas emissions data and creation of a CEQA streamlining checklist.

Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-234

Bentley Regehr, Planning Analyst:

- Introduced item.

Moved to Item 8.

D. Housing Mitigation Ordinance (HMO) Workshop

Departments: Community Development / Finance

(Wendy Sugimura, Megan Mahaffey) - Presentation regarding updating the Housing Mitigation Ordinance.

Action: None.

Wendy Sugimura:

- Introduced item.
- Would like to bring back an ordinance to the second meeting of November.

Megan

- Went through presentation.

Board consensus to have a Housing Mitigation Ordinance item.

Moved to Board Reports.

E. Contribution to Mammoth Lakes Basin Fuels Reduction Project

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Dave Easterby and Betty Hylton, Mammoth Lakes Fire Safe Council) - Proposed payment of \$30,425 to the Mammoth Lakes Fire Safe Council in support of the Lakes Basin Fuel Reduction Project.

Action: Approve County payment of \$30,425 to the Mammoth Lakes Fire Safe Council in support of the Lakes Basin Fuel Reduction Project and direct staff to take necessary steps to finalize payment agreement, and return to the Board on

the first meeting of November 2019 for necessary approvals, for the appropriation and transfer of said funds.

Kreitz moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-233

Dave Easterby:

- Introduced item.

Stacey Simon:

- Have a letter and an agreement ready to be approved (available in additional documents).

Janet Dutcher:

- Will approve from contingencies, hoping that savings can be found from departments.
- Will have an approval item on the first meeting of November.

Moved to item 7a.

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

9. CLOSED SESSION at 12:12 PM

A. Closed Session - Human Resources

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Steve Barwick, Stacey Simon, 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 - Existing Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: County of Mono v. Amerisourcebergen Drug Corp. Cardinal Health, McKesson Corporation, Purdue Pharma L.P., Purdue Pharma, Inc, The Purdue Frederick Co., Inc. et al., U.S. Dist. Court for Eastern California, Case No. 2:18-cv-00149-MCE-KJN.

C. Closed Session - Public Employment

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.

D. Closed Session - Public Employment

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE, DISMISSAL, RELEASE. Government Code section 54957.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL RECONVENE NO EARLIER THAN 1:00 P.M.

Reconvene: 1:02 PM
Nothing to report out of Closed Session.

Moved to item 7d.

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

11. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- 10/10: Public Lands Steering Committee
- 10/11: Eastern Sierra Council of Governments
- 10/14: Met with TOML Mayor Sausser, Forest Management Task Force—discussion of Cal Fire grant opportunity
- This week: RCRC Executive Committee, Meeting with Asm Bigelow and Sen Borgeas' staff, Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Project meeting Thursday, Oct 17

Supervisor Gardner:

- Last Wednesday I participated in a NACO Public Lands Steering Committee conference call. Subjects covered included the status of Federal budget appropriations legislation, the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program, the Secure Rural Schools program, and the Waters of the US regulation. Information on all these issues is available on the NACO website.
- On Friday Oct. 11 I attended a meeting of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments in Mammoth. The Council approved a revised Joint Powers Agreement establishing the ESCOG as a separate legal entity. This agreement will now be considered for approval by the four ESCOG member boards. The Council also heard an update on the status of the Bishop airport (commercial service still set for next November 2020) and updates on the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership.
- Also, on Friday the 11th I attended a meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board (also a JPA) in Mammoth. Other than the regular monthly operations and financial reports, the Board approved purchase of a trolley bus for Mammoth, adopted moving forward with an Other Post Benefits Trust (OPEB) Trust, and approved its service review for the next six months. A part of that review included terminating the June Lake/Mammoth Winter Shuttle. That shuttle had low ridership, was difficult to support given ESTA's driver shortage, and was primarily an employee shuttle.

- Last night I attended a meeting of the Mono Basin Fire Safe Council. This group continues to work on getting more fire prevention and other initiatives organized for their region.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- I attended the NACo RICC at the Rural Action Caucus meeting in Lake Placid, NY. Besides discussing housing in broad terms during the RICC portion of the event, we learned about and discussed challenges to providing an accurate count of our rural counties during the 2020 Census. Concerns were largely around diminishing the concerns of undocumented residents to participate and reaching our community members that only get their mail by Post Office Box, since the U.S. Census won't mail to them. The other primary topic of discussion was broadband service in rural America, and how it is directly linked to participating in the 2020 Census. Guest speaker, Lauren Lyon, from SpaceX Starlink shared with us the exciting forthcoming (2020) broadband via Starlink, which is focusing on rural America, where Starlink works best.

Supervisor Peters:

- 9th Sonoma CSAC Regional
- Revenue Sources State and Federal Programs
- 12th Ducks Unlimited
- New Roof on Mono County Museum in Bridgeport
- **Upcoming:**
- CSAC State Homelessness Taskforce 4th

Supervisor Stump:

- 9-23 : Tri Valley Water Commission
- 10-7 : LTC - Already reported on by Supervisors Kreitz and Peters
- 10-10 : Owens Valley Groundwater Authority - Thank you to County Counsel Simon for attending - Still no notification from DWR about the Basin rating. That Board has requested that the Boards of every member entity discuss and provide guidance to their OVGA representative on whether each entity wants to continue as a member of the OVGA should the final rating be low. We will need to discuss this further. If the basin remains medium as it was originally then all parties are in. Invoices for last fiscal year are going to be sent for payment as the OVGA is has to maintain it's cash flow capability. The funds for Mono, Tri Valley and Wheeler Crest are already set aside.
- 10-11 : Attended the Karlie Guse one year press conference in Chalfant. Thanks to both the SO and the FBI for their continued efforts.
- 10-11 : Met with Shane Saulke - Tribal Chair of the Benton Tribe. SCE power shutoffs, housing, and senior services were the topics of conversation.
- Thank you to the Board for covering behind me at the last meeting.

ADJOURNED at 3:18 PM

ATTEST

**JOHN PETERS
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

SCHEEREN DEDMAN
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK