



**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.
Teleconference Only - No Physical Location

**Regular Meeting
July 14, 2020**

9:10 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Corless.

Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Kreitz, Peters, and Stump (all attended via teleconference).

Supervisors Absent: None.

All votes were conducted by roll call.

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 Kreitz.

Supervisor Corless:

- Adjourn meeting in memory of Bill Chiat, Dean, CSAC Institute for Excellence in County Government.

Supervisor Stump:

- From an unknown source: A wise physician said, "The best medicine for humans is love". Someone asked, " What if it doesn't work?" He smiled and answered, "Increase the dose".

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Katie Maloney – Bellomo:

- Wilson and Mill Creeks.

Moved to item 5 consent agenda.

2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Memories of Bill Chiat.
- Budget meeting.
- CARES Act.
- Animal Shelter shade project.
- Civic Center – limited re-entry of staff and services to the public.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Alicia Vennos, Economic Development Director:

- Update on Transient Occupancy Tax: Receipts from March, down from previous quarter.
- SBA paycheck protection program.

Shannon Kendall, Clerk-Recorder-Registrar:

- 4th of July plaque – in appreciation of the Board of Supervisors
- Introduced Queenie Barnard, new Sr. Deputy Clerk

Robin Roberts, Behavioral health Director:

- Remembered Bill Chiat.
- Increase in Crisis response.

Nate Greenberg, IT Director:

- Civic Center.

Returned to item 1 Public Comment.

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. Allocation List Amendment - Finance Department

Departments: Human Resources / Finance

Proposed resolution amending the County of Mono List of Allocated Positions to eliminate the Payroll & Benefits Manager in the Department of Finance and add the position of Accountant I.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution R20-75, Authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the list of allocated positions to remove the Payroll and Benefits Manager and add one Accountant I position for a total of three within the Department of Finance.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R20-75

B. Contract with Anne Sippi Clinic Treatment Group for the Provision of Transitional Social Rehabilitation Services

Departments: Behavioral Health

Proposed contract with Anne Sippi Clinic Treatment Group for the provision of Transitional Social Rehabilitation Services for Mono County Behavioral Health.

Action: Approve County entry into proposed contract and authorize CAO to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-135

C. Inyo County Contract for Senior Services

Departments: Social Services

The County of Inyo-Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging (ESAAA) Program provides revenues to the County of Mono for the provision of Senior Services. Such services include Nutrition Programs (Congregate and Home Delivered Meals); senior center activities; transportation and assisted transportation; and, information and assistance to seniors throughout Mono County.

Action: Approve the proposed Contract with Inyo County for senior services for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, and authorize the Board Chair to execute the Contract on behalf of the County.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-136

D. Kern, Inyo and Mono Counties Joint Powers Agreement Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

Departments: Social Services

Under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Kern, Inyo and Mono (KIM) Counties formed the Local Workforce Investment Area and signed a joint powers agreement. WIA was reauthorized as the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and as such, a new joint powers agreement is needed between the counties.

Action: Approve the KIM WIOA Joint Powers Agreement and authorize the Board Chair to sign.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-137

E. Letter in Support of WCB Grant Application for JMT Wilderness Conservancy

Departments: Clerk of the Board

A letter from the Mono County Board of Supervisors to the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) in support of the John Muir Trail (JMT) Wilderness

Conservancy Wilderness Restoration Project, Inyo National Forest WCB Grant Application, Forest Conservation Program.

Action: Approve letter from the Mono County Board of Supervisors to the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) in support of the John Muir Trail (JMT) Wilderness Conservancy Wilderness Restoration Project, Inyo National Forest WCB Grant Application, Forest Conservation Program and authorize Board Chair to sign.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-138

6. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

A. Inyo National Forest Letter re: Land Management in the North Mono Basin Watershed

A letter from Gordon Martin, Inyo National Forest District Ranger to the Board discussing the Forest's policies and actions land and water resources management in the North Mono Basin Watershed.

Stacey Simon, County Counsel and Supervisor Gardner recused themselves.

Supervisor Peters:

- Supports creating an agenda item

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Asked for information / items to be returned after the Jan 21 meeting when this item was discussed.

Hilary Hansen Jones:

- Discussed points made in the letter.

Gordon Martin, Mono Basin District Ranger:

- Expanded on information in letter.

Katie Maloney-Bellomo:

- Letters to LADWP
- Return ditch.

Break: 10:26 AM

Recoverne; 10:39 AM

Moved to item 7b.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Departments: CAO

(Bob Lawton, CAO) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including reports from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Unified Command (UC), and the various branches of the EOC, including Community Support and Economic Recovery, Joint Information Center (JIC), and Public Health. Specific topics include, but are not limited to: (1) Mono County Workplace Integration.

Action: None.

Bob Lawton:

- Introduced item.
- New directives from Governor's office.

Dr. Tom Boo, County Health Officer
Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Nurse

Public Comment

- Dirk

Chris Mokracek, EMS Chief
Sheriff Ingrid Braun

Moved to item 8.

B. Employment Agreement - Lynda Salcido, Interim Public Health Director

Departments: CAO, Human Resources

(Bob Lawton, CAO) - Proposed resolution approving a contract with Lynda Salcido as Interim Public Health Director and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

Action: Announce Fiscal Impact. Approve Resolution #R20-74, approving a contract with Lynda Salcido as Interim Public Health Director 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: The hourly cost is \$66.86 (salary is \$61.54 and payroll taxes are \$5.32) for a monthly cost of \$11,589 until the recruitment process is completed. Because the 960 CalPERS hour limit for hiring retirees was temporarily lifted by Executive Order for work related to COVID response, the maximum fiscal cost cannot be estimated at this time and depends on the number of hours worked.

Peters moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R20-74

Bob Lawton:

- Introduced item.
- Read Fiscal impact into record.

Lynda Salcido, Interim Public Health Director

Moved back to item 7a.

C. Radio System Update

Departments: Information Technology

(Nate Greenberg, IT Director) - In 2015 the Mono County Information Technology Department inherited the County & Town's Land Mobile Radio (LMR) System and has been working to support, maintain, and generally improve it. This item will provide an overview of where this project is at, highlight key conversations we have had along the way, and sketch out a path forward.

Action: None.

Nate Greenberg, IT Director;

- Introduced item; went through presentation.

Break: 2:13 PM

Reconvene: 2:19 PM

Board consensus to move ahead.

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 12:31 PM

Reconvene: 1:10 PM

Nothing to report out of Closed Session.

Moved to item 7c.

A. Closed Session - Public Employment

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

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- NACo Public Lands Steering Committee and Western Interstate Region meeting all at once since in-person meeting was cancelled. Weekly Yosemite Gateway Area Coordination team meeting. Madera is the only one of the four counties on the State watchlist.

- Last Thursday, phone meeting with acting-Inyo National Forest Superintendent Pancho Smith. Is interested in coming to a Board meeting to introduce himself.
- Same day, CalRec Vision Steering Committee, effort to form statewide office of outdoor recreation or state-focused effort to coordinate outdoor recreation.
- That afternoon, attended the Southern Sierra Leadership Forum, coordinated by SNC sponsored collab effort trying to coordinated public land management agency discussions and activity in the southern sierra area. How each agency / area is dealing with Covid
- Friday Forest Management Task Force East Side Regional Prioritization Group. Technical presentation on impacts of mega fires.
- Yesterday, full statement Forest Management Task Force. Will be meeting monthly. Focused on efforts around biomass utilization industry development throughout the state and efforts of groups such as the Nature Conservancy.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Last Wednesday July 8 I participated with Chair Corless in a NACO Public Lands Policy Committee call. Topics included consideration of policy resolutions and the status of Congressional legislation. We also received public lands related presentations from various Federal policy officials. Information on pending legislation, which contains proposals that could affect Mono County, was provided to the Board and staff yesterday.
- Also last Wednesday evening I participated in the monthly meeting of the Mono Basin RPAC. Topics included a COVID-19 update, the status of the SCE substation project, and an update from the Inyo National Forest District Ranger.
- On Thursday July 9 I participated in the Yosemite Gateway Partnership call. Topics included CalTrans projects on the westside, and a review of the Yosemite reservation system in place since their opening in early June. Park officials are continuing to adjust the system as they learn more from data and experience. Eastern Sierra residents can use the Tioga Road to pass through the Park on the way to west destinations, but officials stated non-residents cannot do so, although some discretion has been allowed.
- On Friday July 10 I participated in the monthly meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board of Directors. We reviewed regular financial and operations reports and approved three contracts.
- Yesterday I participated in a brief NACO Business Town Hall call meeting, which primarily included information about the upcoming meeting in place of the Annual Conference next week.
- Last evening, I participated in the Mono Basin Fire Safe Council meeting. Topics discussed included getting a fire prevention banner on a surplus fire truck in Lee Vining, continuing distribution of safe campfire flyers to Lee Vining businesses and campground hosts, the status of escape routes in Mono City, and potential volunteer off-road patrols in the Mono Basin.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- On Friday, July 10th I participated in the regular ESTA Board meeting. The Trolley busses for the Lakes Basin have new, more secure bike trailers which will cut down on liability of damaged bikes, an RFP for architecture also and engineering services for the Bishop ESTA building was reviewed, the board approved a contract with Mono County for Senior Services, Pahrump-Tecopa Route Contract, and Keeler Dial-a-Ride.

- Monday, July 13th was the Local Transportation Commission (LTC) meeting. We approved funding for the sidewalk on Lake Mary Road between Minaret and Canyon Blvd. Yosemite National Park staff provided an update on the upcoming Tioga Pass Road and Tuolumne Meadows campground rehabilitation projects.

Supervisor Peters:

- 8th, participated in WIR Public Lands call, which I serve on the WIR side.
- 9th, Attended IHSS Advisory Board call. IHSS Community Services solutions is located in Walker, they are looking for providers in the Walker area. Not looking for any in the Mammoth area.
- 13th, LTC.
- North Mono Chamber of Commerce last night. Very active. Transition with all new officers. Obligated to cancel the ATV Jamboree, their big fundraiser of the year. Doing a Kayak raffle. Primary goal is to plant fish in Walker River. Partnering with local businesses and nonprofits. 20th Annual July How Big is Big Fish Tournament. Fish upwards of 8 lbs. have been caught.
- Change of command at the Mountain Warfare Training Center. Col. Kevin Hutchinson has moved to the Pentagon. Replacement Col. Dan Whitnam. We only have them for two years at a time.

Supervisor Stump:

- 7-9: Attended the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority meeting. The Eastern Sierra Community Services District has withdrawn from the Authority. That District provides sewage treatment in Bishop only, no water deliveries except for the reclaimed water available to replace potable water when used in non-potable uses. The Consultant continued with the series of presentations involving the GSP preparation.
- 7-13: Attended the LTC meeting. Grant Awards received for a June Lake Trails/connectivity plan development and for ESTA planning.

ADJOURNED in memory of Bill Chiat at 3:01 PM

ATTEST

**STACY CORLESS
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**SCHEEREN DEDMAN
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD**