



**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Regular Meetings: First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified below.

Teleconference Only - No Physical Location

**Regular Meeting
December 15, 2020**

9:02 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Corless.

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

Supervisors Absent: None.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Stump.

Supervisor Corless:

- Adjourn meeting in memory of Rodney Wiley, longtime Mammoth resident, also affectionately known as DJ Rodney O.
- “The most difficult work of leadership involves learning to experience distress without numbing yourself. The virtue of a sacred heart lies in the courage to maintain your innocence and wonder, your doubt and curiosity, and your compassion and love even through your darkest, most difficult moments. Leading with an open heart means you could be at your lowest point...and entirely powerless, yet remain receptive to the full range of human emotions without going numb, striking back, or engaging in some other defense. In one moment you may experience total despair, but in the next, compassion and forgiveness. You may even experience such vicissitudes in the same moment and hold those inconsistent feelings in tension with one another. Maybe you have. A sacred heart allows you to feel, hear, and diagnose, even in the midst of your mission, so that you can accurately gauge different situations and respond appropriately. Otherwise, you simply cannot accurately assess the impact of the losses you are asking people to sustain, or comprehend the reasons behind their anger. Without keeping your heart open, it becomes difficult, perhaps impossible, to fashion the right response and to succeed or come out whole.” – Martin Linsky, *Leadership on the Line*

Supervisor Kreitz:

- "I think a hero is any person really intent on making this a better place for all people." – Maya Angelou

Supervisor Stump:

- "If we listen to the voices of our own emotional responses, often times which are judgmental, then we will not hear what others are really saying." – Julie, member of Fred's graduate school faculty

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Proclamation of Appreciation for Supervisor Fred Stump

Departments: Board of Supervisors

Proclamation of the Mono County Board of Supervisors recognizing outgoing Supervisor Fred Stump.

Action: Approve proclamation recognizing outgoing Supervisor Fred Stump.

Peters motion; Kreitz seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention

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Supervisor Corless:

- Read proclamation

Public Comments:

- Ron Day
- Chief Doonan
- Hank
- Wendilyn Grasseschi
- Timothy Alpers
- Rhonda Duggan
- Gary Nelson
- Carol Ann Mitchell

Staff Comments:

- Janet Dutcher
- Robin Roberts
- Alicia Vennos
- Ingrid Braun
- Wendy Sugimura
- Kathy Peterson
- Shannon Kendall
- Stacey Simon
- Joe Blanchard
- Michelle Raust

Supervisors Peters, Gardner, Kreitz, and Corless shared stories and thanked Supervisor Stump for his service.

Supervisor Stump:

- Thanked everyone for the comments
- Thanked his wife, Patty, for support over the last 8 years
- Appreciates county, colleagues, and staff for education and growth he's had over the last 8 years

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments
None.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Recognized hard work undertaken by Tax-Collectors Office related to property taxes: Janelle, Julie, James, and Gerald
- Provided Property Tax update – as of last night (12/14), processed \$42.6 million of payments, 94% of first installment

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 - October 6, 2020

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 6, 2020.

Action: Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 6, 2020.

Kreitz motion; Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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B. Board Minutes - October 13, 2020

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 13, 2020.

Action: Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 13, 2020.

Kreitz motion; Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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C. Board Minutes - October 20, 2020

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 20, 2020.

Action: Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 20, 2020.

Kreitz motion; Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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D. Board Minutes - November 3, 2020

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on November 3, 2020.

Action: Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on November 3, 2020.

Kreitz motion; Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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E. CSA #1 Lease for Telecommunications Infrastructure

Departments: Public Works

Request for approval of County entry into 10-yr lease for the continued use of a portion of private property in Sunny Slopes for the purpose of housing power and telecommunication infrastructure (in accordance with the direction of CSA #1).

Action: Approve Resolution R20-106, A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Approving County Entry into a Lease with Steve and Kathleen Olsen for Use of a Certain Portion of Real Property for the Installation and Maintenance of Certain Telecommunications Equipment.

Kreitz motion; Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R20-106

F. Addition of One (1) Limited Term Position in the Department of Public Health through November 2022

Departments: Public Health

Request approval of proposed resolution amending Mono County List of Allocated Positions to add one limited-term position within the Department of Public Health related to COVID-19. The term of the position is through November 2022.

Action: Adopt proposed Resolution R20-107, Authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the list of allocated positions to add one (1) new limited-term position consisting of one FTE Community Health Outreach Specialist in the Department of Public Health.

Kreitz motion; Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R20-107

G. Requested Salary Range Increases for the Equipment Mechanic Series

Departments: Human Resources/CAO

Proposed resolution to reclassify the salary grades of the Equipment Mechanic series as follows: Equipment Mechanic I from level 56 to 60, Equipment Mechanic II from level 60 to 64, Equipment Mechanic III from level 64 to 68, Lead Equipment Mechanic from level 68 to 72, and the Fleet Services Superintendent from level 77 to 79.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution R20-108, Reclassifying the Salary Grades of the Equipment Mechanic Series.

Kreitz motion; Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R20-108

H. One Time Increase to the Amount of Poll Worker Tokens of Recognition

Departments: Elections

The Mono County Registrar requests a one-time increase to the maximum dollar amount otherwise authorized to be spent on tokens of appreciation for elections poll workers, from \$300 total, to \$60 per person (\$3,660 for 61 workers), using approved Center for Tech and Human Life (CTCL) grant funds.

Action: Approve Resolution R20-109, authorizing a one-time increase to the amount which may be spent on tokens of recognition for elections poll workers, as authorized by Resolution R11-89.

Kreitz motion; Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R20-109

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - NONE

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Review of Emergency Declarations - Mountain View Fire

Departments: County Counsel

(Stacey Simon, County Counsel) - Review of continuing need for Board of Supervisor's November 17, 2020, Declaration of Local Emergency of and Mono County Health Officer's November 19, 2020, Declaration of Local Health Emergency for the Mountain View Fire.

Action: Determine there is a need to continue the local state of emergency declared on November 17, 2020 and the local health emergency declared on November 19, 2020.

Stump motion; Kreitz seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M20-247

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Introduced item

Justin Nalder, EOC Director:

- Mountain View Fire update – environmental remediation, community services, housing taskforce, animal services, Walker landfill

Louis Molina, Environmental Health Director:

- Working with Community Development Department to work through permitting issues
- Collecting water samples from private residents' wells to determine if the water is bacteriologically sound

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Fielding a number of inquiries about placing RVs on site and rebuilding
- Reviewed permitting process

Tony Dublino, Director of Public Works:

- Addressed need for waivers for encroachment and/or grading permits

Supervisor Peters:

- Would like to see formal request sent to CalOES from County

Urgency Item – Sending a Letter to CalOES and Governor's Office

Action: The Board determined that there is a need to take immediate action with respect to the proposed agenda item, that the need for action came to the County's attention subsequent to the agenda being posted and therefore, that the Board add the item to the agenda.

Authority: Govt. Code §54954.2(b)(2). Note that urgency items may only be added to the agendas of regular meetings, not special meetings.

Peters motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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Break: 10:43 AM

Reconvened: 10:54 AM

B. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Departments: CAO

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Dr. Tom Boo, Mono County Health Officer) - 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.

Action: None.

The following individuals gave updates:

- Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director – PPT Presentation (can be found under Supporting Documents on meeting webpage)
- Alicia Vennos, Economic Development Director – Economic Recovery Branch, TOML Business Assistance Program update, Mono County Cure Program update
- Bob Hughes, IMACA Executive Director – Food assistance program update
- Dr. Tom Boo, Mono County Health Officer – high case rates, addressed construction industry letter
- Supervisor Peters – CSAC update
- Stacey Simon, County Counsel – Addressed enforcement efforts

Public Comment:

- No Name

C. Administrative Penalty Procedure for COVID-19-Related Violations

Departments: Public Health, Community Development and County Counsel (Dr. Tom Boo, Mono County Health Officer, County Counsel Simon, Wendy Sugimura, CDD Director) - The County's existing administrative penalty system (Mono County Code Chapter 1.12) provides for the imposition of penalties for violations of state and county law, including health orders. Chapter 1.12 is general in nature and was not specifically-tailored to address violations of public health orders related to COVID-19. This ordinance would create a more-tailored administrative penalty procedure for violations involving public health orders and establish penalty amounts for those violations.

Action: Adopt proposed ordinance establishing administrative citation procedure specific to violations of public health orders and state guidelines/orders related to preventing the spread of COVID-19. (Requires 4/5 vote)

Gardner motion with amendment; Corless seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 1 no

Roll call:

Corless: Y

Gardner: Y

Kreitz: N

Peters: Y

Stump: Y

ORD20-13

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Presented item

Rob Patterson, Town of Mammoth Lakes Administrative Services/Finance Director:

- Shared Town of Mammoth Lakes administrative citation experience

Public Comment:

- No Name
- Anon
- Chief Doonan

D. Employment Agreement with John C. Craig as Assistant County Administrative Officer

Departments: Human Resources/CAO

(David R Butters) - Proposed resolution approving a contract with John C. Craig as Assistant County Administrative Officer, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

Action: Announce Fiscal Impact. Approve Resolution R20-110, approving a contract with John C. Craig as Assistant County Administrative Officer, 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 cost for the remainder of fiscal year (2020-2021) will be \$123,468 of which \$75,000 is salary, and \$48,468 is the cost of benefits. Cost for a full fiscal year is \$246,936 of which \$150,000 is the annual salary and \$96,936 is the cost of benefits and is included in the approved budget.

Kreitz motion; Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R20-110

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Introduced item

John Craig, Assistant CAO:

- Introduction and provided background

Public Comment:

- No Name
- Chief Doonan

E. California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS) Information

Departments: Social Services

(Yvonne Freeman, Social Services) - CalSAWS will be the case management system for county eligibility staff that will provide CalWORKs, CalFresh, Medi-Cal, Foster Care, Refugee Assistance, County Medical Services Program, and General Assistance/General Relief to children, families, and individuals in all 58 California counties. Staff will provide a brief update of their work on the project.

Action: None.

Kathy Peterson, Social Services Director:

- Introduced item

Yvonne Freeman, Social Services Eligibility Specialist:

- Presentation (can be found under Supporting Documents on meeting webpage)

F. Request for Proposals from Contractors for Countywide Solid Waste Services

Departments: Public Works - Solid Waste

(Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent and Tony Dublino, Director of Public Works) - Presentation and discussion of the Request for Proposals for Countywide Solid Waste Services.

Action: Authorize Public Works to distribute the Request for Proposals, in substantial conformance with the included draft, once the eight accompanying contracts and the proposal form referenced in the RFP are complete.

Kreitz motion; Peters seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent:

- Presented item
- Reviewed process taken to get to this point

Tony Dublino, Director of Public Works:

- Explained history of the process

Break: 1:01 PM

Reconvened: 1:16 PM

G. Update on Owens Valley Groundwater Authority (OVGA) and Request from Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District for Mono County to Withdraw from the OVGA

Departments: Community Development, County Counsel's Office

(Wendy Sugimura, Michael Draper, Stacey Simon, Jason Canger) - Staff Update on Owens Valley Groundwater Authority and Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District Activities and Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District Request for the County to Withdraw from the Owens Valley Groundwater Management District.

Action: Remain an OVGA member and withdraw once the Groundwater Sustainability Plan is complete.

Stump motion; Corless seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 1 no

Roll call:

Corless: Y

Gardner: Y

Kreitz: N

Peters: Y

Stump: Y

M20-250

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Introduced item

- Presentation (available on meeting webpage under Supporting Documents) – SGMA and OVGA history

Michael Draper, Planning Analyst:

- Presentation – recent and current OVGA activities

Jason Canger, Assistant County Counsel:

- Presentation – recent TriValley activities and request to withdraw

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Presentation – provided overview of options and reviewed implications

Supervisor Stump:

- Addressed correspondence received

Public Comment:

- Dave Doonan
- Rick Kattelmann
- Peter Stickells
- Matt Doonan
- Carol Ann Mitchell
- Marc Jackson

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

URGENCY ITEM

Supervisor Peters:

- Just received joint call with CalOES and Legislative Affairs - approval of CDAA, CalOES will oversee the clean up of both Phase 1 and 2
- CalOES reminder: in order for Phase 2 to commence, a Right of Entry form needs to be signed by the property owner
- Letter requested earlier can be changed to a thank you letter

9. CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation

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

Tabled for January 5, 2021 meeting.

10. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration of Tioga Inn Specific Plan Amendment

Departments: Community Development

PUBLIC HEARING: 12:30 PM

(Wendy Sugimura, Gerry LeFrancois) - Public hearing regarding Tioga Inn Specific Plan Amendment and Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (FSEIR) to amend the 1993 Tioga Inn Specific Plan (1993 Specific Plan and EIR) located at 22, 133, and 254 Vista Point Road in Lee Vining and consisting of four parcels (APN 021- 080-014, -025, -026 & -027). The Specific Plan Amendment proposes up to 150 new workforce housing bedrooms in up to 100 new units, a third gas-pump island with overhead canopy, additional parking to accommodate on-site guest vehicles as well as a general-use park-and-ride facility and bus parking for Yosemite transit vehicles, a new package wastewater treatment system tied to a new subsurface drip irrigation system, replacement of the existing water storage tank with a new tank of the same size in the same area, a new 30,000-gallon on-site propane tank (eventually replacing the existing five on-site tanks), modification to the boundaries and acreage of designated open space, and modification of parcel boundaries. The 1993 approvals, which include a still unconstructed two-story, 120-room hotel and full-service restaurant on the site, remain in effect regardless of whether the Proposed Amendment is approved.

Action: Approve postponement of item.

Peters motion; Gardner seconded.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention

Roll call:

Gardner: Y

Kreitz: Y

Peters: Y

Stump: Y

Corless: A

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Supervisor Corless:

- Recused herself because her family is an owner of the Tioga Pass Resort and some of the employees of the Resort are housed at the Tioga Inn property, thereby creating a financial conflict of interest.

Vice-Chair Kreitz:

- Resumed chairing the meeting
- Discussed request to delay item

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Addressed request to delay item
- Update on conversation with State Attorney General's office yesterday (12/14)

Public Comment:

- Michael Godbe

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Clarified recent submission of map showing a cultural route used by tribe was compared to development site plans and it appears that if anything were to impact that route, it would be the previously approved hotel, not the proposed housing.

Charlotte Lange, Mono Lake Kutzadika'a Tribal Council Chair:

- Addressed request to delay item

Dennis Domaille, Applicant:

- Addressed request to delay item

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Offered alternative to proceed with Staff Presentation and public comment, then decide whether or not to delay any action

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Staff Presentation (available on meeting webpage under Supporting Documents)

Alicia Vennos, Economic Development Director:

- Presentation – 2018 Mono County Business Retention and Expansion Survey: housing is greatest barrier to workforce retention and recruitment

Public Comment:

- Michael Godbe
- Ilene Mandelbaum
- Marissa Leonard
- Katherine Bancroft
- Paul McFarland
- Bartshe Miller
- Dean Tonenna
- Nora Livingston
- Geoff McQuilkin
- Santiago
- Scott Lichtig

11. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Postpone Board reports to next meeting (1/5/21).

ADJOURNED AT 4:41 PM

ATTEST

**JENNIFER KREITZ
VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**QUEENIE BARNARD
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**