



**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  
June 1, 2021**

9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Kreitz.

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

**1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

None.

**2. RECOGNITIONS**

**A. Proclamation Designating the Month of June 2021 Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month**

Departments: Social Services

(Krista Cooper, Kathy Peterson, Michelle Raust, Department of Social Services) - Proposed proclamation designating June 2021 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in Mono County.

**Action:** Adopt proclamation designating the month of June 2021 Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month.

**Peters motion. Corless seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-124**

**Chair Kreitz:**

- Read proclamation

**Krista Cooper, Social Worker Supervisor II:**

- Provided background on Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month
- Introduced Paulette Erwin, care ombudsman program coordinator

**Paulette Erwin, Care Ombudsman Program Coordinator:**

- Thank you for helping with this campaign to raise awareness about elder abuse

**3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

**Bob Lawton, CAO:**

- Held kick off meeting with Assistant CAO Craig and Ralph Anderson staff about Public Health Officer recruitment process
- Last week, met with Sheriff Braun and received tour of jail and dispatch facility
- Workplace Wellness meetings continue
- Weekly EOC meeting for COVID-19
- At-will compensation and classification survey
- Administered oath of office to new employees this morning

**4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Ingrid Braun, Mono County Sheriff:**

- Memorial Day update
- Large amount of reported illegal campfires

**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 - April 20, 2021**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on April 20, 2021.

**Action:** Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on April 20, 2021.

**Gardner motion. Peters seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-125**

**B. Board Minutes - May 4, 2021**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 4, 2021.

**Action:** Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 4, 2021.

**Gardner motion. Peters seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-126**

**C. Monthly Treasury Transaction Report**

Departments: Finance

Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 4/30/2021.

**Action:** Approve the Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 4/30/2021.

**Gardner motion. Peters seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-127**

**D. North American Mental Health Services Contract Amendment**

Departments: Behavioral Health

Proposed amendment to contract with North American Mental Health Services pertaining to the provision of Tele-Psychiatry Services.

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

**Gardner motion. Peters seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-128**

**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. Support Letters for Child Welfare**

The following letters were submitted on behalf of the Mono County Board of Supervisors: 1) Support for \$50 million state general fund investment in child welfare prevention services and 2) support for AB 808 Continuum Pilot Program to support child welfare and probation-involved foster youth with complex care needs who have historically been sent out-of-state for treatment. Both of these support positions are consistent with the Mono County 2021 Legislative Platform.

**B. Assembly Bill 1869 Implementation Follow Up**

Mono County Superior Court response to Debt Free Justice California regarding implementation of Assembly Bill 1869.

**C. May 2021 Mono Basin Compliance Report**

A submission from Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to California State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights Deputy Director Erik Ekdahl of the Mono Basin Compliance Reporting May 2021. Due to its size, the full report can be found on the meeting webpage: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/bos/page/board-supervisors-118>.

**7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING**

**A. Mono County Library Update**

Departments: Mono County Library

(Christopher Platt, County Library Director) - Mono County Library general update and announcement of Library Authority Board's approval for the Library to cease charging daily overdue fines effective June 1, 2021.

**Action:** None.

**Christopher Platt, County Library Director:**

- Thanked library colleagues in all seven locations throughout the county
- Excited to announce Kelly Gunther will be taking over at Bridgeport Library as Abby Bridges retires later this month
- Crowley Lake Library - Diane Tomin retired and hoping to make announcement on her replacement this week
- Mono County Libraries one of the first to open in the State last July
- During April, saw attendance triple over previous month
- In addition to virtual offerings, networked with peer networks across the State on best models and things to try for outreach
- Put out almost 500 Maker To-go kits County-wide as well as Activity-zines
- Library Authority Board has approved a plan to go fines-free

**B. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update**

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director) - 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.

**Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director:**

- PPT presentation (can be found under Supporting Documents on the meeting webpage: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/bos/page/board-supervisors-118>) – 1.57%

30-day increase, Blueprint for a Safer Economy – yellow tier, walk-in vaccination clinic schedule, vax for the win campaign, Beyond the Blueprint, COVID-19 testing

- 12-16 age vaccinations
- Moderna has filed for full FDA approval

**Chair Kreitz:**

- Discussion on lifting emergency declaration
- In-person meetings

**Bob Lawton, CAO:**

- EOC
- In-person meetings

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Clarity on meetings

**Supervisor Peters:**

- Expectations of RPACs and Chambers

**Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:**

- Finances in relation to emergency declaration
- FEMA
- Concerns if need to provide services, do not have access to funding sources

**C. Mountain View Fire Update and Review of Emergency Declarations**

Departments: Mountain View Fire Emergency Operations Center

(Justin Nalder, EOC Director) - 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:** Hear report from Incident Command and involved staff regarding status of Mountain View Fire response and recovery efforts.

Find that there is a need to continue the local state of emergency declared on November 17, 2020 and/or the local health emergency declared on November 19, 2020 (ratified by the Board on November 24, 2020).

**Peters motion. Gardner seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-129**

**Justin Nalder, EOC Director:**

- Continue to update Mountain View Fire portal with information – latest update came from Community Development Planning and Building departments
- EOC staff hours still being offered at Walker Senior Center
- CalOES stand down – increase in traffic and visitation to area, in order to avoid conflict, took few days off and are back in action today
- 100% complete with debris removal portion of remediation
- 82% complete with soil remediation and hazard tree removal

- 59% complete with erosion control measures
- 36 properties returned to county as entirely completed and signed off – 34% total properties in program are signed off
- Remaining trailers from LA due to arrive this week

*Break: 10:14 AM*

*Reconvened: 10:21 AM*

#### **D. Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Update**

Departments: Finance, CAO

(Janet Dutcher, Finance Director; Megan Mahaffey, Accountant II) - The budget development team will update the Board about the FY 2021-22 budget development process. This update will discuss final changes and recommendations resulting from the budget workshop, before the recommended budget is published on June 4, 2021.

**Action:** None.

**Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:**

- Presentation – workshop questions and County needs
- GF Recommendation – Additional spending
- Other recommendations – Motor pool, Cannabis Tax, Probation radios
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*Break: 10:47 AM*

*Reconvened: 10:57 AM*

**Supervisor Duggan:**

- CSA2 funding concerns
- Benton – still a need for conductivity

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Noted that compiled list of needs was generated by department requests and discussion and questions asked by Board members. We need to be careful to not memorialize these as priorities that were set by the Board or consensus that was reached.

#### **8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

**John Rea:**

- Questions regarding dispersed camping – working with private landowners, social media posts

#### **9. CLOSED SESSION**

*Closed Session: 11:38 AM*

*Reconvened: 12:08 PM*

Moved to Item 10.

*Reentered Closed Session: 12:37 PM*

*Reconvened: 2:11 PM*

No action to report out of Closed Session.

**A. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations**

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Bob Lawton, Stacey Simon, Janet Dutcher, and Dave Wilbrecht. 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). Unrepresented employees: All.

**B. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation**

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

**C. Closed Session - Existing Litigation**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of cases: (1) County of Mono v. City of Los Angeles et al. (Alameda Superior Court Case No. RG18923377); and (2) County of Mono v. Liberty Utilities et al. (U.S. Dist. Ct. Central Dist. of Cal. Case No. CV 21-769-GW-JPRx).

**D. Closed Session - Exposure to Litigation**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: 1. Facts and circumstances: Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) enforcement division investigation regarding Tioga Inn workforce housing project.

**10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Supervisor Corless:**

- 5/20 - Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force Kickoff Meeting
  - Participated as member of the task force's executive committee, on behalf of RCRC.
  - The purpose of the Task Force is to develop and implement an interagency framework for establishing healthy and resilient forests and communities that can withstand and adapt to wildfire, drought, and a changing climate. To accomplish this purpose, the Task Force will focus on:

- Facilitating and tracking progress on the nearly 100 deliverables in the Action Plan;
- Coordinating state, federal, local, tribal, academic, and private forest management and community wildfire protection programs;
- Integrating reporting and data management efforts among the key agencies and the private sector;
- Maintaining strong working relationships among the key agencies and stakeholders; and
- Providing a forum for stakeholder engagement, outreach, and education
- Fire outlook: while everyone anticipates a challenging fire season, fueled by drought/dry early season conditions, both USFS and CAL FIRE said that they are fully staffed and equipped.
- 5/24 & /5/27- Mammoth Lakes 395 Wildlife Crossing Meetings. the project fundraising team met with Wildlife Conservation Board staff to discuss how to improve future grant applications, great information and thanks to Kay Ogden/Eastern Sierra Land Trust for getting the meeting set up. The good news is that there is increased funding in the governor's revised budget for wildlife crossings. Then the entire wildlife stewardship team met for a general project update, including a presentation of the latest data around deer movement/collisions.
- 5/25: Dispersed camping town hall: Great work by all to present short-term solutions for better recreation management--thank you. Website is comprehensive: [essrp.org/camping](https://essrp.org/camping).
- 5/27: Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project Meeting: Planning continues on this important project--big development is receipt of CAL FIRE early action funding to do work on municipal/town lands starting in 2022.
- Continue planning for upcoming in-person RCRC board meeting in Mammoth June 16-18. Board colleagues should be getting invitations to a reception on June 16, and are welcome to attend the meeting on the 17 and 18.

**Supervisor Duggan:**

- Will provide report at next meeting.

**Supervisor Gardner:**

- On Wednesday May 19 I participated in four different meetings. These included:
  - The third day of the Budget Workshop with County staff and my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors. Thanks again to Finance Director Janet Dutcher and others who supported these workshops.
  - The meeting of the County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council. There are many changes within the juvenile justice system and this group is involved with implementation of these changes as it applies to our county. Thanks to Karin Humiston and her staff for their important support for this group.
  - A meeting of the Mono Basin Fire Safe Council. The Council continues to work on several projects including potential grants, creating flyers for campfire safety, options for social media exposure, and a home hardening workshop.
  - The monthly meeting of the June Lake Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber has an ongoing agenda of projects to support the community.
- On Friday May 21 I participated in the monthly call of the NACO Public Lands Policy Committee and the Western Interstate Board of Directors. We heard a policy update on pending Congressional legislative action and heard from candidates for WIR Board seats.



- On Tuesday May 25 I led the Dispersed Camping Town Hall Zoom meeting. This was an opportunity for citizens to hear about the progress so far from this initiative. The meeting attracted over 200 participants and generated numerous questions. Thanks to Supervisor Corless for getting this moving and to Paul McFarland for his facilitation of the meeting, and to our five subcommittee leads for their fine work that was evident during the call. I especially appreciate the work of Alicia Vennos, our Director of Economic Development, and Matt Paruolo, our Recreation Coordinator, for their great efforts on all this. We are already seeing the impact of this work on our public lands. Last week before the long weekend, LADWP along with County staff and other volunteers, organized a cleanup at Grant Lake of over 60 fire rings, and an assortment of other items including a bathtub. We have more work to do but are making good progress so far.
- On Thursday May 27 I participated in a meeting of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership partners to hear and focus on the projects identified to date for possible funding.
- Also, on Thursday the 27th I attended a meeting of the Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project. This planning effort will result in a much safer environment for our communities and protect our public lands.
- Finally, with great pleasure on Saturday May 29th I attended a meeting of the Kutzadika Tribal Council at the Lee Vining Community Center with Tribal Leaders and Congressman Jay Obernolte. Rep. Obernolte announced his intention to introduce a bill to provide Federal recognition of the Kutzadika Tribe. A similar bill was introduced last September by then Rep. Paul Cook but was not enacted. This long-awaited action has been supported by all the Eastern Sierra tribes, Mono County, and numerous other public and non-profit agencies. Rep. Obernolte stated the bill would be introduced today and I am waiting to confirm that this occurred.

**Supervisor Kreitz:**

- The Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care met on May 20th. We discussed the Project Roomkey program which was used in Mono County but not to the fullest extent so some of the remaining funds have been used to assist victims of the Mountain View Fire with housing. The Board agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority for Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV). A desired outcome from this would be a better working relationship with SHRA for all voucher programs. IMACA is going to be taking a proposal for the navigation center in Bishop to the Bishop Planning Commission within the next 90 days.
- Also, on May 20th I attended the Eastern Sierra Child Support Regional Oversight Committee meeting. Amy Weurdig is the new director and provided a thorough overview of the status of child support in the state and in the Eastern Sierra. They are looking to hold regular office hours in the new Civic Center is some space may be made available. Through a temporary program at the state, Mono County residents are able to qualify for a reduction in their arrears child support payments - encourage folks that have fallen behind to get in touch with Amy and her team to see how to get caught up and get some relief - the interest rate on back child support is 10%! They also offer free DNA testing and can do that remotely and have been throughout the pandemic.
- On May 25th I listened in on the Dispersed Camping Town Hall.
- I was invited by NACo to participate in a White Housing Policy Update meeting. There is a plethora of housing funding proposed in the American Jobs Plan. I asked the staff to make the reduction in private activity bonds from 50% to 25% for the 4% LIHTC a priority.

- As part of the California Coalition for Rural Housing board, I participated in a mock city council meeting for three of the graduating interns. All three women presented their project proposals, which included a rehabilitation of existing affordable housing development, a self-help homeownership development, and a rehabilitation of a hotel project converted to housing via the state HomeKey set-aside funding. Their intern program is a model program across the state and nation and an effort to grow diversity in the affordable housing development sector.
- Thursday, May 27th I listened in on the MLT Community Coffee about the upcoming Fire season. Later that day, I participated in a meeting with the MLH subcommittee on the Town-MLH contract renewal/revision.

**Supervisor Peters:**

- 5/19 – we finished our Budget Workshop
- 5/20 – attended NACo Broadband Working Group – 4 of the taskforce members
- Tour of wildland conservancy here in Bridgeport – Bodie Hills Wildland Conservancy
- Attended NACo West Region Meeting and Wildfire and Forest Resilience Taskforce
- 5/21 – WIR and public lands monthly call as well as CSAC Broadband Taskforce and NACo Resilience Counties meeting.
- 5/25 – another NACo Broadband Taskforce meeting to discuss how to incorporate what the taskforce is doing with policy committee
- 5/26 – travelled to Montana for WIR Board meeting
- 5/28 – NACo Broadband Taskforce with Technology and Telecommunications
- 5/31- Very nice Memorial Day service, Mountain Warfare Training Center sent Color Guard, Colonel and Sergeant Major attended

Moved to Item 9.

**ADJOURNED AT 2:12 PM.**

**ATTEST**

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**JENNIFER KREITZ**  
**CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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