



**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 8, 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 Supervisor Duggan.

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

None.

**2. RECOGNITIONS – NONE**

**3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

**Bob Lawton, CAO:**

- Toured old hospital and house purchased by County
- Continued weekly meeting on budget
- Workplace Wellness meeting
- Robert Bendorf - Strategic planning
- Conversation with Patricia Robertson (Mammoth Lakes Housing) regarding strategies to improve access to affordable housing
- Worked with staff on audit of outstanding COVID-19 orders

**4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS**

None.

**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 - May 11, 2021**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 11, 2021.

**Action:** Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 11, 2021.

**Gardner motion. Duggan seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-130**

**B. Board Minutes - May 17, 2021**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Special Meeting on May 17, 2021.

**Action:** Approve the Board Minutes from the Special Meeting on May 17, 2021.

**Gardner motion. Duggan seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-131**

**C. Board Minutes - May 18, 2021**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 18, 2021.

**Action:** Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 18, 2021.

**Gardner motion. Duggan seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-132**

**D. Resolution Suspending Operation of Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission**

Departments: Economic Development

Proposed resolution suspending operations of the Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission; directing staff to return to the Board with a workshop

and recommendations; and specifying that the Mono County Board of Supervisors will continue to make determinations regarding expenditures from the Fish and Game Fine Fund under Fish and Game Code section 13103.

**Action:** Approve Resolution R21-43, suspending operations of the Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission.

**Gardner motion. Corless seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**R21-43**

**Supervisor Peters:**

- Expressed concern regarding indefinite suspension of commission
- Request for staff to come back to Board with workshop by end of August

**Stacey Simon, County Counsel:**

- Clarified that four positions are expiring at end of June. For those whose terms are not up for reappointment, their appointment is suspended and may be reinitiated upon further action by the Board

**Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Manager:**

- Prepared to come back by August with a workshop with recommendations for the Board

Staff direction to come back at end of August with workshop.

**E. Resolution to Opt-Out of AOT (Laura's Law)**

Departments: Behavioral Health

It is required by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for counties to have a Resolution to Opt-Out of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT), aka: Laura's Law. The Behavioral Health department provides the services to any person who would qualify for treatment under Laura's Law, and is recommending an opt-out due to the added administrative burden for the county.

Given our current inter-departmental collaborative structures, between the court, DA, probation department, jail and other entities, individuals who require the level of services outlined by Laura's Law, will be (and have been) provided intensive, outpatient, WrapAround type services to enhance their ability to experience recovery. Opting Out of the AOT does not change our service delivery, it only changes our ability to continue providing what is needed on a case-by-case basis without added and unfunded administrative burden.

**Action:** Approve Resolution R21-37, Authorizing Mono County Behavioral Health to Opt Out of the Requirements of AB 1976 Regarding Assisted Outpatient Treatment.

**Gardner motion. Duggan seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**  
**R21-37**

**F. Senate Bill 1 - Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) Project List**

Departments: Public Works - Engineering

Proposed resolution adopting a list of projects for 2021-2022 funded by SB1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

**Action:** Approve Resolution R21-38, adopting a list of projects for 2021-2022 funded by SB 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

**Gardner motion. Duggan seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**  
**R21-38**

**G. 2021 Special Events Road Closures**

Departments: Public Works - Roads

When road impacts exist due to special events held within the County, roads must be closed, or traffic controlled in accordance with County policy which includes an approving Board Resolution. Staff has endeavored to gather the requisite information from special events in 2021 and bring them forward for Board approval at once.

**Action:**

- 1) Adopt proposed resolution R21-39 "A resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors authorizing the temporary closure of county roads for the Town of Mammoth Lakes Fourth of July fireworks celebration."
- 2) Adopt proposed resolution R21-40 "A resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors authorizing the temporary closure of a portion of a county road in June Lake for the annual June Lake triathlon to be held on Saturday July 10, 2021."
- 3) Adopt proposed resolution R21-41 "A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors authorizing the closure of certain county roads and state highways to thru traffic in the Mono Lake and Long Valley areas for the 2021 Mammoth Gran Fondo bike ride."
- 4) Adopt proposed resolution R21-42 "A resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors authorizing the temporary closure of county roads in the Bridgeport area for the 2021 Bridgeport Ridge Rambler."

**Gardner motion. Duggan seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**  
**R21-39, R21-40, R21-41, R21-42**

**H. Bridgeport Banner Caltrans Maintenance Agreement**

Departments: Public Works - Facilities

Proposed contract with CalTrans pertaining to an agreement between Mono County and Caltrans for the Bridgeport Banner Project.

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

**Gardner motion. Duggan seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-133**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – NONE**

**7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING**

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

Departments: CAO, Public Health

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discussion of planning for changes to County operations as the State moves into its "Beyond the Blueprint" stage, including, but not limited to: status of emergency declarations; returning to in-person County meetings; and returning remote employees to work.

**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-119>) – 1.08% 30-day increase, Blueprint for a Safer Economy – yellow tier, walk-in vaccination clinic schedule, vax for the win campaign, Beyond the Blueprint, Cal OSHA COVID-19 Prevention emergency temporary standards
- Addressed third dose / booster

**Bob Lawton, CAO:**

- In person meetings

**Stacey Simon, County Counsel:**

- Addressed Cal OSHA regulations

**Chair Kreitz:**

- Intends to attend June 15 meeting in person

**Supervisor Peters:**

- Cal OSHA – asked about barriers or social distancing instead of masking if unvaccinated

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Recommend waiting until July until more direction is provided

**Supervisor Duggan:**

- Recommend waiting until July until more direction is provided

**Supervisor Gardner:**

- Does not feel need for June 15 meeting in person

*Break: 10:04 AM*

*Reconvened: 10:10 AM*

**B. FY 2021-22 Recommended Budget Presentation**

Departments: CAO, Finance

(Janet Dutcher, Finance Director, Megan Mahaffey, Accountant II) - The budget development team will present the FY 2021-22 Recommended Budget, which was published on June 4, 2021 in anticipation of the budget public hearing scheduled for June 15, 2021.

**Action:** None.

**Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:**

- PPT presentation (can be found under Supporting Documents on the meeting webpage: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/bos/page/board-supervisors-119>) – Budget policy and fiscal resiliency, Budget approach and key results, Budget balancing, Budget overview & the numbers, Positions

**Megan Mahaffey, Accountant II:**

- Budget book materials

**Public Comment:**

- Fred Carleton – 14 county survey should be released in time for the paper to present it to the public

**C. Letter to California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Regarding Fishing Regulations on the East Walker River**

Departments: Economic Development

(Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Manager) - The proposed draft letter addresses the negative impacts of the recently changed CDFW fishing regulation for the East Walker River (closed in winter, increase fish harvest, switching from barbless hooks to barbed hooks, and regulation simplification), and recommends an emergency regulation change on the East Walker River to catch-and-release angling year-round with barbless artificial lures with a zero trout limit.

**Action:** Approve and authorize the chair to sign the supplemental comment letter for submittal.

**Peters motion. Duggan seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-134**

**Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Manager:**

- Reviewed letter

*Break: 11:23 AM*

*Reconvened: 11:31 AM*

**D. Letter to the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection Regarding the 2021 State Minimum Fire Safe Regulations**

Departments: Community Development

(Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director, April Sall, Planning Analyst) - Proposed comment letter to the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (BOF) regarding the 2021 State Minimum Fire Safe Regulations. The BOF initiated a 45-day comment period on April 23 and comments are due before the end of the public hearing at the June 22 BOF meeting.

**Action:**

- 1) Approve as amended and authorize the Chair to sign.
- 2) Direct staff to submit the approved letter by the June 22 deadline, and provide direction on making public comment on at the June 22 Board of Forestry public hearing.

**Corless motion. Duggan seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-135**

**Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:**

- PPT presentation (can be found under Supporting Documents on the meeting webpage: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/bos/page/board-supervisors-119>) – background, SMFSR overview, concerns, additional comment, suggested edits

**April Sall, Planning Analyst:**

- Wildfire rebuilds – 30-foot setback impacts

**E. Predevelopment Loan Agreement with Pacific West Communities, Inc.**

Departments: Behavioral Health

(Amanda Greenberg, Program Manager) - Proposed predevelopment loan agreement with Pacific West Communities, Inc. pertaining to the development of planned permanent supportive/affordable housing project in the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

**Action:** Approve loan agreement and authorize County Administrative Officer to execute the agreement on behalf of the County.

**Corless motion. Peters seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M21-136**

**Amanda Greenberg, Program Manager:**

- Presented item

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

None.

Moved to Item 10.

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

*Closed Session: 12:43 PM*

*Reconvened: 2:08 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 case: County of Mono v. K.R. Property Development & Real Estate et al. (Mono County Superior Court Case No. CV200081).

**10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Supervisor Corless:**

- 6/2 - Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion working group meeting; there will be an update on the program at the 6/15 BOS meeting.
- 6/3 - US Forest Service Region 5 listening session with county supervisors
- 6/4 - Yosemite Gateway Area Coordination Team recreation task force meeting, discussed recreation impacts and shared our dispersed camping collaboration resources.
- Continued work on RCRC meeting in Mammoth--thanks to Supervisor Duggan for her assistance. Also participated in other RCRC-related meetings.



- Congratulations to MHS Class of 2021!

**Supervisor Duggan:**

- 05/19/21 – I participated in Round 2 of the 2021-22 Mono County Budget Meetings with my colleagues.
- 5/20/21 – Long Valley RPAC
  - I participated the meeting of the re-formed Long Valley RPAC. The new and returning members selected officers, priorities, and goals. This group has decided to meet every other month.
  - Inyo County Supervisor Jen Roeser, owner of the McGee Creek Pack Station, is collaboration with me on wildfire prevention best practices and I am sharing the Swall Meadows & Paradise Community Wildfire Protection Plan with her.
- 5/24/21 – I participated in the final session of the Mammoth Voices Leadership Academy. This group is committed to promoting civil discourse and helping mentor those interested in community service. They will be offering another class in 2022.
- 5/25/21 - I attended the Economic Development, Tourism, and Film Commission meeting. There was discussion of the general uptick in business throughout the county, the many film production inquiries, and the status of the Fish and Wildlife Commission.
- 5/26/21 – I attended with Mono County staff and County Counsel the monthly meeting of the TGMD. This was their first meeting in person, but they want to continue to offer board members a ZOOM option for those who cannot attend meetings. I will work with IT to explore their options.
- 6/2/21 –
  - I participated in the last meeting of my term as a Board Member for Mammoth Lakes Tourism. I again want to thank the staff and Board for their support of the entire Eastern Sierra community through MLT's work with the 2020 Food Bank and the Mono County Vaccine Clinics. I look forward to continuing to partner with MLT through their collaboration with Mono County Tourism and various other organizations.
  - I participated in the LAFCO meeting along with Commissioner Kreitz. We held a public meeting then adopted the 2021-22 Budget, discussed possible future annexations at MMSA, and will be reviewing property tax agreements for the Snowcreek Annexation at a future meeting. There was also discussion of updating the Mono/Madera MOU for emergency services.
- 6/4/21 – I participated in class 1 of CSAC's Leading for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. This was an excellent, interactive session with a follow-up class on June 18.
- I am continuing to assist Supervisor Corless with arrangements for the upcoming RCRC Annual Meeting in Mammoth 6/16-18.

**Supervisor Gardner:**

- On Wednesday June 2 I participated in three meetings:
  - The meeting of the Mono Basin Partners coordinated by Katherine Jones from the Mono Lake State Park Reserve. We discussed the opening of the Mono Basin Scenic Visitor Center and other activities and events in the area.
  - The meeting of the County's Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Working Group. We had a good discussion regarding the next steps for this group.

- The monthly meeting of the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee. Topics discussed included requests to Caltrans for crosswalks and other safety-related options for Rt. 158 in June Lake, general traffic calming in the June lake village area, and the status of dispersed camping at Grant Lake.
- On Thursday June 3 I participated in three events:
  - A Caltrans press event at the vista viewpoint on Sherwin Grade for their Clean California litter cleanup proposal. We discussed the status of the dispersed camping project and supported Caltrans effort to clean up our roadsides.
  - A webinar on Effective Leadership in Housing and Development sponsored by the Institute for Local Government. One of the key takeaways from this event was the need to build widespread organized citizen support for housing in our communities.
  - The opening training session for the Mono Basin Volunteer Program. This year 13 new trainees joined the almost 90 existing volunteers who provide various support to several public and non-profit agencies in the Mono Basin.
- On Friday June 4 I participated in the monthly meeting of the Kutzadika Tribal Council. They were pleased that Rep. Obernolte did introduce the bill last Tuesday June 1 to provide formal Federal recognition of their tribe. Now the challenge is getting Congress to act on this bill and enact it as soon as possible. The tribe continues to be active in working on several events and consultation with various public agencies.
- Also, on Friday I joined three other volunteers at Grant Lake in cleaning up fire rings and trash left by campers over the Memorial Day weekend. This past weekend we had about 11-12 dispersed campers at the lake with only two illegal fires Saturday night.
- Finally, yesterday I participated in the monthly meeting of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership. We heard updates from several different public agency representatives, including a great listing of proposed USFS recreation facility improvements planned for the next several years, including campgrounds, trails and trailheads, and visitor centers. As these and other projects are completed, we will have much better recreation infrastructure for our tourists and residents to enjoy on our public lands.

**Supervisor Kreitz:**

- June 2, I participated in the LAFCO meeting where we adopted the annual budget, which was a roll-over budget. We received an update from Mammoth Resorts VP of Development, Tom Hodges on the Main Lodge rebuild as a result of their land trade with the USFS. Tom said that they are evaluating whether or not they will tie-into the MCWD system for the Main Lodge development or create a new and improved waste water treatment facility where they currently house their waste water. Tom also mentioned that the GIS system has not been updated to include the land trade. Request that IT and the Assessor look into this.
- On Thursday, June 3rd I participated in an ILG Effective Leadership webinar on Housing and Development. It was a good basic overview of housing development with a lot of discussion around the determination of the states' Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA).
- I attended two additional meetings on Thursday - the CCRH Board met to discuss topics for our meeting with HCD Director, Gustavo Velasquez; and the SCE wildfire safety meeting.
- Friday, June 4th I joined a call with Supervisor Peters, IT Director Nate Greenberg, PIO Justin Caporusso, and CAO Bob Lawton for what was intended to

be a meeting with Senator Borgeas' head of staff on the Governor's broadband budget item. While the Senator's staff didn't end up joining us it was a productive meeting and conversation. I will be reaching out to key Assemblymembers this week to encourage their support for the middle mile funding to be allocated and implemented this year, not over the course of many years as now proposed. It is unfortunate that a letter in opposition from AT&T has led to a last minute unraveling of a solid plan to get reliable and efficient broadband to all residents of California.

- Yesterday, June 7th I volunteered at the Mammoth Vaccination Clinic. Great to see some first dose people and lots of second dose youth. The CCRH Legislative Committee met later that afternoon for our standing meeting. The committee discussed the AB 880 which would have created a revolving loan fund for disaster areas that need their federal disaster funding in advance of federal distribution in order to get homes rebuilt more quickly. The bill, sponsored by Assemblymember Aguilar-Curry was moved to the suspense file unfortunately. We also discussed the draft budget which includes funds for farmworker housing. There's also a lot of concern around CDLAC's rural set-aside for 4% LIHTC which is insufficient to meet the demands of rural affordable housing development. The last round only funded one development of many that applied under the rural set-aside. We will be taking this matter up with the HCD Director at our meeting this afternoon.
- The MLH Board met last night. The Board welcomed another new board member, Mr. Brian D'Andrea. Brian comes with a wealth of experience and knowledge in affordable housing development as he is the Senior Vice President at Century Housing Corporation, a nonprofit affordable housing organization located in Los Angeles. The Board then participated in a governance workshop. MLH is working on a revised cost of work for the 238 Sierra Manor Road project given the escalating cost of materials and HCDs request for an update as they review possible grant funding for the project. As of May the median single family home price in unincorporated Mono County was \$559,000 and the median condo price was \$425,000. The Board approved contracts for two local consultants to develop a marketing plan and one to implement the marketing plan. The Board approved the fiscal year 2021-22 budget which includes an anticipated 5% contract increase from the Town. MLH and the Town Council are meeting July 7th for a joint meeting to discuss the draft three year contract.

**Supervisor Peters:**

- June 3, I attended the Southern California Edison Wildfire Safety webinar – discussed their plans to deal with PSPS and how to reduce the impacts on the communities, discussion about email alerts, resiliency project for when PSPS events occur
- Also attended the Antelope Valley RPAC – excellent updates on the Mountain View Fire, recovery efforts, planning updates, discussions about community coming out of COVID
- On June 4, attended the CSAC Broadband Working group – focusing in on what is happening to the 7 billion dollar budget passed in the May revise. Discussion with Assemblymember Bigelow specific to this issue.
- On June 5, attended the Antelope Valley Lions Club monthly business meeting – continue to do great work in the community. Also visited later that day with the USFS permit holders up at Virginia Lakes and representatives from Forest Service. Looking at signage, anticipated improvements.
- Yesterday, conversation with Race Communication Vice President about some areas that are still struggling to be connected with fiber. Illegal infrastructures.
- Met with multiple Mountain View Fire survivors, a lot of new emerging issues. Thanked Mary Booher, Justin Nalder, CAO Lawton, and Louis Molina.

- Lastly, spoke with Vice President of California Wool Growers Association regarding issue that impacts AG wages for sheep and goat herders.

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**