



**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.

Meeting Location: Mammoth Lakes Suite Z, 437 Old Mammoth Rd, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

**Regular Meeting
September 21, 2021**

9:03 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:

- Participated in Multiagency Coordination group for COVID
- Met with Sheriff's office, Finance, and Public Works regarding Bridgeport Jail Project
- Site visit to Toiyabe Health Clinic with Public Works Director to receive input on facility topics and issues to be addressed
- Met with Kathy Peterson, Nate Greenberg, Robert Bendorf, and Sheriff Braun to discuss Emergency Management functions at County – expect to come to Board of Supervisors with proposal to provide full time ongoing services in anticipation of natural and man-made disasters
- Work in support of County's grant application for County Fire Coordinator

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Critical vacancy in office
- External audits

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. First Amended Memorandum of Understanding for Proposed Permanent Supportive Housing Project

Departments: Behavioral Health

Proposed First Amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among Mono County; Pacific West Communities, Inc.; Mammoth Lakes Pacific Associates; and Buckingham Property Management for Proposed Permanent Supportive Housing Project in Mammoth Lakes, to extend the deadline for the project owner to execute a Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Loan Agreement with Mono County by six months (from October 1, 2021 until April 1, 2022).

Action:

- 1) Approve, and authorize Behavioral Health Director to sign, First Amended MOU;
- 2) Authorize Behavioral Health Director to approve and execute future amendments to the First Amended MOU to extend deadlines or accommodate necessary changes in timing or process that are consistent with the overall intent of the MOU and approved as to form by County Counsel.

Peters motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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B. County of Mono FY 2021-2024 Performance Contract

Departments: Behavioral Health

Proposed contract with California Department of Health Care Services pertaining to updated performance requirements related to service provision, the Mental Health Services Act, and other regulations related to funding through DHCS.

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

Peters motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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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. Letter from Jeff Hansen Regarding the Housing Shortage in Mono County

A letter from Mono County resident Jeff Hansen concerning the housing shortage in Mono County and suggested remedies.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Housing Programs Progress Report

Departments: Community Development

(Bentley Regehr, Planning Analyst) - A status update on housing programs, including those listed in the 2019-2027 Housing Element.

Action: None.

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Introduced item
- June Housing Authority Meeting – commitment from staff to provide quarterly reporting on housing programs
- Discussion of potential policy items that could be worked on by the County

Bentley Regehr, Planning Analyst:

- Walked through housing policy programs and Housing Elements status

Break: 10:28 AM

Reconvened: 10:36 AM

B. Bridgeport Valley Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) Community Survey Report

Departments: Bridgeport Valley RPAC

(Jimmy Little, Bridgeport Valley RPAC Chair) - Report from Bridgeport Valley RPAC regarding Community Survey.

Action: None.

Jimmy Little, Bridgeport Valley RPAC Chair:

- Reviewed Bridgeport RPAC Community Survey results

C. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Departments: CAO, Public Health

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO; Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director; Stacey Simon, County Counsel) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Presentation regarding AB 361 and AB 369 extending certain Brown Act modifications implemented by Executive Order for the duration of the declared COVID emergency and discussion and direction to staff regarding how upcoming County meetings should be structured.

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-128> – recent metrics, post vaccination infections, Mammoth Hospital status, federal vaccine mandate, MUSD update, booster shots for select group/general population, vaccine and testing schedule
- Testing in Chalfant area to be scheduled
- Vaccines for 0-5
- Tests being performed are only being conducted for COVID-19
- 18 days vs 10 days recommended by CDC

Supervisor Gardner:

- Received comments from constituents expressing appreciation for Public Health staff and their work

Supervisor Corless:

- Echo Supervisor Gardner, thank you to Bryan and Public Health staff

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Reviewed recent legislation related to how meetings are conducted, AB 361

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Recommendation that the Board consider directing staff that we move to virtual meetings

All Supervisors supported staff recommendation to move to virtual meetings.

D. Golden State Connect Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Supervisor Corless) - Proposed resolution approving and authorizing the Chair to execute the Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, a project of Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), to increase access to reliable, affordable high-speed broadband for all rural Californians.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution approving and authorizing the Chair to execute the Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement.

Peters motion. Corless seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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Supervisor Corless:

- Looking to address broadband deficiencies and to help member counties bridge the digital divide

E. Employment Agreement - County Clerk / Recorder / Registrar of Voters / Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Departments: CAO

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO) - Proposed resolution approving a contract with Scheereen Dedman as County Clerk / Recorder / Registrar of Voters / Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

Action: Announce Fiscal Impact. Approve Resolution R21-67, approving a contract with Scheereen Dedman as County Clerk / Recorder / Registrar of Voters / Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 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 cost for an entire fiscal year would be \$135,687 of which \$109,762 is salary and \$25,925 is the cost of benefits, and was included in the approved budget.

Peters motion. Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Presented item

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 12:05 PM

Reconvened: 1:03 PM

Re-entered Closed Session: 2:28 PM

Reconvened: 3:17 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 Anne Frievalt. 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 - Public Employee Evaluation

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

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

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

11. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. PUBLIC HEARING: 2021 Redistricting Communities of Interest

Departments: CAO, Board of Supervisors

Public Hearing: 1:00 PM

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO) - Focused work on collecting input on Communities of Interest. Communities of Interest are areas, including formally recognized communities or neighborhoods or portions of a community, which have common characteristics or interests. Where possible, it is generally desirable to keep these geographic areas grouped together so that they may be represented by the same supervisor.

The work done in this meeting will be to capture the general boundaries of these geographies on a map so that they may be reviewed and used by individuals proposing supervisor districts in future steps of the process.

Action: Conduct public hearing.

Public Hearing Opened: 1:04 PM

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Introduced item
- Develop presentation for public, hold Community Conversation

Supervisor Corless:

- Looking for a presentation reviewing the basics of Redistricting

Christy Milovich, Assistant County Counsel:

- Defined Community of Interest

Scheereen Dedman, Clerk-Recorder-Registrar:

- Reviewed outreach to date

Supervisor Peters:

- Encourage going all out on outreach

Supervisor Gardner:

- Communicate and engage

Nate Greenberg, IT Director:

- Reviewed Redistricting website

Public Comment:

- None

Public Hearing Closed: 2:15 PM

12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- 9/14 - CA Fire Chiefs' Association meeting, focused on working with insurers to develop risk mitigation, address insurance crisis.
- 9/15 - CA Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force executive committee meeting, planning future meetings
- 9/16 - Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District--presentation on wildfire smoke impacts within the district, better than last year, much worse than historic levels. Thank you to air district staff for this information!
https://gbuapcd.org/Docs/District/GoverningBoard/BoardMeetings/2021/09_16_2021/20210916_BoardPacketUpdateItem4.pdf

Supervisor Duggan:

- On the 15th, I participated in the NACo Waters of US Regulation Update – this is pending the federal legislation to further define navigable waters in the United States
- On the 16th, I participated in the special meeting of the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District along with Supervisor Corless and one of the items that we looked at as particular interest was the effect of the Owens Dry Lake air quality and how many times in the last year it has exceeded the acceptable levels.

- Over the weekend, worked with Alpine County Supervisor – feedback and experiences on COVID actions within local government

Supervisor Gardner:

- Last Wednesday, Sept. 15 I participated in the monthly meeting of the Mono Basin Fire Safe Council. Topics discussed included the continued distribution of fire prevention flyers around the Mono Basin, alternative locations for the fire truck banner, continued patrols of Lundy Canyon for illegal campfires, and possible coordination with BLM and the USFS on maintenance of fuel break areas.
- On Thursday, Sept. 16 I participated in the quarterly meeting of the Mono County First 5 Commission. Topics discussed at the meeting included approval of several increased revenue and expenditure contracts, the status of efforts to increase childcare in Mammoth and the County, and updates on each of the Commission's early childhood programs.

Chair Kreitz:

- September 15th, I participated in the MLH Fundraising Committee meeting for the Access Apartments. A kick off event is scheduled for October 16th at 3PM at 238 Sierra Manor Road. There will be music and food and more information about the project at the event. Please join us and spread the word. Everyone is invited.
- That afternoon, I attended the Town Council meeting. The Council approved a 7% increase in all housing mitigation fees and approved a consulting contract for a revised nexus study to be completed in the next twelve months.
- Friday, September 17th I attended the Access Apartment weekly Project committee meeting.

Supervisor Peters:

- On the 14th, I attended the Bridgeport RPAC, there was healthy discussion about potential ATV/UTV access to Bridgeport.
- On the 16th, I attended the NACo West Region meeting where there was discussion about the bipartisan infrastructure bill, reconciliation bill update, interesting demonstration of the NACo explorer map and the data that can be accessed there is a wealth of information.
- Attended Liberty Utility PSPS briefing – potential PSPS event that was going to happen Sunday. Liberty did a good job pulling together different entities and explained the process.
- On the 17th, attended another Liberty Utility briefing
- Also attended NACo Rural Action Caucus – general introduction of members and overview of the WIR Caucus general session

Moved to Item 9.

ADJOURNED AT 3:17 PM.

ATTEST

JENNIFER KREITZ
CHAIR OF THE BOARD

QUEENIE BARNARD
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD