



**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: Mono Lake Room, 1st Fl., County Civic Center, 1290 Tavern Rd., Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

**Regular Meeting
October 18, 2022**

9:06 AM Meeting called to order by Chair Gardner

Supervisors Present: Corless, Duggan, Gardner, Kreitz, and Peters (all attended in person).

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 Kreitz.

"As long as autumn lasts, I shall not have hands, canvas, and colors enough to paint the beautiful things that I see." – Vincent VanGogh

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Eric Edgerton, Tilth Farms:

- Asked Board to consider eliminating the Cannabis Cultivation Tax.
- Board consensus to have an item added to the agenda to discuss.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Proclamation Designating the Month of October 2022 Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Departments: Clerk of the Board

(Leslie Gaunt, Wild Iris Board Chair, Kyle Osland, Adult Program Services Manager, and Annette Apalatea, Family Services Program Manager.) -

Proclamation designating the month of October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Action: Approved proclamation designating the month of October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Corless moved, Kreitz seconded

5 Yes; 0 No

M22-199

Kyle Osland, Adult Program Services Manager:

- Presented Recognition.

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- No report.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Director:

- Community Support Grants now available.
- Program details and link to the online application forms can be found here:
<https://monocounty.ca.gov/tourismcommission/page/community-support-grant-programs>
- Film Commissioner Liz Grans has been meeting with public agencies (LADWP, SCE, INF, HTNF, BLM, Bodie State Park and private land owners) to discuss filming permits and procedures. Film Commissioner Grans was successful in attracting commercials for Asics, Subaru, TD Ameritrade, Nissan, Chevrolet and Apple this summer.
- Staff has been busy working on Fall Color reporting. We do a weekly update every Wednesday on our tourism website at MonoCounty.org
- Staff along with Supervisor Peters, Supervisor Gardner and Recreation Coordinator Marcella Rose attended the Yosemite Gateway Partner meeting in Yosemite this past Thursday. The park did not make a decision on reservations for next summer but stated they would be doing an extensive public outreach session before the holidays. Park Service representatives will be at the LTC meeting and the Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce meeting on November 7th.

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Provided update on balances. Working with CAO Lawton to bring a workshop to the Board.

Kathy Peterson, Social Service Director and Interim Public Health Director:

- Home Safe Program update.
- Bringing Families Home Program update.
- Discussed vaccine clinics.
- Discussed state of emergency expiration.
- Introduced Rachel Barnett.

Rachel Barnett, Public Health Equity Officer:

- Provided work efforts update.

- Discussed her goal – to ensure that all people in Mono County can achieve their highest level of health, regardless of race.

Kyla Closson, Social Services Staff Services Manager:

- Attended the CWDA –County Welfare Directors Association of California.

Chris Mokracek, Emergency Manager:

- 9/20 – Emergency Management and Homeland Security Grand Workshop.
- 9/27 – Zone Haven Meeting – Evacuation Software.
- 9/29 – Bishop and Mono, Southern California Edison Emergency Action Plan Update.
- 10/6 – Monthly Covid update.
- 10/13 – Antelope Valley CERT Team.
- 10/26 – Multi Causality Incident Training with Mammoth Hospital.
- 10/27 – OES Mutual Aid meeting.
- Ongoing – FEMA training to all county employees.
- Advertising Wildfire Mitigation Coordination position.

County Counsel Simon:

- Office is working hard on completing FEMA training – Federal and California training Incident Management.
- Discussed the modifications in the Brown Act regarding teleconference.

Sheriff Braun:

- Discussed 911 outage last week in Mono and parts of Kern County – fiber optic line got cut. Non-emergency line was still working and text to 911 was still working.
- If you text to 911 a live person will text back.

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

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from July 12, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Action: Approved the Board Minutes from July 12, 2022, regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Kreitz Moved, Peters Seconded

5 Yes; 0 No

M22-200

B. Revised Signature Authority for Agreements with State Entities for the Construction of the Mono County Jail in Bridgeport

Departments: Public Works

With Senate Bill (SB) 844, Mono County was awarded \$25,000,000 to assist in replacing the Mono County Jail in Bridgeport with an adequate facility to serve

the County's needs (the "Project"). The use of the awarded SB 844 funds requires Mono County to enter into numerous agreements with state entities. This resolution identifies the signature authority as the Chief Administrative Officer.

Action: Adopted resolution R22-109, Authorizing entry into agreements with State entities for the construction of the new Mono County jail in Bridgeport.

Kreitz Moved, Peters Seconded

5 Yes; 0 No

R22-109

C. Memorandum of Understanding with California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for Access to The Work Number System

Departments: Social Services

Memorandum of Understanding to allow the California Department of Social Services to provide Mono County access to The Work Number, an online employment and wage verification system for the purpose of determining eligibility in the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) and CalFresh programs.

Action: Approved the proposed MOU with the California Department of Social Services for use of The Work Number® employment and income verification service; and authorized the County Administrative Officer to execute the MOU on behalf of the County and make future non-substantive amendments to the MOU as needed.

Kreitz Moved, Peters Seconded

5 Yes; 0 No

M22-201

D. Rural County Emergency Response (ER) Stipend for Social Workers and Supervisors

Departments: Social Services

In 2021 the Social Services Department opted into a \$129,000 allocation, appropriated by the State Budget Act of 2021, to enhance child welfare Emergency Response (ER) services. The purpose of this item is to seek Board of Supervisor approval to create a Rural County ER Stipend for Social Workers and Social Worker Supervisors.

Action: Adopted Resolution R22-110, approving a side letter Agreement between Mono County and Mono County Public Employees Union Local 39 to create a Rural County ER Stipend for Social Workers and Social Worker Supervisors. Authorized the Board Chair to execute said Agreement on behalf of the County.

Kreitz Moved, Peters Seconded

5 Yes; 0 No

R22-110

E. Resolution Adopting Amended Travel, Per Diem and Meal Policy

Departments: County Counsel

Proposed resolution adopting amended Comprehensive Policy for Travel, Per Diem (Meal) and Food and Beverage Policy. This is a housekeeping item to update language in the current Policy related to meal reimbursement for employees who work 12 or more consecutive hours. Reimbursement rates do not change.

Action: Adopted proposed resolution R22-111, Amending the comprehensive policy for travel, per diem (meal) and food and beverage reimbursement and superseding and replacing resolution R20-27.

Kreitz Moved, Peters Seconded

5 Yes; 0 No

R22-111

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

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

A. Northern Mono Chamber of Commerce - Letter

Departments: Clerk of the Board, Sponsored by Supervisor Peters

Correspondence Received letter from Northern Mono Chamber of Commerce regarding October 11, 2022, meeting, Discussion of Tioga Pass and Yosemite Reservation System Restrictions.

Supervisor Peters:

- Provided background.

Debbie Bush, Northern Mono Chamber of Commerce President:

- Discussed how North County has been affected.

Break: 10:00 AM

Reconvened: 10:10 AM

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. PUBLIC HEARING: Authorizing the Application for the Permanent Local Housing Allocation Plan Non-Entitlement Local Government Competitive Component

Departments: CAO

(Sanjay Choudhrie, Housing Opportunities Manager) - Public hearing and adoption of a resolution creating the Permanent Local Housing Allocation plan and authorizing staff to apply for and administer PLHA grant.

Action: Approved Resolution R22-112, Authorizing the application and adopting the Permanent Local Housing Allocation plan for the Permanent Local Housing Allocation program.

Kreitz Moved, Duggan Seconded

5 Yes; 0 No

R22-112

Public hearing opened: 10:14 AM

Sanjay Choudhrie, Housing Opportunities Manager:

- Presented item.

Public hearing closed: 10:15 AM

B. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Departments: Public Health

(Dr. Caryn Slack, Public Health Officer) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Action: None.

Jennifer Burrows, Deputy Director of Covid Operations / Infection Preventionist:

- Presented item.
- Discussed flu vaccine.

C. Employment Agreement - Child and Adult Services Manager

Departments: Social Services

(Kathy Peterson, Social Services Director) - Proposed resolution approving a contract with Michelle Raust as Child and Adult Services Manager, and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment.

Action: Announced Fiscal Impact. Approved Resolution R22-113, Approving a contract with Michelle Raust as Child and Adult Services Manager, and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment. Authorized the Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Fiscal Impact: The total cost of salary and benefits for FY 2022-23 is approximately \$149,929 of which \$115,242 is salary, and \$34,687 is benefits. Costs related to this request are largely funded by a combination of state and federal funds and have been included in the approved FY 2022/2023 budget for the department.

Duggan Moved, Kreitz Seconded

5 Yes; 0 No

R22-113

Kathy Peterson, Social Services Director:

- Presented item.

D. Superintendent of Schools Report

Departments: Mono County Office of Education

(Dr. Stacey Adler, Superintendent of Schools) - Dr. Stacey Adler, Superintendent, will present her regular update to the Mono County Board of Supervisors, including but not limited to the topics of: Current district enrollment; Status of MUSD superintendent search; Arts education; Social/emotional learning/mental health assistance; and status of preschool.

Action: None.

Dr. Stacey Adler, Superintendent of Schools:

- Presented item.

E. Human-Wildlife Conflict in Mono County

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Daniel Taylor, CDFW Human-Wildlife Conflict Specialist) - Presentation by Daniel Taylor, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Human-Wildlife Conflict Specialist, regarding historical human-wildlife conflict in Mono County as well as CDFW black bear and mountain lion polices and preventive measures for reducing human-wildlife conflict.

Action: None.

Daniel Taylor, CDFW Human-Wildlife Conflict Specialist:

- Presented item.

David Hamilton, Wildlife Biologist for Bridgeport Ranger District:

- Discussed Twin Lakes/Bridgeport area and the Keep Bear Aware Program – education of campers.

Marcella Rose, Mono County Outdoor Recreation Manager:

- Will be pursuing local ordinances – food storage and bear safety.

Paul McFarland:

- Recommends Public Work staff to review existing Solid Waste Franchise agreements – so the language is constant.

Moved to Item #8 – Closed Session.

F. Addressing Deaths of Despair: Suicide and Unintentional Overdose Deaths and Prevention Strategies

Departments: Behavioral Health

(Robin K. Roberts, Behavioral Health Director) - Presentation by Robin K. Roberts, MFT, director of Mono County Behavioral Health regarding deaths by suicide and Strategies will be discussed.

Action: None.

Robin K. Roberts, Behavioral Health Director:

- Presented item.

Sheriff Braun:

- Discussed who would be reported/determined if death was a suicide.

8. **CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session: 12:01 PM

Reconvened: 12:27 PM

Nothing to report out of Closed Session

Moved to Item #7f.

A. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Bob Lawton, Stacey Simon, Janet Dutcher, John Craig, Patty Francisco, and Oliver Yee. 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 Correctional Deputy Sheriffs' Association. Unrepresented employees: All.

9. **REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON**

A. PUBLIC HEARING: Community Development Block Grant CV-1 Application Amendment

Departments: Economic Development

(Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Director and Jeff Lucas, Principal at Community Development Services) - Public hearing regarding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) CV-1 Application Amendment.

Action: Approved Resolution R22-114, Approving an amendment to the standard agreement for the 2020 Community Development Block Grant program Coronavirus Response round 1 (CDBG-CV1) NOFA dated June 5, 2020.

Peters Moved, Duggan Seconded

5 Yes; 0 No

R22-114

Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Director:

- Presented item.

Public hearing opened: 1:19 PM

Public hearing closed: 1:20 PM

B. Mono County Behavioral Health FY 2022-2023 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Annual Update Mid-Year Revision with New Innovation Plan

Departments: Behavioral Health

(Amanda Greenberg, Behavioral Health Program Manager) - Presentation by Amanda Greenberg regarding a Mid-Year Revision to the MHSA FY 22-23 Annual Update. This Mid-Year Revision is substantively the same as the previously approved Annual Update but includes a new Innovation Plan.

Action: Approved Annual Update Mid-Year Revision.

Peters Moved, Duggan Seconded

5 Yes; 0 No

M22-203

Amanda Greenberg, Behavioral Health Program Manager:

- Presented item.

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- 10/6: Served as Panelist at a virtual event organized by Public Health Advocates, called Racism is a Public Health Crisis: How Declarations Can Make Dollars and Sense.
- 10/7: RCRC Cannabis Ad-Hoc: revised RCRC's policy principles and assembling state budget requests around enforcement, regulatory relief/support for legal cannabis industry.
- 10/14: Eastern Sierra Council of Governments: approved agreement with Alta Planning for Towns to Trails project planning, amended existing contracts, reported approval of CERF pilot program by all member entities.
- 10/17: YARTS workshop: members of JPA board, advisory committee, park service representatives met in Yosemite Valley to discuss ways to fund YARTS sustainably current funding is not adequate to support YARTS long term.
- RCRC and affiliate appointments: request that the board wait until January to appoint RCRC/GSFA delegate; ESJPA could be appointed sooner, separately (doesn't have to be the same supervisor on RCRC and ESJPA), if desired but I would like to stay on RCRC board through 2022.

Supervisor Duggan:

- 10/12 – Participated in the monthly NACo meeting of Energy Environment and Land Use.
- Participated in RCRC Environmental Service and ESJPA meeting via zoom.
- Discussed the Clean California Initiative and free dump days.
- Attended Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board meeting.

Supervisor Gardner:

- On Wednesday Oct. 12 I participated in the monthly meeting of the Mono Basin RPAC. Topics at that meeting included the Hawthorne, Nevada, Army Depot detonation program and the possibility of establishing a dog leash law in Mono City.

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- On Thursday, Oct. 13 I attended with Supervisor Peters the quarterly meeting of the Yosemite Gateway Partnership in Yosemite Valley. We heard a presentation from the CEO of Visit California and received an update from various Yosemite Park staff. The staff indicated they have not decided yet about continuing the reservation system for 2023.
- On Friday Oct. 14 I participated with Supervisor Corless in a meeting of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Board. Topics at that meeting included updates on the Community Economic Resiliency Fund Pilot Program, a presentation from Blue Forest Conservation about options for funding forest treatment and other projects, and approval of an agreement for to begin planning and design for Trails Planning services for an Eastern Sierra Trails-to-Towns Plan.
- Also, on Friday the 14th I participated with Supervisor Duggan in a meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board. Topics at that meeting included regular operations and financial updates, a review of proposed revised Mammoth routes, and approval of a job-sharing program with the Town of Mammoth Lakes.
- Yesterday, I again drove to Yosemite Valley for a meeting with Supervisor Corless of the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System. This was a special meeting to review YARTS overall financial status for the next several years. In summary, YARTS will be about \$1M short if it is to fulfill its operational and capital needs in the future. We discussed options for meeting this funding gap in the next year or two. There will be more discussion about this situation in the next few months.
- Finally, last evening we held the seventh and last Citizens Wildfire Academy session. The topic was the availability of fire insurance for Eastern Sierra residents. We had two speakers from the California Department of Insurance. The most important point they made was that residents should contact the Dept, either online or at their phone contact, with concerns and questions about their fire insurance.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- October 12 - NAC0 Community Economic & Workforce Development Committee meeting. Later in the evening, I attended a MUSD candidate forum.
- October 13 - I participated in the CCP report writing group meeting.
- October 14 - I attended the weekly MLH development committee meeting
- October 17 - I chaired the Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care meeting.

Supervisor Peters:

- Attended Yosemite Gateway Partners meeting.
- Attended Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board
- Met with Megan Mallowney, District Ranger and Scott Greene, Archeologist of State Parks.
- Discussed transition of Northern Mono County Hospice looking for volunteers.
- Support Supervisor Corless moving forward with RCRC.

ADJOURNED at 2:05 PM

ATTEST

BOB GARDNER
CHAIR OF THE BOARD

DANIELLE PATRICK
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD