



**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
January 4, 2022**

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 Corless.

Supervisor Peters:

- Request the meeting be adjourned in memory of Myron Schlegel

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Levi Mele, Amerigas Propane:

- Hours of service waivers and current struggles due to winter storms

Casandra Russo, Amerigas Propane:

- Assists with regulatory issues, can be point of contact

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Election of New 2022 Board Chair

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Jennifer Kreitz, Outgoing Board Chair) - The outgoing Board Chair will call for nominations to elect the Chair of the Board for 2022.

Action: Elect Supervisor Gardner as the new Chair of the Board for 2022.

Corless motion. Kreitz seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-001

- The Board heard items 2A, 2D, and 2E at once
- Supervisor Corless nominated Supervisor Gardner as Board Chair

B. Presentation to Outgoing Board Chair Kreitz

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Board Chair) - Presentation to outgoing Board Chair Kreitz by newly elected Board Chair honoring Supervisor Kreitz's service to the Board in 2021.

Action: None.

- Newly-elected Chair Gardner presented a plaque to outgoing-Chair Kreitz
- Board members and staff spoke, expressing their gratitude to Supervisor Kreitz

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Thanked everyone for the kind words
- Acknowledged former Chair Corless who got us going on the Zoom world back in 2020 and how much was learned from her

C. Mono County 2021 Community Spirit Award

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Supervisor Kreitz) - The Mono County Community Spirit Award celebrates the people in our county who took initiative to do something beneficial for their community.

Supervisor Kreitz, as outgoing 2021 Board Chair, requests that the Board of Supervisors recognize Juliana Olinka Jones with the second annual Mono County Community Spirit Award for her work with the Mono County Grand Jury and the Fire Safe Councils of the Eastern Sierra.

Action: Approve resolution designating Juliana Olinka Jones the recipient of Mono County's 2021 Community Spirit Award.

Kreitz motion. Corless seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-002

- Supervisor Kreitz read resolution and presented a plaque to Juliana Olinka Jones
- Board members and staff spoke, expressing their appreciation to Juliana Olinka Jones

Juliana Olinka Jones:

- Thank you to Mono County for being so embracing

- Encouraged anyone listening to sign up for the Grand Jury
- Noted correction of Sierra Classic Theater to Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre

D. Election of New 2022 Vice Chair

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Board Chair) - The newly elected Board Chair will call for nomination to elect the Vice Chair of the Board for 2022.

Action: Elect Supervisor Duggan as the new Vice Chair of the Board for 2022.

Corless motion. Kreitz seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-003

- Supervisor Corless nominated Supervisor Duggan as Vice Chair

E. Election of New 2022 Chair Pro-Tem

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Board Chair) - The newly elected Board Chair will call for nominations to elect the Chair Pro-Tem of the Board for 2022.

Action: Elect Supervisor Peters as the new Chair Pro-Tem of the Board for 2022.

Corless motion. Kreitz seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-004

- Supervisor Corless nominated Supervisor Peters as Chair Pro-Tem

F. Recognition of Christy Milovich

Departments: County Counsel

(Stacey Simon, County Counsel) - Proposed resolution in appreciation and recognition of Christian Eve Milovich, Mono County Assistant County Counsel. The proposed resolution will be provided prior to the meeting.

Action: Adopt resolution in appreciation and recognition of Christian Milovich.

Kreitz motion. Peters seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-005

- County Counsel Simon read resolution
- Board members and staff spoke, expressing their gratitude to Christy

Christy Milovich:

- Thanked everyone for the support and kind words

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Workforce Wellbeing Committee
- Visit with JEDI Workgroup staff – monthly update
- Working with Megan Mahaffey and John Craig on budget preparation, construction of FY 22-23 budget
- Visited with Sheriff regarding emergency powers ordinance as part of the development of the Office of Emergency Services
- Meeting with Ralph Anderson Associates on recruitment for HR Director and Housing positions
- Administered Oath of Office to new Public Health Officer Dr. Caryn Slack
- Reentry team for Civic Center met yesterday – addressing issues related to completion of Mono Lake Room, establishing greeter issues, safety issues, dedication/opening in April

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Joe Blanchard, Parks & Facilities Superintendent:

- Civic Center, snow removal
- Addressed mechanical room access

Supervisor Corless requested an agendized item come back before the Board regarding Civic Center

Ingrid Braun, Sheriff:

- Reminder regarding ice on roads, slow down
- Emergency Operations position – fully support
- Formally re-running as Sheriff

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Addressed possible need to add emergency item for an Emergency Declaration
- Sheriff Braun has authority to declare emergency, agendize for ratification by Board

Kevin Julian, Road Operations Superintendent:

- GPS rerouting, Waze mapping program, worked with GIS
- Storm closures throughout County
- Addressed Supervisor Duggan's request to put a closure on Sherwin Creek Road to prevent motorists from being rerouted along that road

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 the November 2021 meetings.

Action:

- 1) Approve the Board Minutes from the Special Meeting on November 15, 2021.
- 2) Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on November 16, 2021.

Peters motion. Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-006

B. Monthly Treasury Transaction Report

Departments: Finance

Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 11/30/2021.

Action: Approve the Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 11/30/2021.

Peters motion. Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-007

C. Adoption of Ordinance Amending Mono County Code Section 2.83 - County Owned Vehicles

Departments: Public Works

Proposed ordinance amending Section 2.83 of the Mono County Code, pertaining to County - Owned Vehicles.

Action: Adopt Ordinance ORD22-01 amending Section 2.83 of the Mono County Code, pertaining to County - Owned Vehicles.

Peters motion. Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

ORD22-01

D. Mono County Guardrail Replacement Project - Phase 1

Departments: Public Works Engineering

Proposed resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors, State of California, Approving Program Supplement Agreement No. 000000Y81 for the Mono County Guardrail Replacement Project – Phase 1.

Action: 1) Adopt Resolution R22-01, Approving Program Supplement Agreement No. 000000Y81 for the Mono County Guardrail Replacement Project – Phase 1.

2) Authorize the Director of the Mono County Public Works Department to execute and process the Project Supplement and to execute and process allocation letters and finance letters with Caltrans while consistent with conditions included in the Project Supplement.

Peters motion. Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R22-01

E. FY 22-23 Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program Application

Departments: Sheriff

The purpose of the Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program is to provide State financial aid to local governmental agencies whose waterways have high usage by transient boaters and an insufficient tax base to fully support a boating safety and enforcement program. The program is intended to augment existing local resources for boating safety and enforcement activities and is not intended to fully fund Boating Safety and Enforcement programs.

Action: Approve Resolution R22-02, Authorizing the Mono County Sheriff-Coroner, Mono County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Coordinator, and/or the Mono County Sheriff's Office Finance Officer to apply for and administer the Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program Agreement for Fiscal Year 22-23.

Peters motion. Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R22-02

F. Mono County Child Care Council Certification Statement Regarding Composition of LPC Membership

Departments: Mono County Child Care Council

The Board of Supervisors and Superintendent of Schools make the appointments of the Council Members to the Mono County Child Care Council. The submission of the Certification is required annually by the California Department of Social Services.

Action: Approve the Membership Certification for the Mono County Child Care Council and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the Certification.

Peters motion. Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-008

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 Debt Free Justice California Regarding Implementation of Assembly Bill 177

A letter from Debt Free Justice California regarding the implementation of Assembly Bill 177, which repeals local authority to assess or collect on specified administrative fees from individuals involved in the criminal legal system.

B. Notice of Intent (NOI) from Southern California Edison (SCE) to File an Application for New License for the Rush Creek Project

Notice of Intent (NOI) from Southern California Edison (SCE) to File an Application for New License for the Rush Creek Project, FERC Project No. 1389.

Break: 10:26 AM

Reconvened: 10:33 AM

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. 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.

Action: None.

Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director:

- Presentation (can be found under Supporting Documents on meeting webpage: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/bos/page/board-supervisors-137>)
- Available treatments
- Hospital green status determination
- Schools
- Availability of testing
- Accuracy of testing

- Cloth masks vs N95/KN95 masks

B. 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: 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. Kreitz seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-009

Justin Nalder, EOC Director:

- Nine properties that have not been remediated
- Due to weather, operations on standby until ground is exposed and defrosted
- Received approval on request for cost recovery on the State remediation

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- County has initiated litigation to recover uncovered costs (Staff time, damage to County facilities, etc.) – this emergency declaration would not impact this litigation
- Fairly certain that the County has no legal obligation with respect to the remaining nine properties, in particular, those that are under the jurisdiction of a tribal entity – County Counsel's Office will research this further and come back to the Board with a definitive answer
- County does not have authority or ability without written permission and waiver of sovereign immunity from the tribe to go on and perform any remediation
- Agendize Closed Session item to address Supervisor Peters' concern regarding tribal properties

C. 2022 Calendar of Meetings of the Board of Supervisors

Departments: Clerk of the Board

(Scheereen Dedman, Clerk-Recorder-Registrar) - Rule 3 of the Mono County Board Rules of Procedure specifies that an annual calendar of meetings shall be adopted by the Board at its first meeting in January. The calendar will include all known regular and special meetings. Any meeting may be canceled upon the order of the Chair or by a majority of Board members.

Action: Approve proposed calendar of meetings for 2022 with noted cancellations/additions: Cancel 2/15/22 due to Supervisors attending the NACo Legislative Conference, cancel 11/15/22 due to Supervisors

attending the CSAC Conference, add Special Meeting on 2/22/22 to receive the Mid-year Financial Report.

Duggan motion. Kreitz seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-010

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Request adding meeting on 2/22 for Mid-year financial report

D. Annual Appointments of Supervisors to Boards, Commissions, and Committees for 2022

Departments: Clerk of the Board

(Scheereen Dedman, Clerk-Recorder-Registrar) - Mono County Supervisors serve on various board, commissions, and committees for one-year terms that expire on December 31, 2021. Each January, the Board of Supervisors makes appointments for the upcoming year.

Action: Appoint Supervisors to boards, commissions, and committees for 2022 with noted changes: Supervisor Corless to take over Supervisor Duggan's seat on the Airport Land Use Commission, Chair Gardner to take over outgoing Chair Kreitz's seats on the Eastern Sierra Child Support Regional Oversight Committee and Mono County Law Library as current Board Chair.

Corless motion. Peters seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-011

Supervisor Duggan:

- Airport Land Use Commission – With Redistricting, this is no longer in District 2. Suggest moving to the representative for District 5, Supervisor Corless

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Noted that there will be a discussion about merging the Airport Land Use Commission with the LTC at the next LTM meeting
- Chair Gardner to take over outgoing Chair Kreitz's seats on the Eastern Sierra Child Support Regional Oversight Committee and Mono County Law Library as current Board Chair

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

Moved to Item 10.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 11:44 AM

Reconvened: 1:50 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, Anne Frievalt, Ryan Roe, 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 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 - 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: two.

D. Closed Session - Real Property Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Government Code section 54956.8. Property: 36 and 40 Christy Lane, Benton. Agency negotiator: Stacey Simon and Erik Ramakrishnan. Negotiating parties: Mono County and Utu Utu Gwaite Tribe. Under negotiation: Terms of sale.

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- Thanked everyone working on the front lines for all their hard work with levels of visitation and snow received
- Yesterday, attended NACo Public Lands Steering Committee meeting – presentation from Bureau of Land Management about sage grouse policy
- Will not be seeking reelection for the District 5 seat

Supervisor Duggan:

- 12/22/21 – I met with CSAC sponsors Ygrene who are working on reforms to the California Wildfire designation areas. More information will be presented through CSAC later.
- 12/24/21 – I have been appointed to two CSAC Policy Committees; Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources along with Government Finance and Administration. I am honored to join my colleagues in service to the State and our County on these critical issues.

- 12/30/21 – I met with the new Executive Committee for OVGA as the incoming Vice Chair. We discussed the agenda for the 1/6/22 meeting and next steps after the adoption of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.
- 12/25/21-01/03/22 – I worked to assist residents with their storm related issues regarding power outages, road closures, emergency access and sheltering. Better communications between utility providers and county services are the keys to being better prepared next time. Thank you, Sheriff Braun, for coordinating with Long Valley Fire Department to perform welfare checks on Long Valley residents who were without power for more than 4 days. Special thanks to local Crowley resident “Willie” for snow blowing the walkway to the Crowley Lake Community Center allowing residents access to water.

Chair Gardner:

- No report

Supervisor Kreitz:

- No report

Supervisor Peters:

- Attended WIR yesterday
- Both communities Bridgeport and Antelope Valley individually supported their community with various Christmas activities

Moved to Item 9.

ADJOURNED AT 1:52 PM in memory of Myron Schlegel.

ATTEST

**BOB GARDNER
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**QUEENIE BARNARD
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD**