



**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
July 19, 2022**

9:15 AM Call meeting to Order

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 by Supervisor Peters

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Opportunity for the public to address the Board on items of public interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. (Speakers may be limited in speaking time dependent upon the press of business and number of persons wishing to address the Board.) Please refer to the Teleconference Information section to determine how to make public comment for this meeting via Zoom.

2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments
Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding work activities.

Robert C. Lawton, CAO:

- Met with Matt Paruolo – regarding transition out of Mono County to SCE
 - 2 applicants in for Matts’ replacements
- Contract with Paul McFarlan – Trails Supervision Facilitator
- Budget Model Meeting with Russ – thanked the Board, Finance Director Janet Dutcher, and Megan Mahaffey.
- Departmental Budget Meetings
- Aftermath of flooding in Benton/Chalfant areas – thanked Supervisor Duggan and Paul Roten, Kevin Julian, of Public Works
- Met with Supervisor Duggan on Sunday and toured the flood area – discussed the clean-up efforts.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Receive brief oral report on emerging issues and/or activities.

Paul Roten, Public Works Director:

- Provided a detailed update on the flooded area Benton/Chalfant

Supervisor Duggan:

- Thank you to everyone on Public Works team
- Drainage – not cleared out by CalTrans contributed to this
- Coordination with CalTrans is important
- Appreciated the communication from Paul Roten

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Floodplains – Are there homes in these areas? **Paul Roten:** Explains floodplains and discussed the Tri-Valley area, majority of homes are in the floodplain area
- County cannot work in the CalTrans right of way, correct? **Paul** – Yes
- In the future – we are more careful with permits in the floodplain area
- Suggests communicating with the LTC

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.)

Duggan Moved. Corless Seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

Pull item A

A. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from May 3, and May 10, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Action: Approved the Board Minutes from the May 3, and May 10, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Modification/Amendments – to minutes 5/3 meeting minutes Item 3
Comment under item F – needs to be moved to the correct discussion
Item 5A. – John’s Peters to be paid for by CSAC

To adopt per amendment

Kreitz Moved. Peters Seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-151

B. Claim for Damages - Ian Wilson

Departments: Risk Management

Claim for damages filed by the Law Offices of Todd M. Friedman, on behalf of Ian Wilson, making various allegations related to Mr. Wilson's employment as a volunteer with the June Lake Fire Protection District. This claim is misdirected, as the June Lake Fire Protection District is a separate legal entity from Mono County.

Action: Denied the claim and direct the Risk Manager, in consultation with County Counsel, to send notice of the denial to the Law Offices of Todd M. Friedman.

Kreitz Moved. Peters Seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-152

C. Cannabis Delivery in Unincorporated Areas of Mono County

Departments: Community Development

Proposed ordinance continuing temporary suspension of prohibition on cannabis delivery established by Mono County Code Section 5.60.140(L) until public outreach and input occur and a long-term policy either allowing or prohibiting cannabis delivery is implemented by the County.

Action: Adopted proposed ordinance.

Kreitz Moved. Peters Seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

ORD22-007

D. FY 2021-22 Amended budget – Appropriation Transfer Request

Departments: Economic Development

This item is a request for appropriation increases in the Tourism budget unit.

Action: Approved appropriation transfer request of \$14,495 from the Tourism fund balance of \$215,830 to the Tourism expenditure account as recommended

in Attachment A (requires 4/5ths approval).

Kreitz Moved. Peters Seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-153

E. Amendment of Mono County Code Section 5.65.160 - Revised fines for Short-term Rental Violations

Departments: Community Development

Proposed ordinance amending Chapter 5, Section 5.65.160 of the Mono County Code to increase fines for violation of Mono County Short Term Rental Ordinances and establish a process for requesting a hardship waiver or reduction.

Action: Adopted proposed ordinance.

Kreitz Moved. Peters Seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

ORD22-008

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - NONE

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

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

15 minutes

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

Action: None, informational only.

Dr. Caryn Slack, Public Health Officer:

- Presented Item
- Schedule will not change for testing in Bridgeport

Justin Caporusso:

- Discussed Covid-19 Portal will be retiring and will be transitioning to the Public Health Webpage
- Press release planned to inform the public
- Confirmed that information will be available in Spanish

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Will we be redirected to the webpage?
- She received via email - Public Comment – requested to be on the agenda for next meeting as correspondence

County Counsel Simon:

- Clarifies procedure for Public Comment via email

Supervisor Peters:

- Are there going to be changes to the schedule for testing/vaccinations
- Will this information be available in Spanish?

B. PUBLIC HEARING: Solid Waste Tipping Fee Adjustments

Departments: Public Works - Solid Waste

PUBLIC HEARING: 9:00 AM (30 minutes)

Public Hearing Start: 10:08 AM

Public Hearing End: 10:09 AM

(Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent and Paul Roten, Acting Director of Public Works) - Conduct public hearing regarding increase of gate fees for County Solid Waste Facility Services. Consider resolution adopting increased fees as proposed.

Action: 1) Conducted Public Hearing 2) Adopted Resolution No. R22-77, "A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors to Increase Certain Gate Fees for County Solid Waste Facility Services".

Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent:

- Presented Item
- Conducted Public Hearing
- Clean California is good for another year and yes there will be a free dump day(s)

Supervisor Peters:

- Is Clean California going to be continued? Walker – has requested to not have any fee increases that are going to sway people in not bringing their trash to the dump and might burn the trash or dispose of trash in an illegal manner. Will there be a free dump day?

Corless Moved. Peters Seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R22-077

C. Letter of Support for Caltrans District 9 Grant Application

Departments: CDD

10 minutes

(Wendy Sugimura) - Letter of support for Caltrans District 9 application to the Federal Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program

Action:

Authorized the Chair to sign the letter of support for Caltrans District 9's application to the Federal Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program.

Duggan Moved. Kreitz Seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-154

D. Allocation List Amendment - Office of the CAO

Departments: CAO

5 minutes

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO) - Proposed resolution authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the County of Mono List of Allocated Positions to change the title of Emergency Operations Manager to Director of Emergency Management and to adjust the salary range accordingly.

Action: Adopted proposed resolution.

Robert C. Lawton, CAO:

- Presented Item
- Going from 2 positions to 1 position
- Will come to the Board if the second position is needed
- Explains that Chris will be responsible for one position not both

Supervisor Duggan:

- How is this change of position and its responsibilities change from the original position?

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Uncomfortable that not making a simultaneous adjustment to the other positions

Call in Public Comment - Lynda Salcido:

- Will Chris be retaining his responsibilities as the Head of the Paramedic and Emergency Services in addition to this position?

Direction: Bring back to the next meeting and eliminate the second position from the allocation table entirely

Corless Moved. Duggan Seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R22-078

E. Employment Agreement - Interim Director of Emergency Management

Departments: CAO

5 minutes

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO) - Proposed resolution approving a contract with Chris Mokracek as Interim Director of Emergency Management, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

Action: Announced Fiscal Impact. Approved Resolution R22-079, approving an amendment to the employment contract with Chris Mokracek to temporarily appointed Mr. Mokracek as Interim Director of Emergency Management, and prescribe the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment. Authorized the Board Chair to execute said contract amendment on behalf of the County.

Fiscal Impact: Total cost of salary and benefits for FY 2022-23 is approximately \$176,990, of which \$140,077 is salary, and \$36,913 is benefits. This is included in the County Administrator's Recommended budget.

Robert C. Lawton, CAO:

- Presented Item

Chris Mokracek, Emergency Medical Services Director:

- Shared Funny River Fire story – information
- His goal – One stop shops for information for the public in preparedness and response

Kreitz Moved. Duggan Seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R22-079

Moved to Item #9 – Board Reports

8. CLOSED SESSION

*Closed Session Start: 10:54 AM
Reconvened: 11:34 AM*

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.

B. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation

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

9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

The Board may, if time permits, take Board Reports at any time during the meeting and not at a specific time.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Wednesday, July 13th I attended the Mono County Child and Family Well-being Summit. Great group of people attended and some equally great discussions around the draft dashboard and data presented. Look forward to the evolution of the dashboard.
- The MLH Development committee continues to meet and work on the multiple MLH developments in the Eastern Sierra. The Project Homekey continues to move forward at a quick clip. Due to the funding source and it's goal of getting housing quickly, many of the standard land-use requirements such as CEQA, fire sprinklers and other requirements are not required since the projects are not considered a change of use. The schedule for this project is to begin construction in January 2023. One of multiple concerns for this project and others going forward is the ongoing escalation of costs. Costs estimations made this year are already woefully below current costs.
- The MLH Board held a special meeting last night, July 18th to approve two resolutions for the application to HCD for the Portfolio Reinvestment Program. The two approved resolutions allow MLH and MLH's Valley Apartments LLC to apply for up to \$5 million dollars for the preservation of the 19 Valley Apartments in Bishop.
- I also participated in an interview for the MLH Housing Navigator positions. These positions are funded by both MLH and Mono County Social Services Department.

Supervisor Corless:

- Wildlife Crossing Meetings: Don Crocker, CA Wildlife Conservation Board, came to Mono County for a project site visit. Caltrans District 9 received preliminary approval of a WCB grant (for planning for the southern portion of the crossing project area) that will be approved by that board in November. Approval was originally slated for August, but after the site visit, Caltrans staff got the great news that they've been invited to expand the scope of the grant application and include more of the full project for planning funding. Last week, we also had full Wildlife Stewardship Team meeting, at which Caltrans shared a roadkill dashboard with data going back to 2002:
<https://caltrans.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/99593a1309244fd2976a8e1be20ce1f8>
- There will be a presentation about the wildlife crossing, and about CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife Human/Wildlife Conflict program at the next Collaborative Planning Team meeting on July 28.
- RCRC Executive Committee Meeting
- RCRC Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
- Yosemite Gateway Partners Meeting

- Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System meeting in Mammoth: approved funding for 4 new buses, authorized sale of Park and Ride property in Mariposa. Want to thank Matt McClain for his service on the YARTS Authority Advisory Committee. Also got word that YARTS service will resume today on Hwy 41, and that public access should resume by the end of the week.

Chair Gardner:

- On Tuesday July 12, I participated in the monthly meeting of the Mono Basin Housing Committee. Topics at that meeting included continued development of a housing survey for the Mono Basin community, preparation of a letter to property owners offering options for workforce housing on their properties, and further discussion of the creation of a community housing trust.
- On Wednesday July 13, I attended the Children's Summit at the Lee Vining Community Center. This meeting was hosted by several County Departments and the Mono County Superintendent of Schools. We presented and discussed the Mono County Children and Youth Wellbeing Dashboard and developed possible priorities and actions to address some of the items on the Dashboard. A full report from the Summit will be forthcoming which can be used for future policy and other actions. Thanks to all our County Staff for their great work planning the Summit.
- Also, on Wednesday July 13 I attended the meeting of the June Lake Public Utility District Board to discuss how our County Public Works Dept. works with PUD and other agencies on road projects.
- On Wednesday July 13 I participated in the monthly meeting of the Mono Basin RPAC. Topics at that meeting included approval of a letter from the RPAC supporting the proposed Bodie Hills National Conservation Area, and updates from the Inyo National Forest and SCE.
- On Thursday July 14 I participated in the quarterly meeting of the Yosemite Gateway Partnership. We received a presentation from Beth Pratt, who is involved in the Wildlife crossing project in Southern California and is also aware and supportive of the proposed wildlife crossing project on Hwy 395 below Mammoth. We also heard updates from several Yosemite staff about the Washburn fire, ongoing construction projects, the reservation system, and the status of fishers in the Park.
- Yesterday I participated in a meeting of the YARTS Board in Mammoth. Topics at that meeting included regular operations and financial updates, approval of the sale of the Mariposa Park and Ride property, and approval of the purchase of five ADA-Accessible Over the Road Coaches.
- Finally, last night we held the fourth session of the Citizens Wildfire Academy. The topic was fuel reduction and other treatment projects. Janet Hatfield from the Whitebark Institute provided information about the ongoing Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project focused on 56,000 acres around Mammoth and

surrounding areas. The next CWA session will be on August 15 and will focus on home hardening and defensible space.

ADJOURN at 11:35 AM

ATTEST

BOB GARDNER
CHAIR OF THE BOARD

DANIELLE PATRICK
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK/ ELECTIONS ASSISTANT