



**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: Board Chambers, 2nd Fl., County Courthouse, 278 Main St., Bridgeport, CA 93517

**Regular Meeting
September 12, 2023**

9:03 AM Meeting called to order by Chair Duggan.

Supervisors Present: Duggan, Gardner, Kreitz, Peters, and Salcido. (All members were present in-person or participated via teleconference in compliance with rules established by the Ralph M. Brown Act).

Supervisors Absent: None.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Peters.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Aron Murillo, resident:

- Discussed Notice of Complaints per Mono County Code - 04.020. Requesting an extension.

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Provided information regarding the County's appeal process.

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Provided staff information for Aron to reach out to in Community Development.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Virginia Lakes Resort

Departments: County Administrative Office

(Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer) - Proclamation recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Virginia Lakes Resort.

Action: Approved the proclamation recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Virginia Lakes Resort.

Peters moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M23-215

Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Office:

- Introduced item.

Supervisor Peters:

- Presented item.
- Read email from the owners.

B. Recognition of Interim County Administrative Officer Mary Booher

Departments: Clerk of the Board

(Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer) - A proclamation of the Mono County Board of Supervisors recognizing Interim County Administrative Officer Mary Booher.

Action: Approved the proclamation of the Mono County Board of Supervisors recognizing departing Interim County Administrative Officer Mary Booher.

Salcido moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M23-216

Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Office:

- Presented item.

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer:

- Discussed the public comments and the attempts to resolve issue amicably: Regrading access to the backside of Crowley Lake.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Requested an update on Yosemite.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent:

- Update on current and upcoming grants.

Supervisor Salcido:

- Requested an update on signage (dump) off Highway 395.

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Update on illegal camping at County Community Centers.

Paul Roten, Public Works Director:

- Update on the ordinance for camping and will be addressing a new ordinance that will be enforceable.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Requests update from the County and Town regarding a safe place parking area.

Queenie Barnard, Registrar of Voters:

- Special District Elections update for Groundwater Management District Board on 11/7.

Robin Roberts, Behavioral Health Director:

- Made the Board aware of SB326 and AB531, discussed the importance and effects of the upcoming legislative process.
- Mobile Crisis roll out update.

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Suggested to Robin that an agenda item for the SB326 and AB531 would be appropriate, and she offered her assistance with the item to bring to the Board.

Supervisor Peters:

- Discussed SB326 and AB531 and how item was present at CSAC.

Louis Molina, Environmental Health:

- Water quality update in Crowley Lake.

Jeff Simpson, Economic Development Director:

- Update on messaging on the water quality update in Crowley Lake that his department gives out to the community.

Bryan Bullock, EMS:

- Update on four new monitors and new ambulance.
- Update on the two events:
 1. Grand Fondo.
 2. Mammoth Motocross.

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. Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget - Appropriation Transfer Requests

Departments: County Administrative Office

As we approach closing the books for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23, several budget units require an increase in appropriations for expenditures incurred before July 1, 2023. These adjustments will make use of unused appropriations in FY 2022-23 Budget.

Action: Approved budget adjustments for FY 2022-23 as requested (4/5 vote required).

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No
M23-217

B. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Tax Rates

Departments: Finance

Proposed resolution, establishing the 2023-24 tax rates on the secured roll. The tax rates are established by law (Proposition 13) and the various bond issues voters have approved for their area throughout the county. These bond issues include the bond series approved by the voters for the Eastern Sierra Unified School District, the Southern Mono Healthcare District, Kern Community College District (Mammoth Campus), and Mammoth Unified School District. The tax rates for the Round Valley School District and Bishop Union High School are prepared by the Auditor-Controller of Inyo County based in part by the values of the affected tax rate areas.

Action: Adopted Resolution R23-077, Approving the tax rates for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R23-077

C. 2023-24 Appropriations (GANN) Limit

Departments: Finance

Proposed resolution establishing the 2023-24 (GANN) Appropriations Limit.

Action: Adopted Resolution R23-078, Establishing the 2023-24 appropriations limit and making other necessary determinations for the County and for those Special Districts governed by the Board of Supervisors that are required to establish Appropriation Limits.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R23-078

D. Resolution Designating Applicant's Agent for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funding

Departments: Community Development

Proposed resolution designating applicant's agent for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program funding.

Action: Adopted Resolution R23-079, Designating applicant's agent for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program funding, and authorize the Community Development Director to sign the Project Assurances form.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No
R23-079

E. Amendment to Electronic Door Access Contract for Civic Center Security

Departments: Information Technology

Proposed first amendment to contract with Johnson Controls Security Solutions, LLC. pertaining to security access control services, adding call boxes to the first and second floor double doors of the Civic Center in Mammoth Lakes.

Action: Approved, and authorized the County Administrative Officer to sign, the first amendment to the contract with Johnson Controls Security Solutions, LLC. for security access control services for the period June 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, increasing the not-to-exceed amount from \$154,171 to \$168,887.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No
M23-218

F. Drug Medi-Cal Contract

Departments: Behavioral Health

Proposed contract with California Department of Healthcare Services pertaining to Drug Medi-Cal.

Action: Approved, and authorized Behavioral Health Director to sign, contract with California Department of Health Care Services for the purpose of identifying and providing for covered Drug Medi-Cal services for substance use treatment for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2027.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No
M23-219

G. Contract with North American Mental Health Services

Departments: Probation

Proposed contract with North American Mental Health Services pertaining to Mental Health Assessments, Psychological Evaluations and Psychiatric Evaluations.

Action: Approved, and authorized County Administrative Officer to sign, contract with North American Mental Health Services for Tele-Psychiatry Services for the period August 1, 2023, through July 31, 2024, and a not-to-exceed amount of \$125,000 in any twelve-month period.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No
M23-220

H. Ordinance Adding Section 3.04.035 and Amending Section 3.04.060 of the Mono County Code - County Purchasing

Departments: County Counsel

Proposed ordinance adding Section 3.04.035 and amending Section 3.04.060 of the Mono County Code to authorize cooperative purchases and to clarify purchasing requirements during declared emergencies.

Action: Adopted Ordinance ORD23-006, Adding Section 3.04.035 and amending Section 3.04.060 of the Mono County Code to add an exception to competitive purchasing requirements and clarifying purchasing requirements.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

ORD23-006

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. Letter - Tri-Valley Wells

Departments: Board of Supervisors

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Reported that Environmental Health is aware of the request and plans to provide information to the Groundwater District in compliance with the request.
- Clarifies that there is one issue that is still being sorted out regarding a 35 day review period.

Break: 10:09 AM

Reconvened: 10:20 AM

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. PUBLIC HEARING: Mono County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 20-CDBG-CV-1-00066 & 20-CDBG-CV2-3-00114 Grant Close Out

Departments: Economic Development

(Jeff Simpson, Mono County Economic Development Director; Jeff Lucas, Principal, Community Development Services) - Public hearing regarding the close out of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) CV programs 20-CDBG-CV-1-00066 and 20-CDBG-CV2-3-00114

Action: Conducted public hearing.

Jeff Simpson, Economic Director:

- Presented item.

Open Public Hearing: 10:22 AM

Closed Public Hearing: 10:24 AM

B. Town of Mammoth Lakes Particulate Matter Smaller than 10 Microns Planning Area Second 10-Year Air Quality Maintenance Plan

Departments: Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District

(Ann Logan, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer) - Presentation by Ann Logan, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer for the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District, regarding the Town of Mammoth Lakes Particulate Matter Smaller than 10 Microns (PM10) Planning Area Second 10-Year Maintenance Plan, which includes portions of unincorporated Mono County near the Town and the Mammoth-Yosemite airport.

Action: None.

Ann Logan, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer:

- Provided an update on the Town of Mammoth Lakes Particulate Matter smaller than 10 microns planning area second 10-year Air Quality Maintenance Plan.

C. Grant from United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service Region 5 for Biomass Facility Pre-Development Work

Departments: Emergency Management

(Chris Mokracek, Director of Emergency Management and Wendilyn Grasseschi, Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator) - Proposed resolution approving entry into grant with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service Region 5 for pre-development work for a Bio-Mass facility in Mono County. The grant amount is \$299,889 with an in-kind match of \$50,213 by Mono County.

Action: Approved Resolution R23-080, Authorizing the County Administrative Officer to sign a contract with the USDA Forest Service and accept a grant of \$299,889 for pre-development work for a Bio-Mass facility in Mono County.

Peters moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R23-080

Chris Mokracek, Director of Emergency Management

- Introduced item.

Wendilyn Grasseschi, Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator:

- Presented item.

Rick Kattlemann, Whitebark Institute:

- Discussed the risks of a catastrophic wildfire.

Elaine Kabala, Executive Director Eastern Sierra Council of Governments:

- Discussed funding and grant options.

D. Update on Emergency Repair Benton Crossing Road and Northshore Drive

Departments: Public Works

(Paul Roten, Public Works Director) - Update on emergency road repairs on Benton Crossing Road and Northshore Drive.

Action: 1. Received update on the status of repairs. 2. Reviewed the emergency action and found that there is a need to continue the repair of Benton Crossing Road and Northshore Drive to make those roads safe for travel before winter snows. 3. Authorized the Public Works Director to continue procuring the necessary equipment, services, and supplies to continue emergency repairs on Benton Crossing Road and Northshore Drive, without giving notice for bids to let contracts. (4/5 vote is required.)

Gardner moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M23-221

Paul Roten, Public Works Director:

- Introduced item.

Chad Senior:

- Presented item.

E. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Final Budget and Position Allocation List for Adoption

Departments: County Administrative Office

(Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer; Megan Chapman, Budget Officer;) - The Mono County Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 is being brought to the Board for adoption in accordance with the direction from the Board at the Public Hearing on August 10 and 15. The FY 2023-24 Recommended Budget has been revised consistent with the supplemental forms and policy items addressed at the Public Hearing.

Action: Approved Resolution R23-081, Adopting the Final Mono County Budget and position allocation list for FY 2023-24, as presented.

Gardner moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R23-081

Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer:

- Introduced item.

Megan Chapman,

- Presented item.

F. Department Overview - Economic Development

Departments: Economic Development

(Jeff Simpson, Mono County Economic Director; Liz Grans, Film Commissioner and Economic Development Manager) - Presentation regarding an overview of Economic Development Department functions and services.

Action: None.

Jeff Simpson, Mono County Economic Director:

- Presented item.
- Introduced staff.

Break: 11:30 AM

Reconvened 11:39 AM

G. Department Overview - Agricultural Commissioner

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Nate Reade, Agricultural Commissioner) - Presentation by the Agricultural Commissioner on the divisions, responsibilities, activities, operations, and funding of the Agricultural Commissioner and Weights & Measures Department.

Action: None.

Nate Reade, Agricultural Commissioner:

- Presented item.

H. Adoption of Memorandum of Understanding with the Mono County Probation Officers Association

Departments: County Administrative Office

(Mary Booher, Interim County Administrative Officer) - Proposed resolution adopting a Memorandum of Understanding between the County and Mono County Probation Officers Association.

Action: Adopted Resolution R23-082, Adopting a Memorandum of Understanding between the County and Mono County Probation Officers Association.

Salcido moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R23-082

Mary Booher, Interim County Administrative Officer:

- Presented item.

Stacey Simon,

- Clarifies that the attachment is missing a table of contents and will be provided prior to signature.

Moved to Board Reports.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 12:33 PM

Reconvened: 1:35 PM

No action to report out of Closed Session.

Moved to Adjournment.

A. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Sandra Moberly, Mary Booher, Stacey Simon, Janet Dutcher, 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 - Employee Evaluation

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

C. Closed Session - Employee Evaluation

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

9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Chair Duggan:

- 9/7 – Great Basin Governing Board meeting - Review of Mammoth lakes exemptions report and burn exception regulations.
- 9/7 – 9/8 – Attended the Local Government Land Retreat.
- Attended the CSAC Housing Land-Use and Transportation Committee meeting.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Last Wednesday, Sept. 6, I participated in the monthly meeting of the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee. Topics at that meeting included concerns regarding the anticipated number of helicopter flights related to the proposed SCE Rush Creek Dam System Project, affordable housing opportunities in June Lake, and the Peterson Tract Road project.
- On Friday, Sept. 8, I attended the monthly meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board of Directors. Topics at that meeting included reviews of regular operations and financial reports.
- Also, on Friday Sept. 8th, Saturday the 9th, and Sunday the 10th, I attended the annual June Lake Jamfest at Gull Lake Park. While a bit delayed at times by the rain, it was a

wonderful event with many attending from both our local communities and from outside of the county.

- Finally, yesterday, with Supervisor Salcido, I participated in the monthly meeting of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership. We received several updates on recreation-related items, including updates on the CERF and CEDS programs, and ongoing grant projects.
- I would remind my colleagues of the two public Housing Community meetings being held tonight and tomorrow night at 6:00 PM in June Lake and Lee Vining, respectively.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- September 7 – I participated in the Housing Ad Hoc meeting, followed by a meeting of the CSAC Housing Land-Use and Transportation Committee Staff and chair and vice-chairs in preparation for the 2023 Annual CSAC Conference in November. The MLH/ESCH Board met at a special meeting in the afternoon, which included a robust discussion on the Access Apartments redevelopment project. Currently, with the escalation of cost of construction and value engineering, the project has a roughly \$2.8 million funding gap as well as \$6.1 million in state/federal grant funds, \$1.5 million grant from the Town of Mammoth Lakes, and roughly \$150,000 from Mono County via a state grant. That equates to per unit subsidy of approximately \$563,000 from state/federal partners, \$136,000 from the Town and \$14,000 from the County's grant. Multiple next step options were presented to the Board with the Boards' final staff directions being to proceed with requesting additional financial support from local partners including both the Town and the County.
- September 8 – I participated in the California Coalition of Rural Housing Board meeting. The Board received updates on organizational systems updates as well as an update on the recruitment of a new Executive Director for the organization. Rob Weiner, the current ED has been with the organization since the organization's formation in 1976, so this is a big change coming for the organization.
- September 11 – I participated in the Mono County Local Transportation Commission monthly meeting. We received a winter storm debrief from Chris Mokracek, Paul Roten, Haislip Hayes, and Josh and Clint with Caltrans. The Town is spending roughly six figures on a consultant to produce a After Action Report. The LTC will receive \$9.2 million in Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) funding in this next funding cycle. The County is proposing to use their portion of the funding for the rehabilitation of North Shore Drive in June Lake, and the Town is proposing to use RTIP funds for the Minaret Road multi-use path and planning for the Minaret/Meridian intersection and storm drain planning. The Commission will be updating the Regional Transportation Plan this year with the draft coming before the Commission in October and final adoption no later than the middle of December.

Supervisor Peters:

- 9/6 – Participated in interviews for the Bridgeport District Rangers.
- 9/6 – Met with Colonel Storer discussed projects in their 10-year plan.
- 9/7 – Attended the Antelope Valley RPAC meeting.
- 9/8 – Attended the NACO Public Lands Steering meeting.
- 9/8 – Meeting with the Ferguson Group.
- Announced the Green Hornet Fishing Derby in Bridgeport.

Supervisor Salcido:

- September 6th, Unified Command Meeting at Fire Station, and updates from all partners regarding emergency preparedness. The emphasis was on getting up to speed after a long pause in these meetings and getting going on ICS training.
- September 7, Great Basin Governing Board meeting - Review of Mammoth lakes exemptions report and burn exception regulations

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- September 11, 2023, ESWST - Update from partners and next steps
- September 11, 2023, ESSRP

Moved to Closed Session.

ADJOURNED at 1:58 PM.

ATTEST

RHONDA DUGGAN
CHAIR OF THE BOARD

DANIELLE PATRICK
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD