



**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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

**Regular Meeting
June 11, 2024**

TRIBAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

9:00 AM Meeting called to Order by Chair Peters.

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 Gardner.

1. **OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**
 - No one spoke.
2. **RECOGNITIONS**
 - A. **Recognition of Economic Development Director Jeff Simpson**
Departments: Board of Supervisors

Proposed proclamation in appreciation and recognition of Economic Development Director Jeff Simpson.

Action: Adopted proclamation in appreciation and recognition of Economic Development Director Jeff Simpson.

Chair Peters moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-106

Chair Peters:

- Presented item.

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer:

- Reminder of the Governance training this afternoon and tomorrow: June 12, 2024, in the Bridgeport Memorial Hall.
- Update on Friday, June 7, 2024, closure of County Offices.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Paul Roten, Public Works Director:

- Update on Jail Project.
- Update on Bids for Eastside Lane and Edgeline Striping Projects.
- Update on 2023 snow blower purchase.

Kim Bunn, Assistant Finance Director:

- The Auditor's Office is hosting a fiscal summer camp for department heads and fiscal staff on June 26 and 27, 2024 in June Lake. Guest speaker, John Hall, CPA will a 3-hour interactive presentation on internal controls and fraud risk.

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. Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Resolution Fiscal Year 2024-25

Departments: Sheriff

Fiscal Year 2024-25 California State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant Program

Action: Approved Resolution R24-060, Authorizing the Mono County Sheriff-Coroner, Mono County Sheriff's Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator, and/or the Mono County Sheriff's Office Finance Officer to apply for and administer the California State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2024-25. The Off-Highway Vehicle Grant will not exceed \$125,000.

Duggan moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R24-060

B. Approve Transfer of Animal Services Division to Sheriff's Office

Departments: County Administrative Office

Approve transfer of the Animal Services Division to the Sheriff's Office

Action: Adopted Resolution R24-061, Approving the transfer of the Animal Services Division to the Sheriff's Office.

Duggan moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R24-061

C. Caporusso Communications Contract Renewal

Departments: County Administrative Office

Proposed contract with Caporusso Communications pertaining to communications and public relations services.

Action: Approved and authorized CAO to sign contract with Caporusso Communications for the provision of communications and public relations services for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, and a not to exceed amount of \$105,000.

Duggan moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-107

D. Contract with The Ferguson Group, LLC (TFG)

Departments: County Administrative Office

Proposed contract with The Ferguson Group, LLC (TFG) pertaining to Federal Advocacy, Consulting, and Grant Services for a period of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, and a not to exceed amount of \$101,000.

Action: Approved and authorized the County Administrative Officer to enter into an agreement with the Ferguson Group in the amount not-to-exceed \$101,000.

Duggan moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-108

E. Budget Adjustment for Building Division to Increase Contract Services with Revenues Received above Budget

Departments: Community Development, Building Division

This budget adjustment is a request for a \$30,000 appropriation increase to the Building Division budget for contract plan check and inspection

services offset by Building fees that have already been received above budget.

Action: Approved budget adjustment for FY 2023-24 as requested. (4/5 vote required).

Duggan moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-109

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

A. Letter of Support

Letter regarding Mono County's support for Round 6 of the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) program in the Joint Legislative Budget Plan for the 2024-25 state budget.

B. Letters - Senate Bill (SB) 156

Letters sent to Assemblymember Jim Patterson and Senator Alvarado-Gil regarding the importance of Senate Bill (SB) 156 to ensure quality broadband for rural residents and businesses.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. PUBLIC HEARING: Closeout of a Community Development California Development Block Grant Study of Special District Capacities

Departments: Community Development

PUBLIC HEARING: 9:00 AM (20 minutes)

(Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director) - Public hearing regarding final deliverables for the California Development Block Grant (CDBG) Technical Assistance funding to study the capacities of special districts to support housing development and increased density.

Action: Conducted public hearing and received public input. Reviewed grant deliverables, made any desired edits, and adopted the resolution accepting the final deliverables and deeming the project complete.

Gardner moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R24-062

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Presented item.

Open Public Hearing: 10:22 AM

Closed Public Hearing: 10:49 AM

Break: 10:50 AM

Reconvened: 11:00 AM

Moved to item #7b.

B. 2023 Winter Storms After Action Report

Departments: Emergency Management

(Chris Mokracek, Emergency Management Director) - Presentation by Chris Mokracek regarding the Mono County 2023 Winter Storms After Action Report.

Chris Mokracek, Emergency Management Director

- Presented item.

Action: None.

C. California Radio Interoperable System (CRIS) Update

Departments: Information Technology

(Mike Martinez, Information Technology Director) - Provide update on the California Interoperable Radio System (CRIS) project.

Mike Martinez, Information Technology Director:

- Presented item.

Action: None.

D. Reclassification for District Attorney's Office

Departments: Human Resources

(Christine Bouchard, Assistant County Administrative Officer) - Reclassification of Elizabeth Pelichowski into the position of Management Analyst, Step A, and amending the position allocation list removing one Administrative Services Specialist and adding one Management Analyst to the District Attorney's office. Proposed resolution approving a contract with Elizabeth Pelichowski as Management Analyst to the District Attorney's office, and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment

Action: 1. Approved the reclassification of Elizabeth Pelichowski into the position of Management Analyst, Step A. 2. Adopted Resolution R24-063, amending the position allocation list removing one Administrative Services Specialist and adding one Management Analyst to the District Attorney's office. 3. Announced fiscal impact. Adopted Resolution R24-064, Approving a contract with Elizabeth Pelichowski as Management Analyst, 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 for the Management Analyst position is \$137,231, of which \$107,065 is salary and \$30,166 is benefits. The cost for the remainder of the year is \$14,775, of which \$7,627 is salary and \$7,149 is benefits. The positions are funded by the General Fund.

Kreitz moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R24-063

Kreitz moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R24-064

Christine Bouchard, Assistant County Administrative Officer:

- Presented item.

E. Resolution Amending the Allocation List for Health and Human Services Department

Departments: Human Resources

(Christine Bouchard, Assistant County Administrative Officer) - Resolution Amending the Allocation List for Health and Human Services Department adding one temporary Intern.

Action: Adopted Resolution R24-065, Amending the Allocation List for Health and Human Services Department adding one temporary Intern.

Duggan moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R24-065

Christine Bouchard, Assistant County Administrative Officer:

- Presented item.

Moved to Board Reports.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 12:15 PM

Reconvened: 1:00 PM

No reportable action.

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, Christopher Beck, Janet Dutcher, and Christine Bouchard. 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 - Exposure to Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: two.

C. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation

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

9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Duggan:

- 6/5 – I attended the Wildfire Mitigation presentation and demonstration at the Lony Valley Fire Department. The presentation offered guidance on how to form a Firewise Community and showed homes that deployed defensible space tactics. More presentations are coming throughout the county and schedules will be available on the county website and through social media channels.
- 6/10 – I participated in the Local Transportation Commission Special meeting on Monday with Supervisor Kreitz. We heard from Joe Meyer at Yosemite National Park regarding Tioga Pass opening and there was a discussion about the effectiveness and data collection for this year's version of the reservation system. Free pass through on Hwy 120 for local zip codes will include Bridgeport during the Sonora Pass work closure, which has been pushed to after Labor Day.

Supervisor Gardner:

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- Last Wednesday June 5 I participated in the monthly meeting of the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee meeting. The main topics at that meeting included a review of the Regional Transportation Plan and Trails Plan Update.
- On Thursday June 6 I listened to part of a roundtable discussion hosted by the Little Hoover Commission about the status of home insurance in California. There was a good suggestion to pursue common data sets to encourage better modeling of risk assessments across the state.
- On Friday June 7 I participated in the monthly meeting of the Kutzadika Tribal Council meeting. We heard updates on the status of the Tribe's Federal Recognition legislation and received information about other activities.
- Later, Friday I met with Supervisor Salcido, CAO Moberly and Mammoth Mountain executive staff to discuss the status of their proposed major development project. It was very helpful to learn about their plans and the steps involved in moving them forward. We encouraged the staff to keep the Board informed on a regular basis as the project moves ahead.
- On Saturday June 8 I participated in one of the last activities of Wildfire Resilience Week sponsored by the Whitebark Institute. After a presentation at the Mammoth Library, we rode E-bikes around Mammoth to see various examples of fuels treatment and defensible space approaches.
- Yesterday morning I joined residents and staff from CalFire, plus our Wildfire Coordinator Wendi Grasseschi, in Mono City to hear about how the Firewise Communities program works. These efforts to establish neighborhood defensible space projects and support have great potential in our area. We also toured the Mono City area to assess the condition of homes as a part of the Firewise Community approach.
- Finally, last evening I joined Supervisor Kreitz and a few others for a brief meeting of the Mono Basin Housing Working Group. We discussed the two community housing meetings held in Lee Vining and June Lake in May.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- May 22 – Mono County Treasuring Oversight Committee met
- May 28th, 2024 – Mono Basin Housing Working Group – Median home price 1.250MM median home price in Mono County according to CAR affordability index. Mono is the only county that is a single digit. Affordable, attainable, affordable housing – mission of the group. County owned land is recommended to build housing on that's next to the Lee Vining visitor center. They helped a local person building another home on their lot by doing paperwork to get them through the permitting process with the county. Eastern Sierra Community Housing – Patricia and Olya (for now 😊)
- May 30, 2024 – The CSAC Insurance Working group met. The deputy executive director of the Little Hoover Commission participated along with supervisors and CSAC Staff. Later that day, I attended the Eastern Sierra Community Housing Discovery Partnerships Committee meeting. We discussed the possibility of using the PHLA funds and the \$500K DPA funds to seed a "Bridge Program" similar to the one in the Town of Mammoth Lakes. We discussed parcels in Lee Vining for housing development including the ESUSD, LADWP and County owned sites.
- June 3, 2024 – I participated in a meeting with County and Town staff and two state representatives of the USDA RD programs. We specifically were seeking information on funding available for childcare. Their USDA Direct Lending program is currently at 3.5% and a term of 38 years with as little as 3% equity. We also learned about grant funds available for repair and equipment for repair to damages because of the 2023 federally declared natural disaster. The USDA

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staff are willing to come and do a workshop and recommend that we have some specific projects in mind so that they can target solutions/programs.

- June 3 – The California Coalition for Rural Housing Legislative Committee met. We received a budget update, bonds and two prevailing wage bills.
- June 3, 2024 – Eastern Sierra Community Housing ESCH Board meeting – four of the five temporary certificate of occupancy units at Innsbruck Lodge have moved-in, the ADA unit is being occupied by a person in a wheelchair and will be using the lift daily. I participated in the on-site manager interviews and an offer has been extended. Anticipating the electrical switch gear to arrive between July and October this year, then the certificate of occupancy will be available and allow the rest of the units to be leased-up. The Board approved the annual operating budget with some minor changes. The staff and a board member are meeting with the Town Manager to discuss the renewal of the mutual contract for services. It was noted during the budget discussion that the Town has not increased the contract amount in decades, despite the ever-growing costs of goods and services due to inflation. The budget was balanced using carryover funds from the current fiscal year, which the board noted as not a sustainable way to balance the budget. The Board also discussed the need to make policy for the use of the developer fees being collected on the current development projects. This will be a future agenda item.
- June 4 – I joined ESCH ED Patricia Robertson in Sacramento to be honored as non-profit of the year for Senate District 4.
- June 5 – I attended the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Board meeting in Bishop. There are no additional funds being allocated to the organization in the proposed state 2024/25 budget. Staff is working to resume a state mandatory two day/week in-office of work.
- June 10, 2024 – Mono County LTC –November 2025 completion of the Olancha/Cartago four lane expansion of HWY 395. Redesign in Bridgeport is ongoing with a reveal to the RPAC anticipated at the end of summer. Wildlife crossing around the airport presentation is anticipated from Caltrans this summer to the Board of Supervisors and public comment in the fall. ESTA has submitted a grant for Mammoth Lakes heavy duty buses. If the grant fails, the LTC reserves in the Local Transportation Fund. Should know this summer on the outcome of the federal grant application. ESTA has six new buses for the Reno route. These should serve the route for the next eight years or so. Phil would like to see the next fleet for this route a larger coach.
- June 10 – Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care met. We received updates on the various HHAP rounds of funds.

Chair Peters:

- I attended a US Forest Service cooperators meeting with DC Staff and the topic was the Old Growth Amendment to all the forest plans. Discussion was on an MOU that was developed to allow for local jurisdictions to be cooperating agencies. Mono County does not have any staff that directly deals with that and I don't think it is a Mono County issue. I have talked with the Forest Service District 4 Supervisor, John Stansfield prior to this meeting and asked if he thought it would be helpful for the county to participate. The Inyo is not included in the wildfire cohesive strategy funding yet; but the HT is, so that would be the only topic that, if inhibiting that work, joining an MOU would be strategic. Further discussed the possibility of bringing this back to the board if there is interest in participating.

Supervisor Salcido:

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- May 24. Toured Valentine Reserve with Senator Marie Alvarado Gill aide and Stacy Corless. Discussed her support for the Climate Bill currently making its way through the Ca State Legislature.
- May 25. Attended the Bishop Mule Days Celebration Luncheon and the opening ceremonies in the Stadium. Representative Kevin Kiley was in attendance and lunched with him.
- May 26. Attended the Veterans Memorial event in Bishop attended by Senator Marie Alvarado-Gill.
- May 30. Listened in on the meeting between LADWP and County of Inyo regarding water allocations for next year.
- June 1. Toured the Bishop hydrological plant alone with representatives of Edison, Inyo elected representatives and the public. Very informative presentation on the hydrological system throughout the Eastern Sierra.
- June 3. Attended the monthly ESSRP meeting full of information, updates and partner information, such as an update on the Red's Meadow construction this summer, upcoming Towns to Trails meetings and Whitebark work plan.
- June 7. Along with CAO Moberly and Supervisor Gardener, met with MMSA Eric Clark and Ron Cohen to discuss remodel plans, the County's interest in the project and ongoing opportunities for collaboration.
- June 8. Attended the Mono County's office of Education Kidzapalooza at the Community Recreation Center in Mammoth. Great representation from County Departments, Probation, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Public Health, Behavioral Health, District Attorney, and dozens of other community groups. Many families and children attending. Free bicycle helmets too.
- June 10. ESWST. Eastern Sierra Wildlife Sustainability Taskforce. Discussed need to visit local elected boards and give update.


Moved to Closed Session.

ADJOURNED AT 1:00 P.M.

ATTEST


John Peters (Aug 13, 2024 13:12 PDT)

JOHN PETERS
CHAIR OF THE BOARD


Salena Ybarra (Aug 13, 2024 12:47 PDT)

SALENA YBARRA
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD