



**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
June 18, 2024**

TRIBAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

In respect to the Indigenous People and Tribal Elders, past, and present, the Bridgeport Indian Colony, Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe, and Utu Utu Gwaitu Tribe are the indigenous People who live within this, their ancestral homeland from time immemorial to the present and have been the caretakers of these lands, waters, and all natural resources for the benefit of the environment and of all living things. We who live in Mono County offer this land acknowledgment with a spirit of mutual respect and collaboration.

9:01 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 - NONE

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer:

- Update on the YARTS free travel pass into Yosemite for Mono County residents.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Paul Roten, Public Works Director:

- Update on the Eastside Lane project.

Robin Roberts, Behavior Health Director:

- Discussion on the significant uptick in crisis calls and how to assist a person in crisis.

Chris Mokracek, Emergency Management Director:

- Update on Unified Command meeting.

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. FY 2024-25 Preliminary Budget for Adoption

Departments: County Administrative Office and Finance

Mono County desires to adopt the Preliminary Budget as a temporary spending plan to operate from July 1, 2024, until a final budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 is adopted in September. This will allow Mono County to remain in compliance with Government Code 29000 et seq. known as the County Budget Act.

Action: Adopted Resolution R24-066, Approving the Preliminary Budget for FY 2024-25 as a temporary spending plan starting July 1, 2024, to remain in effect until the Board adopts a final budget in September. (4/5 vote required)

Duggan moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R24-066

B. Budget Adjustment for Elections to Increase Ballot Expenses with Revenues Received Above Budget

Departments: Elections

This budget adjustment is a request for a \$12,240.29 appropriation increase to the Elections budget for ballot expenses offset by election 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

M24-110

C. Budget Adjustment for Public Works Engineering Division for Traffic Counters

Departments: Public Works - Engineering

This is a budget adjustment to increase appropriations in the Engineering Division to purchase Stalker traffic counters with expiring Local Transportation Commission funds. The traffic counters are needed to study traffic calming and speed control efforts throughout Mono County.

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

Duggan moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-111

D. Solid Waste Parcel Fee Program

Departments: Public Works - Solid Waste

Proposed resolution extending and re-establishing the Mono County Solid Waste Fee Program for fiscal year 2024-25 and Fee Agreement with the Town of Mammoth Lakes regarding collection and remission of the fee within Town boundaries.

Action: Adopted Resolution R24-067, Extending and re-establishing the Mono County Solid Waste Fee Program for fiscal year 2024-25 and Fee Agreement with the Town of Mammoth Lakes regarding collection and remission of the fee within Town boundaries and authorized staff to finalize negotiations with the Town of Mammoth Lakes regarding the proposed Fee Agreement and return to the Board for approval of the final agreement at a subsequent meeting.

Duggan moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R24-067

E. Special Event Road Closure Authorization to Close Substation Road on June 24, 2024

Departments: Public Works

The County routinely hosts special events each summer and sometimes the events require road closures. This resolution would grant the Public Works Director the authority to close affected County roads as necessary for the United States Police and Fire Games Event, occurring on June 24, 2024. Road closures would occur after event applications are evaluated and approved by other departments in accordance with their policies. This closure will take place on June 24, 2024, on Substation Road, between the hours of 11:30 am and 1:30 pm.

Action: Adopted Resolution R24-068, Grants the Public Works Director the authority to close affected County roads as necessary for the United States Police and Fire Games Event, occurring on June 24, 2024. Road closures would occur after event applications are evaluated and approved by other departments in accordance with their policies. This closure will take place on June 24, 2024, on Substation Road, between the hours of 11:30 am and 1:30 pm.

Duggan moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R24-068

F. Request to Pursue Grant Funding for Disaster Related Plans

Departments: Emergency Management

Apply for grant funding to hire a consultant to revise the Mono County Emergency Operations Plan and create a Continuity of Operations Plan and an All-Hazards Recovery Plan.

Action: Authorized the Office of Emergency Management to apply for the Fiscal Year 2024 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program.

Duggan moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-112

G. Wood Innovations Grant Biomass Consultant Contract

Departments: Emergency Management

Proposed contract with TSS Consulting pertaining to the pre-development work necessary for the construction and operation of a 3-megawatt biomass power plant in the Mammoth Lakes area.

Action: Authorized the Board Chair to sign a contract with TSS Consulting for the pre-development work for a Bio-Mass facility in Mono

County.

Duggan moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-113

H. Amendment to Agreement with Cri-Help, Inc., for the Provision of Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services

Departments: Behavioral Health

Proposed contract amendment with Cri-Help, Inc. pertaining to the provision of Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services.

Action: Approved, and authorized Chair, to sign contract amendment with Cri-Help, Inc. for provision of Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services, for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025, and a not-to-exceed amount of \$220,000.

Duggan moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-114

I. Contract with Crestwood Behavioral Health Inc., for the Provision of Residential Treatment Services

Departments: Behavioral Health

Proposed contract with Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc. pertaining to Provision of Residential Treatment Services.

Action: Approved, and authorized Chair to sign, contract with Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc. for provision of residential treatment services for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, and a not-to-exceed amount of \$126,655.

Duggan moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-115

J. Grant Funding through Mental Health School Services Act (MHSSA)

Departments: Behavioral Health

The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission is accepting grant applications for additional funding under the Mental Health School Services Act (MHSSA) grant program. Should the Mono County Board of Supervisors approve moving forward with this grant,

Mono County Behavioral Health will submit a competitive grant application for additional funding to sustain current MHSSA-funded activities.

Action: Authorized Mono County Behavioral Health to submit a grant application for additional MHSSA funding.

Duggan moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-116

K. Amendment to Contract with County of Inyo for an Increase in Funds Related to the Senior Services Program

Departments: Health and Human Services

Proposed contract with Inyo County pertaining to Amendment #2 for an increase in funds related to the Senior Services Program for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Action: Approved, and authorized Chair to sign, contract with Inyo County for Amendment #2 for Senior Services for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2024, and a not-to-exceed amount of \$984,817.

Duggan moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-117

L. Letter of Support for Eastern Sierra Land Trust's Grant Application to the Wildlife Conservation Board

Departments: Community Development

Letter of Support for Eastern Sierra Land Trust's application to acquire a conservation easement on eight privately owned properties in Adobe Valley on or near Lake Antelope, east of State Route 120 and about ten miles north of the community of Benton.

Action: Approved the letter of support and authorized the Chair to sign.

Duggan moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-118

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 of Support - Legislature's Budget Proposal

Letter of support from Mono County Board of Supervisors to Governor Newsom regarding the urgent need to support Legislature's budget proposal to restore affordable housing and homelessness funding.

B. Letter of Support - Budget Restorations

Letter of support from Mono County Board of Supervisors to Governor Newsom regarding budget restorations to CalWORKs, Child Welfare Services, and Adult Protective Services.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Update on the California Jobs First Program

Departments: Board of Supervisors, Sponsored by Supervisor Salcido

(Steven Frisch, President Sierra Business Council and Elaine Kabala, Eastern Sierra Council of Government Executive Director) - Informational presentation to update the Board of Supervisors on the Sierra Jobs First program implementation and presentation of draft strategic plan goals, strategies and implementation actions identified to date based on community input.

Action: None.

Steven Frisch, President Sierra Business Council:

- Presented item.

Elaine Kabala, Eastern Sierra Council of Government Executive Director:

- Presented item.

B. The Ferguson Group (TFG) Update

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Kristi More, Managing Partner of Strategic Development and Grants Services Jeremiah Van Auken, Senior Associate) - The Ferguson Group, LLC. (TFG) would like to provide an update to the Mono County Board of Supervisors on our ongoing advocacy efforts before the federal government and your representatives in Congress.

Action: None.

Kristi More, Managing Partner of Strategic Development and Grants Services:

- Presented item.

Jeremiah Van Auken, Senior Associate:

- Presented item.

C. Authorize County Administrative Officer or Designee to Submit Broadband Technical Assistance Payment Reimbursement Requests

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Scott Armstrong, Regional Broadband Coordinator) - This is a request for the Board to authorize the County Administrative Officer, Finance Director, and IT Director to submit payment requests for the USDA Broadband Technical Assistance grant. The USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS) requires that anyone submitting the SF-270 (Request for Advance or Reimbursement) be authorized by that agency's governing board. The Form 675 is the vehicle used to document which individuals are authorized to submit requests for advances or reimbursements to RUS on behalf of an agency.

Action: Authorized the County Administrator, Information Technology Director, and Finance Director to submit SF-270 forms (Request for Advance or Reimbursement) to the US Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service on behalf of the County for Broadband Technical Assistance grant reimbursement requests and authorize the Chairperson to sign the Form 675 to document the authorization to submit SF-270 forms for grant reimbursement requests.

Gardner moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-119

Scott Armstrong, Regional Broadband Coordinator:

- Presented item.

D. Proposed Mono County Comments on Preliminary Environmental Assessment: Removal of Wild Horses Outside the Montgomery Pass Wild Horse Territory (MPWHT)

Departments: Board of Supervisors, Sponsored by Supervisor Gardner

Proposed Mono County letter with comments for the Preliminary Environmental Assessment: Removal of Wild Horses Outside the Montgomery Pass Wild Horse Territory.

Action: Approved and authorized Chair to sign proposed comment

letter to Inyo National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management regarding wild horse gathering.

Gardner moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-120

Supervisor Gardner:

- Presented item.

E. Contract with Government Finance Officers Association for Internal Business Process Review and Project Management Consulting Services for a New Enterprise Resource Planning System

Departments: Finance

(Janet Dutcher, Finance Director) - Proposed contract with Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for internal business process review and project management consulting services for implementing a new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System. The term of the contract is July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2029, for an amount not to exceed \$385,500. The arrangement is organized into three phases. Phase 1 and 2 includes planning, process improvement identification, needs assessment, ERP to software vendors, selection of a new ERP software package, and contract negotiations. Phase 3 includes implementation of the chosen ERP System.

Action: Approved, and authorized the County Administrative Officer to sign, contract with GFOA for internal business process review and project management consulting services for implementing a new ERP System for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2029 and a not-to-exceed amount of \$385,500, and delegated authority to the County Administrative Officer to approve future minor changes or revisions that do not substantially alter the contract and are approved by County Counsel.

Duggan moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-121

Break: 10:35

Reconvened: 10:45

F. Mental Health Services Act Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Update

Departments: Behavioral Health

(Amanda Greenberg, Program Manager) - Presentation by Amanda Greenberg regarding Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual Update.

Action: Approved Annual Update.

Gardner moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-122

G. Eastern Sierra Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Departments: Economic Development

(Liz Grans, Mono County Economic Development Manager and Film Commissioner) - Staff update on the Eastern Sierra Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

Action: None.

Liz Grans, Mono County Economic Development Manager and Film Commissioner:

- Presented item.

Supervisor Kreitz

- Requested to add LAFCO to the list.

H. Discussion on Funding Opportunities for Wildfire Resilience and Forest Health Projects

Departments: Emergency Management

(Wendilyn Grasseschi, Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator) - The Board received a presentation regarding the Eastern Sierra Climate and Community Resilience Project and the Wildfire Resilience Action Financial Team on May 14, 2024, and had a number of questions about project funding. This item provides an opportunity for the Board members to learn more about funding for wildfire resilience and forest health projects.

Action: None.

Wendilyn Grasseschi, Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator:

- Introduced item.

Laura Beasley, Whitebark Institute:

- Presented item.

Janet Hatfield, Whitebark Institute:

- Discussion on work at June Mountain.

Nathan Allen, Inyo National Forest, Mammoth Lakes Ranger District:

- Discussion on the restoration work.

I. Proposition 68 Deed Restrictions for Bridgeport, Lee Vining, and Walker Parks

Departments: Public Works

(Paul Roten, Public Works Director) - Deed restrictions for the Walker Park, Bridgeport Park, and Lee Vining Park Connection are necessary for receipt of Proposition 68 Per Capita Grant funds approved by the Board on January 21, 2020. This item requests signatures on three deed restrictions, having a time limit of 25 to 30 years. The deed restrictions ensure the parks are not sold or leased after completion of the Proposition 68 Grant Improvements.

Action: Approved the three Deed Restrictions for Walker Park, Bridgeport Park, and Lee Vining Park Connection and Board Chair to sign on behalf of the County.

Gardner moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-123

Paul Roten, Public Works Director:

- Presented item.

J. Proposed Ordinance Adding Chapter 1.14 (Administrative Subpoenas) to the Mono County Code

Departments: County Counsel, Code Enforcement

(Christopher Beck, County Counsel) - Proposed ordinance amending the Mono County Code to authorize county staff to issue administrative subpoenas in connection with county investigations of alleged violations of county regulations.

Action: Introduced, read title, and waived further reading of proposed ordinance.

Kreitz moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-124

Christopher Beck, County Counsel:

- Presented item.

Moved to item #10.

8. CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session.

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.

9. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. Potential Revisions to Short-Term Rental Policies and Regulations

Departments: Community Development

(Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director, Aaron Washco, Planning Analyst, and MIG consultant team) - Presentation on draft General Plan and County Code amendments resulting from the Short-Term Rental Study and subsequent policy direction.

Action: None.

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director and Aaron Washco, Planning Analyst:

- Presented item.

B. Agreement Regarding Terms and Conditions of Employment for Assistant Community Development Director

Departments: Community Development

(Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director) - Proposed resolution approving the terms and conditions of employment of Brent Calloway as Assistant Community Development Director, and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment.

Action: Announced Fiscal Impact. Approved Resolution R24-069, Approving the terms and conditions of employment with Brent Calloway as Assistant Community Development Director, and prescribing the

compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment. Authorize the Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Fiscal Impact: The estimated cost of this position for the remainder of the fiscal year is \$5,085, of which \$4,075 is salary and \$1,010 is benefits. The total cost of salary and benefits for an entire fiscal year is \$159,667, of which \$123,941 is salary and \$35,726 is benefits. This is included in the Department's FY 2023-24 adopted budget and FY 2024-25 requested budget.

Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R24-069

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Presented item.

Moved to Adjournment

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Duggan:

- No report.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Last Tuesday and Wednesday I joined the rest of the Board and Supervisor Elect Paul McFarland in two days of Governance Training. These sessions were useful in helping us assess our abilities to work together and to plan for future improvements.
- Last Wednesday the 12th I participated with Supervisor Salcido in a meeting in Mammoth to learn about the planning for the Towns to Trails Project. This is an ambitious effort to create a trail from Lake Tahoe all the way through the Eastern Sierra to Ridgecrest. Various maps were provided, showing possible routes for such a trail. Much more planning will occur before this project moves forward.
- Also, last Wednesday I attended the monthly meeting of the Mono Basin RPAC. The main topic at that meeting was a review of the County's Regional Transportation Plan.
- On Thursday the 13th I participated with Supervisor Kreitz in a meeting of the Local Agency Formation Commission. We approved the budget for next year and discussed the completed municipal special district reviews.
- Finally, yesterday I participated with Supervisor Salcido in a special meeting to review the Cal Jobs First strategic plan objectives and tactics. This was an interesting opportunity to focus on the direction of this program that has the potential to provide substantial support for our region's economy

Supervisor Kreitz:

- June 13, 2024 – IMACA Special Board meeting with CSBG staff. The CSBG funding is a federal funding program specifically for Action Agencies. There are 60 action agencies in California that receive an annual allocation. IMACA receives roughly \$300,000 per year to run the non-profit, all of the funds are used for personnel costs. The funding is not in jeopardy.

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- Also on June 13, I participated in a call with Eastern Sierra Community Housing and HCD staff on the closing of the HCD funds for Access Apartments.
- Later June 13, I participated in a CCRH financial committee meeting to review new financial reports and an updated FY 24 budgets prior to the CCRH Board meeting on Friday, June 14.
- LAFCO met on June 13th. The Board approved the annual budget, received an update on the MSRs and next steps. There was Board consensus that LAFCO staff could go out to the first five district boards to share the outcomes of the reviews and next steps.
- June 14, 2024, California Coalition for Rural Housing Board meeting, going through updates with staffing and systems under new ED after ED of 40 years retired earlier this year.

Chair Peters:

- 6/13 Attended the Bridgeport RPAC meeting.
- 6/15 Attended the party in the park in Walker.
- 6/17 Attended the Economic Tourism meeting.

Supervisor Salcido:

- June 12. Attended the Towns to Trails meeting to continue the public outreach process in developing this trails system. Maps, more marking up and discussion of next steps.
- June 13. Attended the Ribbon cutting at the Crepes restaurant in Mammoth Lakes.
- June 15. Was at the Mammoth Foundation annual dinner and fundraiser to recognize the scholarship winners for the current year and recognize Betsey Truax for her 6 ½ years of service to this organization. The award winner for this year was Irvin Gonzalez from Bridgeport.
- June 17. Attended the CA Jobs First Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Industry Workshop held virtually to develop strategies to be considered within the continuing process.

Break: 12:12 PM

Reconvened: 12:51 PM

Moved to item #9a.

ADJOURNED AT 2:20 P.M.

ATTEST

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

JOHN PETERS
CHAIR OF THE BOARD



QUEENIE BARNARD
CLERK OF THE BOARD