



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

Regular Meetings: The First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified at far right.

Regular Meeting

MEETING LOCATION
Board Chambers, 2nd Fl., County Courthouse, 278 Main St., Bridgeport, CA 93517

June 4, 2013

9:02 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Hunt.

*Supervisors Present: Alpers, Fesko, Hunt, Johnston and Stump.
Supervisors Absent: None.*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Fesko.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

*Closed Session: 9:03 a.m.
Break: 10:39 a.m.
Reconvene: 10:43 a.m.
Lunch: 12:21 p.m.
Reconvene: 1:31 p.m.
Break: 3:30 p.m.
Reconvene: 3:40 p.m.
Closed Session: 4:31 p.m.
Adjourn: 5:10 p.m.*

CLOSED SESSION

There is nothing to report out of closed session.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 1a) Closed Session - CAO Position - PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.
- 1b) Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - 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: one. Facts and circumstances: claim for damages presented by Joel Yanez.

- 1c) Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - 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: one. Facts and circumstances: claim for damages presented by Harold Mark Huddleston.
- 1d) Closed Session - Conference with Real Property Negotiators - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Government Code section 54956.8. Property: APN: 015-010-065 ("Rodeo Grounds"). Agency negotiators: Supervisors Johnston and Alpers. Negotiating parties: Mono County and Intrawest. Under negotiation: price and terms of payment.
- 1e) Closed Session - Conference with Real Property Negotiators - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Government Code section 54956.8. Property: Sierra Center Mall (452 Old Mammoth Rd., Mammoth Lakes). Agency negotiators: Marshall Rudolph, Byng Hunt, Larry Johnston, Roberta Reed, Leslie Chapman, and Vianey White. Negotiating parties: Mono County and 452 OM RD LLC, and Highmark Advisors. Under negotiation: price and terms.
- 1f) Closed Session - Public Employment - PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: Associate Planner.
- 1g) Closed Session--Human Resources - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Marshall Rudolph. 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), and Mono County Sheriff Department's Management Association (SO Mgmt). Unrepresented employees: All.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Supervisor Fesko:

- ATV accident in Walker involving Jerry Spindler.
- He's at Renown Hospital and is doing well.
- His wife wanted to thank all volunteers and others involved in his rescue.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M13-128 Action: Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 14, 2013 as corrected.

Alpers moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

Supervisor Johnston:

- P. 4, item 6a his comment should read, "Supervisor Johnston noted his

objection to how the fees would be implemented, but not the intent of the bill itself”.

- P. 5, item 8a, last comment should read, “Recognized Chairman Hunt and the Rotary Club Connection”.

Supervisor Stump:

- P. 12, Item 15a his comment should read, “Suggested a 20% diversion of Prop. 172 funds into the Paramedic Program”.

3)

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Alpers:

- No report.

Supervisor Fesko:

- ATV Jamboree coming up; largest ever with 190 participants. He’s been spending a lot of time on that. Will be good economic push for Antelope Valley.
- Adopt a trail: meeting with Mike Crawley a week from today.
- He’s been doing a lot of ATV miles, including pre-rides.

Supervisor Hunt:

- Took a tour of 71 Davison St. in Mammoth yesterday; miscellaneous departments trying to see if they can utilize this building related to AB 109 funds.
- Invited Marshall, Tara and Board members to Gateway Monument Dedication July 5th, 9:00 a.m.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Mammoth Lakes Housing Status update: 62% of people are below median or less. There is a waiting list. Working on trying to secure housing funds.
- Great Basin still has 7 lawsuits pending; some brought by us, mostly brought by DWP; going to courts. Working on other ways to solve problems.
- CSAC Legislative conference last week including CSAC Board of Directors meeting. Adopted various subcommittee reports.

Supervisor Stump:

- Two RPAC meetings.
- Conference call meeting with John Vallejo, Nate Greenberg and representative from the Federal Communications Commission – regarding loss of cell service as it relates to the merger agreement that was concluded by AT&T and Verizon to absorb Alltel.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

4)

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

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

Marshall Rudolph (Acting CAO):

- Just keeping the wheels turning, meeting with people as necessary.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES

(PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES EACH)

Lynda Roberts:

- Asked Board about the July 2nd meeting; still intend to have?
- Discussion amongst Supervisors, some for and some against having meeting on July 2nd.
- Consensus: try to make agenda as short as possible but have meeting on the 2nd.

Garrett Higerd:

- Plane crash over weekend at Bryant Field due to stalled engine. One person

was air-lifted out; others have been released from hospital. Airport is still closed due to inspections, protocol, etc.

- Construction going full bore all over the county.
- Discussion about back-in parking spaces in Bridgeport.
- Discussion regarding trees on courthouse lawn.

Kathy Peterson:

- Update on remodel of Social Services reception room.
- Background on resolution in packet – realignment funds consent item. Looking for opposition to this. Gave history of this item. Pat McGee (Public Health): gave some information regarding the financial figure relating to this (\$331,000 direct hit to our county).

Leslie Chapman:

Info on upcoming Budget Workshops:

- Handout of notice regarding Public Budget Town Hall Workshops; this will be a press release to go to papers once Board approves it.
- Notice includes proposed dates and locations; will include community involvement.
- Intent of August meetings is to get Board involvement early; there will still be meetings later in September as we've had in the past.
- Supervisor Stump: Long Valley RPAC asked that notice gets emailed around; also to send any preliminary information out ahead of time. Wants to make sure Special Districts are able to make requests/comments.
- Supervisor Fesko: Why only two days as opposed to three?
- Supervisor Johnston: these workshops coincide with only two scheduled board meetings on the 9th and the 16th; only two supervisors can be present at non-board meetings without a Brown Act issue. Budget and Strategic Planning – both happening at same time; need to be weaved together.
- Marshall Rudolph: under Brown Act, Board can attend another agencies meeting, they just can't participate substantively.
- Supervisor Hunt: waiting for new CAO to start so we can start making decisions on how Strategic Plan will be structured and presented.
- The Strategic Plan worksheet was going to go out to all Department Heads, board decided to hold up on this for now.

Louis Molina:

- Above Ground Petroleum Storage Tank fee has never been charged as there was a grant; grant now depleted.
- 38-40 facilities fall into this category. Fees will be either \$81 or \$324 per year. Fees will be implemented next year.
- There is no exemption for any government agencies.
- Supervisor Stump: Special Districts should be exempt.
- Supervisor Fesko: why isn't an imposition of a fee coming before the board?
- Leslie Chapman: Fee schedule will be discussed at 6/18/13 meeting.
- This fee was previously approved; it's never had to be implemented.

Clay Neely:

- Fire Districts will receive older computers; some to Town as well. Equipment only, not labor from IT.
- Supervisor Fesko: Do other districts get the opportunity? Need to get word out somehow of available computers.

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.)

COUNTY COUNSEL

- 5a) Amendment to Boardman Employment Agreement - Proposed resolution approving an agreement and first amendment to the employment agreement of Nancy Boardman. The amendment will simply extend the agreement's expiration date until June 30, 2013, at which point Ms. Boardman will retire.

R13-29 **Action:** Adopt proposed resolution #R13-29 approving an agreement and first amendment to the employment agreement of Nancy Boardman.
Fesko moved; Johnston seconded
Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

- 5b) Amendment to McCammond employment Agreement - Resolution approving an agreement and first amendment to the employment agreement of Wade McCammond. The amendment will simply extend the agreement's expiration date until September 30, 2013.

R13-30 **Action:** Adopt proposed resolution #R13-30 approving an agreement and first amendment to the employment agreement of Wade McCammond.
Fesko moved; Johnston seconded
Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

- 5c) Amendment to Neely Employment Agreement - Proposed resolution approving an agreement and first amendment to the employment agreement of Clay Neely. The amendment would simply extend the agreement's expiration date until June 30, 2013, at which point Mr. Neely will retire.

R13-31 **Action:** Adopt proposed resolution #R13-31 approving an agreement and first amendment to the employment agreement of Clay Neely.
Fesko moved; Johnston seconded
Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

- 5d) Reed Employment Agreement Amendment - Proposed resolution approving an agreement and first amendment to the employment agreement of Roberta Reed. The amendment would simply extend the agreement's expiration date until September 30, 2013.

R13-32 **Action:** Adopt proposed resolution #R13-32 approving an agreement and first amendment to the employment agreement of Roberta Reed.
Fesko moved; Johnston seconded
Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

- 5e) Roberts Employment Agreement Amendment - Proposed resolution approving an agreement and second amendment to the employment agreement of Lynda Roberts. The amendment will simply extend the agreement's expiration date until September 30, 2013.

R13-33 **Action:** Adopt proposed resolution #R13-33 approving an agreement and second amendment to the employment agreement of Lynda Roberts.

Fesko moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

- 5f) Salcido Employment Agreement Amendment - Proposed resolution approving an agreement and third amendment to the employment agreement of Lynda Salcido. The amendment will simply extend the agreement's expiration date until September 30, 2013.

R13-34 Action: Adopt proposed resolution #R13-34 approving an agreement and third amendment to the employment agreement of Lynda Salcido.

Fesko moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

CLERK OF THE BOARD

- 6a) Appointment of Mary DeForrest to the Lee Vining Fire Protection District - Appointment of Mary DeForrest to the Lee Vining Fire Protection District pursuant to two recent vacancies on the District. There is currently only one Commissioner on this Board and as such, they have no quorum and cannot conduct everyday business. This will fill an existing term (vacated by Nick Dondero) that will expire on 02/31/2014. Supervisor Stump asked that this item be put onto the agenda.

M13-129 Action: Appoint Mary DeForrest to the Lee Vining Fire Protection District, filling one of two open vacancies that exist.

Fesko moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING DIVISION

- 7a) Resource Efficiency Plan Contract - Proposed contract with Pacific Municipal Consultants (PMC) to prepare Resource Efficiency Plan.

M13-130 Action: Approve the attached contract with Pacific Municipal Consultants (PMC) for a not-to-exceed amount of \$80,915.00 for consulting services.

Alpers moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

Pulled from consent for discussion.

Scott Burns:

- Briefly explained item.
- Errors and Omissions are being addressed in contracts as we move forward.

Stacey Simon:

- This is a very thorough consultant.
- Outlined changes.

Supervisor Johnston:

- This contract includes Errors and Omissions, it shouldn't.

SOCIAL SERVICES

- 8a) Resolution Opposing Governor's Proposed Redirection of County Health Realignment Funds to the State - Proposed resolution opposing the Governor's proposed redirection of County Health Realignment funds to

the State for FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15.

R13-35

Action: Adopt proposed resolution #R13-35 opposing Governor's proposed redirection of County Health Realignment funds to the State for FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15.

Johnston moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

Pulled from consent agenda for discussion.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Attended a session last week; Governor Brown was present.
- Governor's Brown's point was that these funds were fluid estimates. He was using our argument against us; if the State's going to do the work they should get paid for it.
- Supervisor Johnston just wanted to give a different perspective.

Kathy Peterson:

- She thinks it just goes too far; flies in the face of containing health care costs.
- When you're talking about de-funding departments, it's not very fluid.
- It's too early to make these types of proposals.

REGULAR AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

All items listed are available for review and are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board

CLERK OF THE BOARD

- 9a) Department of Water and Power - Letter dated May 13, 2013 from the L.A. Department of Water and Power regarding Compliance with State Water Resources Control Board Order Nos. 98-05 and 98-07. Electronic copies of all reports referred to are available for review in the Clerk's office.
- 9b) Keller Letter Regarding Paramedics - Correspondence dated May 14, 2013 from Christopher M. Keller, second home owner in Virginia Lakes, who was in town for the Fishing opener and required medical attention when he became very ill on April 28, 2013. This letter is to commend and support the Mono County Paramedics who were dispatched to his home where he received excellent care prior to being transported to Mammoth Hospital.
- 9c) Department of Fish and Wildlife - Letter dated March 16, 2013 from Craig Stowers, Manager of the Wildlife Branch at the Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding CEQA documents in relation to a project to modify existing hunting regulations for migratory game birds. The draft of the Environmental Document is available for review in the clerk's office. For information only.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 10a) Resolution recognizing Clay Neely for his years of service with Mono County (Byng Hunt, Chair) - Resolution of Appreciation recognizing Clay Neely for his years of service with Mono County.

M13-131 Action: Approve proposed resolution (Clay Neely).

Johnston moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

Supervisor Hunt:

- Read and presented resolution to Clay Neely.

MENTAL HEALTH

- 11a) Approve the Amendment to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (Robin Roberts) - Second amended and restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement that governs operations of the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA).

M13-132 Action: Approve County entry into second amended and restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement that governs operations of the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA), and authorize the Behavioral Health Director to sign said amended agreement on behalf of the County.

Alpers moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

Robin Roberts:

- Housekeeping issue; change in their contract.

PUBLIC WORKS - ENGINEERING DIVISION

- 12a) Contract Amendment with Sierra Geotechnical Services for Geotechnical Engineering and Quality Assurance Services (Garrett Higerd) - Road rehabilitation projects require quality assurance testing of all asphalt and concrete materials before the work can be accepted. This contract will provide these services for street rehabilitation projects constructed over the next three years including projects in Lee Vining, Bridgeport, Chalfant, and June Lake.

M13-133 Action: Amend "as-needed" contract with Sierra Geotechnical Services for geotechnical engineering and quality assurance testing services to increase the contract limit from \$183,000 to \$250,000 for services provided over the next three years and to eliminate the annual dollar limit. Authorize the Public Works Director, in consultation with County Counsel, to administer that contract, including making minor amendments to said contract from time to time as the Public Works Director may deem necessary, provided such amendments do not cause spending on any project to exceed the budgeted authority.

Johnston moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

Garrett Higerd:

- This is a change to a contract we already have; an amendment.
- This relates to Quality Assurance Testing, which is required.
- Acting CAO approved contract; went out to competitive procurement process.
- Received different submittals; they selected Sierra Geotechnical Services.
- The contract limit needs to be increased, there just happens to be a lot of work going on right now.
- Need to keep service operating for duration of Bridgeport project and in thinking ahead to the next three years and future projects.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Appreciates this coming to Board and the fact that contract is a local company.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Asked about price increase.

MENTAL HEALTH

13a) Renewal of Department of Health Care Services Contract (Robin Roberts) - Proposed multi year contract with Department of Health Care Services with Mono County Behavioral Health for terms and conditions regarding Medi-Cal Managed Care for behavioral health services.

M13-134 **Action:** Approve County entry into proposed contract and authorize Robin K. Roberts, MFT to execute said contract on behalf of the County. Authorize the MCBH Director to sign any future amendments of the proposed contract to account for the infill allocation of Medi-Cal Managed Care funds available to Mono County in FY's 13-18.

Stump moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

Robin Roberts:

- This is their contract with the State, now with the Department of Health Care Services (not Mental Health).

Supervisor Stump:

- Publicly complimented Robin's efforts and her department collaboration with others.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Additional Departments: County Counsel

14a) Special Event Ordinance - First Reading (Sarah Messerlian) - First Reading of the proposed Ordinance of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Creating Chapter 5.50 of the Mono County Code Pertaining to Special Events.

M13-135 **Action:** Introduce, read title, and waive further reading of proposed ordinance, as modified by eliminating Section J on page 5.

Johnston moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

Sarah Messerlian:

- Explained nature of item.
- Outlined changes implemented (at Board's request at previous workshop).

Supervisor Stump:

- Still finds page 3 a little weak – not "the County will make its *best effort*", should be "the County *will* do this in ten days" (page 3 of 7).

- Section B, page 4 of 7 – Building permits are not temporary events.
- Section J, page 5 of 7 – Screening? Already have Section I, we don't need this.
- Section L, Page 5 of 7 – First Aid. If we're going to use medics and require them to have county ambulances, we need to backfill staffing, etc.
- Section M – Page 5 of 7 – Fire safety measures.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Sees how there could be legal issues.
- It's a balancing act: trying to cover every possible issue that could occur. There's a trust factor.
- Maybe eliminate screening process section and include language elsewhere?

Supervisor Fesko:

- Sees where John was going with this.
- Section J – Screening. Too subjective.

Supervisor Hunt:

- We don't want to restrict more than necessary but we have to cover ourselves.

John Vallejo:

- He drafted the language; it seemed that the person handling these could be mandated to handle in ten days, no exception. His concern with hard deadline is what would repercussions be if it took 11 days? What remedy would there be?
- We can internally enforce the ten days.
- He thinks it needs to come from the Department Head to the staff member handling this.
- Information for applicants but with enough wiggle room for out of the ordinary events.

Marshall Rudolph:

- CAO doesn't have to monitor everything; anything not handled in a timely manner would obviously come to the CAO's attention anyway.
- He agrees with John's wording; why put County at liability?

LUNCH

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Additional Departments: CAO, County Counsel

- 15a) Jim Leddy Employment Contract (Marshall Rudolph) - Proposed Resolution approving an employment agreement with James Leddy and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment. The Resolution provides for Mr. Leddy's appointment as County Administrator under a two-year, at-will employment contract. His first date of employment will be June 10, 2013.

- R13-36** **Action:** Adopt proposed resolution #R13-36, approving an employment agreement with James Leddy and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment.

Johnston moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

Marshall Rudolph:

- Gave background information about Jim Leddy.

- Gave brief explanation about his contract.
- First day is June 10th but he's been getting up to speed meeting people.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Has enjoyed process, is glad they took their time to hire.
- He has met with him several times, he's impressed.

Supervisor Alpers:

- He agrees with Supervisor Fesko.
- Thinks they have chosen a great candidate.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Ditto; process was well done.

Supervisor Hunt:

- He thanked Heather, the recruiter.

COUNTY COUNSEL

16a) Housing Mitigation Ordinance Suspension (Marshall Rudolph) - Proposed ordinance amending section 15.40.170 of the Mono County Code in order to extend an existing suspension of chapter of the County Code pertaining to housing mitigation.

M13-136 **Action:** Introduce, read title, and waive further reading of proposed ordinance.

Alpers moved; Fesko seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 1 no: Johnston

Marshall Rudolph:

- Went over some typographical errors.
- Expires July 15, 2013.
- Suspension can be removed at any time.

Supervisor Johnston:

- This only affects large developers; he is not in favor of extending it.

16b) Aquaculture Plan Consulting Contract (Marshall Rudolph) - Consulting Contract with Professional Aquaculture Services (Tony Vaught) for Conway Ranch Aquaculture and Interpretive Site Evaluation and Planning Services.

M13-137 **Action:** Authorize County Administrator to negotiate and enter into a consulting contract with Professional Aquaculture Services (Tony Vaught) for Conway Ranch Aquaculture and Interpretive Site Evaluation and Planning Services, in an amount of \$15,000 plus travel and lodging expenses (not to exceed a combined total of \$20,000). Authorize payment for said contract from the Conway Ranch Fund and/or the balance from the contingency fund if there are not enough funds in the Conway Ranch Fund.

Johnston moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

Marshall Rudolph:

- Next phase of CalTrans MOU. Now that it's been approved, a process is in place to draft an easement document.
- Explained experience and qualifications of Tony Vaught.
- If we can draft a concept of what we'd like to do very long term, we can take

document to other granting agencies who have been supportive so far and show them ALL potential future plans.

- Would make the grants a non-issue which would be a huge accomplishment.
- This item keeps this process moving forward; concept only needs to be approved by the board. This is not a land use plan, it's a master plan vision.
- Logical to tap into Fish Enhancement Fund although it's the Board's discretion.
- Had a meeting last week with Eastern Sierra Land Trust folks to discuss next steps.

Supervisor Hunt:

- This is a major part of the process.
- He's very supportive of spending the money.

Supervisor Alpers:

- Known Tony for over 20 years; he's the best in the business for developing plans, evaluations of properties in little niche boutique type operations.

Supervisor Stump :

- Is there any reason that we shouldn't take money from the Fish Enhancement fund?
- He doesn't want the general fund to contribute to this.
- If we take funds from contingency, then we should replace them with Conway Ranch Fund money.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Sounds like a shell game.
- How does this relate to specific plan?

Supervisor Fesko:

- How much is in the Fish Enhancement fund?
- He thinks that the money should come out of the MCFC regular budget since it can't roll over. Use the \$18,800 from regular budget and the rest out of Conway Ranch fund.
- He doesn't want the fish fund to be touched if it's not necessary.
- It bothers him that the Fish Enhancement Fund is part of the Fishing Commission's "regular" budget.

Dan Lyster:

- Trophy trout fund is replenished every year.

Leslie Chapman:

- The Fish Enhancement fund is a separate fund that is used to buy fish.
- The \$19,000, since it sits in its own fund can be rolled over.
- It depends where we have appropriation for this; regardless it will require a budget adjustment. Could be taken from contingency.

Scott Burns:

- This would spell out how you want to operate aquaculture.

Roberta Reed:

- Fish Enhancement Fund created six to seven years ago.
- This is part of the "regular" budget for the Fishing Commission.
- Over time the balance has grown from funds that have rolled over year to year. Balance currently approximately \$102,000.
- Another fund is Fund 716 which is the Fish and Game Fine Fund – has approximately \$16,000. It gets replenished but only when violations are being enforced by Warden, etc.
- There IS a line item specific for stocking.

16c) Claim for Damages Presented by Harold Mark Huddleston (Marshall Rudolph) - Claim for damages presented by Harold Mark Huddleston.

M13-138 Action: Reject claim in its entirety and direct county counsel to notify

claimant of the Board's action.

Fesko moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

Marshall Rudolph:

- Discussed in closed session; recommendation to reject claim in its entirety.

16d) Claim for Damages Presented by Joel Yanez (Marshall Rudolph) - Claim For Damages presented by Joel Yanez.

M13-139 Action: Reject said claim in its entirety and direct County Counsel to notify the claimant of the Board's action.

Johnston moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

Marshall Rudolph:

- Discussed in closed session; recommendation to reject claim in its entirety.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING DIVISION

17a) Mono County Community Trails Workshop (Heather deBethizy) - Presentation by Heather deBethizy regarding existing community trails planning efforts and discussion on construction and long-term maintenance of trail projects.

Action: None.

Heather DeBethizy:

- Introduced everyone present for trail discussion.
- Listed communities currently having trail discussions and/or projects.

Paradise/Swall Meadows:

- Small working group comprised of residents.
- Working on trail plan, recognizing existing trails and on-road system improvements for cyclists.

Long Valley:

- Long Valley RPAC.
- Surveying residents on a variety of community issues, including trail priorities.

June Lake:

- June Lake CAC.
- Very successful group; developed June Lake's first trail.
- Currently group is working on new trails.

Mono-Yosemite Gateway Project (Mono Basin):

- Working group comprised of RPAC, Agencies, Landowners, Community members, county staff.
- Working to develop a conceptual trail plan for the Mono Basin.

Bridgeport:

- RPAC and working group.
- Community Trail Planning Process; result will be master trail plan.

Antelope Valley:

- RPAC.
- Working on trail policies to support connecting Mountain Gate Recreational Area to Walker and enhanced pedestrian facilities along US 395.

Long Term Maintenance:

- Hard for agencies with budget cut-backs to even maintain existing trails.
- Inyo National Forest has clearly stated "no new trails" to be permitted and constructed on Forest land without a binding maintenance agreement with an

outside proponent.

- Also working closely with Friends of the Inyo.
- Need to solidify what's already going on.
- Right now, looking at applying for grants.

Regional Trail Update:

- Link all individual efforts into a large trail system.
- Eastern Sierra Regional Trail would be goal for future.
- Could then publicize this linked trail to attract more tourists, etc.

Supervisor Stump:

- Asked about trail maintenance in down canyon area.
- How much to maintain foot trail?
- Will experts share funding ideas?
- How do you prioritize your activities?
- Who is lead agency on trails? Should BLM be brought into team?

Supervisor Johnston:

- Commended Jil Stark's work on the trails in Mono County.
- How much does it cost per mile for average foot path?
- What exactly do you need as far as agreement?
- Asked for examples of MOUS/agreements to get an idea of what they're looking for.
- Does the county need to do something? We need specifics to tackle.
- We put a lot of money into fishing, why not trails?

Supervisor Hunt:

- Does Forest Service rely on public for maintenance/enforcement of lands?

OTHER COMMENTS

Jil Stark (June Lake):

- She's been involved with trails full time for five years.
- Indebted to four groups of people; first started in 2002 (Supervisor Johnston, Courtney Weiche and Heather DeBethizy, Forest Service).
- Heather has been working with Forest Service on MOU.
- Friends of the Inyo – explained that all trails are on Forest Service land.
- With so much cooperation, getting grants should be easier.
- Would like to make public more aware of the cost of trails.
- Only way our health system can work is to get older people out walking on trails.

Paul McFarland (Friends of the Inyo):

- In relation to trails: why discuss, what's the process, how much does it cost?
- Discussion of funds. Average trail: \$20,000 a person per summer to maintain.
- Gull Lake Trail, updated each year. Trail maintenance is as good as the people volunteering their time.
- Prioritize time based on people's passions for certain areas/trails.
- Not in budget crisis anymore, this is new normal. We need to figure out how to do what we've always done with less.

Sarah Tomsy (Inyo National Forest):

- Wanted to reiterate desire for MOU (maintenance vs. cost/time – it's very difficult to work towards new trails without something in place).
- Need something to look to for the future; sustainable building of trails necessary.
- Every environment is different; hard to estimate the cost per trail.
- If MOU in place, it makes prioritizing Forest Service's time a bit easier.
- Hard to prioritize where to put money into enforcement.
- They work cooperatively with BLM.
- Maybe need county to take on a special use permit. Need to sit down and work out the actual agreement, it's been talked about a lot.
- Need to establish partnerships and groups at the local level.

Dana Stroud:

- She's not been on Tourism Commission for a year now; this discussion of trails has been a topic for years.
- To hear Board consider how they'll react in the future with other agencies on this issue is music to her ears.
- She wishes she had a magic wand to convince Congress that our County was important to invest in.
- She's excited to see collaboration and interest.

Alicia Vennos:

- Commended Community Development, RPACS and Friends of the Inyo and Jill Stark on trails we have and for pushing forward for new trails.
- The why? Tourism is our economic driver, especially hiking.
- Equates passionate hiker with passionate moviegoer.
- Economic Development will do whatever they can to assist.

Scott Burns:

- He feels we should pursue potential MOU to bring back to the board.

ELECTIONS

18a)

Election Planning Workshop (Lynda Roberts) - Discussion with the Board of Supervisors about planning for the purchase of a new voting system, possibly within the next two years.

Action: None.

Lynda Roberts:

MONO COUNTY ELECTIONS (FUTURE LOGISTICS) POWERPOINT:

- Workshop Objectives: Initiate Conversation, Receive Feedback/Board Direction, Start Developing a Plan.
- Issues to Consider: Aging Equipment/Technology, Options.
- Aging Equipment: Active Equipment and Inactive Equipment.
- Options: Maintain Status Quo, Centralize Voting Locations, More Vote by Mail Precincts?
- Summary. Need to roll over funds and designate election funds from school districts, etc. Into a savings funds.

Other Comments:

- The Post Office hours are being cut back.

Supervisor Stump:

- Increasing vote by mail requires State Legislation?
- Asked about percentages of report of voter turnout.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Voting by mail isn't very modern; is the future trend going to be voting by handheld? We don't want to purchase equipment that we won't need.

Supervisor Fesko:

- How did we get the vote by mails we currently have?
- We have good voter turnout with vote by mail. We can nudge people in that direction with education, maybe don't have lots of machines at each poll thereby encouraging vote by mail.

Leslie Chapman:

- Might need to create a project in CIP fund and keep building it up in that fund.
- Revenue from special elections: aren't there hard costs associated with doing these? You'd need to budget a line item for this.

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ATTEST:

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CHAIR

SHANNON KENDALL
SR. DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

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