



**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 just below.

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

**Regular Meeting  
February 11, 2014**

9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Johnston.

*Supervisors present: Alpers, Fesko, Hunt, Johnston and Stump.  
Supervisors absent: None.*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Hunt.

*Break: 11:20 a.m.  
Reconvene: 11:31 a.m.  
Lunch/Closed Session: 12:44 p.m.  
Reconvene: 2:05 p.m.  
Adjourn: 3:47 p.m.*

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD  
*No one spoke.*

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE

3. PRESENTATIONS - NONE

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- Last Tuesday, Community Advisory meeting in June Lake; MMSA reps attended; want to keep June Lake community updated. Committed to keeping June Mountain open.
- Will be meeting with MMSA for quarterly liaison meeting.
- Thursday, met with June Lake folks and Caltrans; there is a desire to update monument signage on the way into June Lake. Fraught with administrative issues; there's a lot to work through.
- Had weekly Friday meeting in June Lake alternating between Trout Town Joe's and the Tiger Bar; wide range of discussions.

- Last Wednesday, monthly conference call update and communications session with what's happening with Easement on Conway Ranch; comes down to getting feedback from State Parks; commended Dan Lyster on his work.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- 2/6/14 Antelope Valley RPAC – USFS and MWTC attended; paramedics and Jeff Beard from the Sheriff's Department showed up too.
- 2/10/14 – LTC; working on overall work program; thanked all staff involved in LTC.
- Meeting with Paul Rudder; wanted to have open discussion about Sierra Center Mall. Has indicated intention to make things right in the mall. Supervisor Fesko said that his actions will speak louder than words.
- Will be having a meeting with Gene Turner of Inyo regarding Senior Services; going to rear its head again. He will update Board.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- Spent five days in Death Valley celebrating his birthday this week.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Attended IMAACA meeting; may be possibility for our Housing Authority to take on some vouchers that are currently being handled by Stanislaus County Housing Authority.
- Attended LTC meeting.
- This past month; LTC had a hearing in Southern California; touted our MOU. Being used to create four lane projects.
- CSAC – federal court has allowed two more years to meet prison reduction requirements.
- Attended first Treasury Oversight Committee; it was a good meeting, staff did a great job.
- Frogs, toads and Sage Grouse; contacted Boxer and Cook's offices to make sure the letter has been received.
- Will not be here next week; Vice Chair will take over helm and attend ARC meetings.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Met with Jeff Hunter (group working for Bodie Hills Conservation Group); discussion on Sage Grouse concerns.
- Met with Rick McCoy re: possible diesel compliance issues relating to CARB; primarily off road equipment he's considering working on; need to get him hooked up with our staff to determine potential savings. (CAO scheduling a meeting Mr. McCoy and Jeff Walters.)
- Follow up meeting regarding library in Crowley Lake with Friends of the Library; all parties will be getting together soon. Looking at Crowley Community Center Parcel as location.
- Yesterday, LTC – thanked Tom Hallenbeck from CalTrans, brought new staff member.
- June Lake Monument Sign – issues with it and location; has been agendized by LTC.

## 5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

### CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

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

**Jim Leddy:**

- Weekly basis, Strategic Planning Committee meeting. Gaining momentum. Thanked attendees. Will meet again 4-6:30 p.m. this week. Looking at potentially the end of March for an all day employee event. Bill VanLente looking to bring in a facilitator; thanked him.

## 6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

**Leslie Chapman:**

- Had first Treasury Oversight Committee meeting, very successful. Rose, Joanne and Marilyn are here today, they have done a great job putting this together. We are #11 in the state of 58 counties on return investments.

**Sheriff Obenberger:**

- Orbacom communications project nearing completion; has some bugs to be worked out. Thanked CCP for allowing them to use their money and thank you to I.T.
- Two deputies within the Department have new babies.

7. 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. Office of Homeland Security FY 2014 Homeland Security Grant Program

Departments: Sheriff-Coroner

The California Emergency Management Agency has requested a governing body resolution for participation in the Homeland Security Grant FY 2014. The resolution should specifically identify the following personnel as grant administrators to administer and sign documents related to the Homeland Security Grant FY 2014: Mono County Sheriff-Coroner, Mono County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Coordinator, and Mono County Sheriff's Office Finance Officer.

**Action:** Approve Resolution #R14-05, authorizing the Mono County Sheriff-Coroner, the Mono County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Coordinator, and/or the Mono County Sheriff's Office Finance Officer to apply for and administer the Office of Homeland Security FY 14 Homeland Security Grant Program. The Homeland Security Grant will not exceed \$150,000.00.

**Hunt moved; Stump seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**R14-05**

**Pulled by Supervisor Johnston:**

- Asked if some money can be used toward a generator?

**Sgt. Jeff Beard:**

- This money can be used for a generator, but the project needs to be looked at in its entirety.
- Needs to meet with Jason Foster and come up with a plan.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Maybe it can be used to finish the purchase of the generator?

B. FY 2014 California Emergency Management Agency Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG)

Departments: Sheriff-Coroner

The California Emergency Management Agency has requested a governing body resolution for participation in the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). The resolution should specifically identify the following personnel as grant administrators to administer and sign documents related to the Emergency Management Performance Grant FY 2014: Mono County Sheriff-Coroner, Mono County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Coordinator, and Mono County Sheriff's Office Finance Officer.

**Action:** Approve Resolution #R14-06, authorizing the Mono County Sheriff-Coroner, Mono County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Coordinator, and/or the Mono County Sheriff's Office Finance Officer to apply for and administer the Emergency Management Performance Grant FY 2014. The Emergency Management Performance Grant will not exceed \$150,000.00.

**Alpers moved; Hunt seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**R14-06**

C. FY 2014 California State Parks Off Highway Vehicle Grant Program

Departments: Sheriff-Coroner

The California State Parks Off Highway Vehicle Division has requested a governing body resolution for participation in the Off Highway Vehicle Grant. The resolution should specifically identify the following personnel as grant administrators to administer and sign documents related to the Off Highway Vehicle Grant FY 2014: Mono County Sheriff-Coroner, Mono County Sheriff's Office Off Highway Vehicle Coordinator, and Mono County Sheriff's Office Finance Officer.

**Action:** Approve Resolution #R14-07, authorizing the Mono County Sheriff-Coroner, the Mono County Sheriff's Office 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 2014. The California State Parks Off Highway Vehicle Grant will not exceed \$120,000.00.

**Fesko moved; Alpers seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**R14-07**

**Pulled by Supervisor Fesko:**

- Asked for explanation of what this money is used for?

**Sgt. Jeff Beard:**

- They've never actually received this much money; generally its \$40,000 - \$45,000.
- He applies for all he can apply for, never gets that much. The county has the match money.
- Used for patrol time – wages, equipment, maintenance.
- This grant is not competitive with other entities.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Asked about application amount; asked if County has match?

D. Sheriff's Department Renewal of Annual Operating and Financial Plan for Controlled Substances

Departments: Sheriff-Coroner

This is an ongoing contract that gets renewed each year. This agreement supports the operation to suppress manufacturing and trafficking of controlled substances on or affecting the administration of National Forest System lands, with an emphasis on identification, apprehension, and prosecution of suspects engaged in these activities.

**Action:** 1. Authorize the Sheriff's Department to participate and renew the contract with the U.S Department of Agriculture, Forest Service regarding Annual Operating and Financial Plan for Controlled Substances 2014. 2. The Board of Supervisors to sign the above mentioned contract. 3. Authorize Sheriff Ralph Obenberger to sign said contract.

**Alpers moved; Hunt seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M14-27**

E. Mono County Seal and Tourism Logo

Departments: CAO

Proposed ordinance Adding Chapter 1.10 to the Mono County Code Relating to Official County Seal and Tourism Logo and Establishing Regulations for their Use.

**Action:** Adopt proposed ordinance #ORD14-01, Adding Chapter 1.10 to the Mono County Code Relating to Official County Seal and Tourism Logo and Establishing Regulations for their Use.

**Alpers moved; Hunt seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**ORD14-01**

F. Proposed Resolution Amending List of Allocated Positions

Departments: Social Services

Approve proposed resolution amending list of allocated positions within the Department of Social Services by decreasing an existing, vacant position (Employment & Training Worker I/II ) and adding a new position (Integrated Case Worker I/II), with approval to fill newly allocated position.

**Action:** Adopt proposed resolution #R14-08, authorizing the county administrative officer to amend the County of Mono list of allocated positions to reflect the decrease of an Employment & Training Worker I/II position and the addition of a new Integrated Case Worker I/II position in the Department of Social Services, and authorizing the County Administrative Officer to fill said newly allocated position.

**Alpers moved; Hunt seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**R14-08**

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Not pulling, just wanted to make a comment that this is to amend the list only. We are not adding to it.

G. Consolidation of the June 3, 2014, General Municipal Election

Departments: Elections Division

The Town Council of Mammoth Lakes adopted Resolution No. 14-02 requesting consolidation of the General Municipal Election with the Statewide Direct

Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2014.

**Action:** Adopt resolution #R14-09, consolidating the General Municipal Election with the June 3, 2014, Statewide Direct Primary Election.

**Alpers moved; Hunt seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**R14-09**

H. Energy Efficiency and Alternative Energy Project Stimulus Resolution

Departments: Community Development, County Administrative Office

Proposed resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Waiving Certain Building Permit Fees for Energy Efficiency and Alternative Energy Projects.

**Action:** Adopt proposed resolution #R14-10, Waiving Certain Building Permit Fees for Energy Efficiency and Alternative Energy Projects.

**Hunt moved; Stump seconded**

**Vote: 3 yes; 2 no: Fesko, Alpers**

**R14-10**

**Pulled by Supervisor Fesko:**

- This is being brought back after last week's meeting. He thinks dollar amount listed on resolution is artificially low. He has an issue with the \$75,000. He thinks it should be closer to \$250,000.
- We shouldn't pass this; put off to next week's agenda so Tom Perry can answer questions.
- Doesn't think there's a rush on this. No need to vote on it, he can't support it now.

**Jim Leddy:**

- There has been no request for a project that has exceeded \$65,000; that is why the \$75,000 was chosen.
- Tom Perry can come back this afternoon to answer questions.
- Later informed board that Tom Perry was not in today.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- We're protecting ourselves from big projects; that is why the amount is where it's at.
- He supports this limit.
- Embodied in this resolution is the direction to report back to the board.

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- Agrees with Supervisor Fesko; he will not approve now.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- He'd like to hear more. We should adopt as-is and then bring back to get questions answered. It can always be amended.
- If he votes on this, he wants Tom to come back within a month with additional explanations.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- Wants to make sure it's reviewed.
- This is just a start.

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

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

A. Town of Mammoth Lakes Regarding Trout Stocking

Copy of correspondence from Dan Holler, Town of Mammoth Lakes to the Fish and Wildlife Office regarding the issue of trout stocking and how its restrictions will dramatically and negatively impact components crucial to our tourism-based local economy.

B. California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Public Notice, dated January 27, 21014 from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife that it has initiated a status review of the Northern Spotted Owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*) pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2074.6. This notice is to solicit data and comments, which must be received by May 1, 2014 to be considered.

C. Bridgeport Fire Protection District

Letter from the Bridgeport Fire Protection District dated January, 22, 2014 regarding the Board's approval of a reduction of property taxes apportioned in December, 2013.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Feels there is a large misunderstanding between public and special districts on how taxes are distributed. We need to communicate to them that we have not done anything wrong in a letter.
- He has asked Leslie Chapman to put together a fact sheet.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Had meeting with Leslie to update her on this particular district/issue. The responsibility does sit with the county; he agrees with additional communications.

**Leslie Chapman:**

- She is happy to meet with them for further communications and outreach. She'll ask if she can attend their meeting.

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*The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.*

9. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. December 31, 2013 Quarterly Investment Report

Departments: Treasurer-Tax Collector

(Rosemary Glazier) - Report to the Board Quarterly Investment Report for quarter ending: December 31, 2013.

**Action:** None. Informational only.

**Rose Glazier:**

- Gave overview of reports, figures.
- Next Treasury Oversight Meeting is May 12<sup>th</sup> in Mammoth.
- Handed out Transaction Report (to be posted to web).

**Supervisor Stump**

- White Mountain Fire District was very impressed with our earning.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- Appreciates what staff is doing to keep on top of all of this.
- Asked general questions.

## B. National Association of Counties Legislative Conference - Permission for Out of State Travel

Departments: County Administrator's Office

(Jim Leddy) - Authorize one member of the Board and one county staff member to attend the 2014 National Association of Counties Annual Legislative Conference. It is recommended that Mono County's alternate NACo appointee, Supervisor Tim Fesko, be the Board attendee and County Administrator Jim Leddy be the staff attendee.

County travel policy requires that any out of state travel (as defined as travel outside of Nevada or California) for county business purposes be authorized by Board action.

**Action:** Authorize Supervisor Tim Fesko and County Administrator Jim Leddy to attend the National Association of Counties Annual Legislative Conference in Washington, DC.

**Alpers moved; Stump seconded**

**Vote: 3 yes; 2 no: Johnston, Hunt**

**M14-28**

### **Jim Leddy:**

- Explained item; asking for permission for Supervisor Fesko and himself to attend NACO's Annual Legislative Conference.
- The training/travel amounts are already included in the budget.
- Can't overstate the importance of Mono County attending/having a voice.
- Hunkering down in a time of crisis is a natural reaction, but it's the wrong path.

### **Supervisor Hunt:**

- He's been the NACO rep and even attended this conference when it was in Reno; he doesn't think it's necessary or effective for us to go to these. We need to rely on CSAC representatives to do this.
- We are able to communicate with Legislators directly by email, picking up the phone, etc.
- He doesn't see this as valuable to our county.
- Pressure is on for action.

### **Supervisor Alpers:**

- He disagrees with Supervisor Hunt; he supports Supervisor Fesko going.
- Feels making the trip, going the distance, makes an impression.
- Although these trips are exhausting (when done right), he can't stress enough the importance of our county going.

### **Supervisor Stump:**

- He isn't sure about this; he's willing to support it this time. He'd like a follow up report when they get back.
- He's cognizant that the public is not very supportive of the whole "junket" idea.
- He'll support it this time only; just has concerns that people go to these things to have fun.

### **Supervisor Fesko:**

- Mono County recently passed a Legislative Platform and we need to do something with it, not just stick the document on a shelf.
- He's deferring expertise to CAO.
- He will have to spend a couple hundred dollars out of his own pocket due to miscalculations.
- We will only see long term progress, not quick fixes from a trip like this.



**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Doesn't think this is good timing; we've asked all our departments to cut back and here we are talking about flying off to Washington.
- He's calculated well over \$2,000 per person; it doesn't make any sense to do this right now.
- We already have great Legislative contacts.
- Does not support this; we need to be interacting where we're most effective: CSAC and RCRC. We need to hunker down.

**Leslie Chapman:**

- Just to clarify, our county does not reimburse for any alcohol, ever.

**C. Political Activities Ordinance**

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Marshall Rudolph) - Proposed ordinance adding Chapter 2.90 to the Mono County Code, pertaining to political activities on county premises. (This item was requested by Chairman Larry K. Johnston.)

**Action:** No action.

**Marshall Rudolph:**

- This is a policy change item requested by Chairman Johnston; Marshall's role here is to explain legal perimeters.
- Explained item and staff report, which statutes referenced, etc. Drafted to address when something occurs vs. where.
- Mono County has an existing regulation that applies; easy to see how our regulation excludes elected officials and only applies to "employees". In Inyo County the regulation applies to elected officials.
- "Political Activity" must be defined in order to address this. He has crafted his ordinance in a narrow fashion to address the "premises" definition, avoiding the "working hours" issue. It's more consistent with the type of regulations we have in our employee system.
- Speaking during "public comment" can't be regulated.
- Town Hall meetings should be excluded.
- There is a way to handle violation of codes with the D.A. if necessary.
- Union political activity – easy to add to list of exceptions.
- Use of facilities: hours can be defined.
- You can't be spending county resources on legislative issues.
- He will bring back a modified version for another first reading the second meeting in March.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- Asked about "county premises" definition – maybe should say "owned and/or leased".
- He's on the fence about this; doesn't want to layer regulations without fully understanding them. There are too many undefined circumstances to support at the moment.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Common for candidates to show up at RPACs, wouldn't want to take that away from candidates.
- Willing to see this brought back at a later time with modifications.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- This is attempting to solve a problem that doesn't need to be solved.
- This is all stemming from lack of judgment from elected officials and a story in the media.
- Feels this is going to create more problems than solutions.
- Agrees there are too many circumstances that aren't addressed to approve this.

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- If we lay out some guidelines, it can drastically improve lack of judgment.

- Doesn't think there should be limits on when county facilities can be used.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Good attempt at draft ordinance; he feels like public meetings should be excluded specifically.
- By focusing on premises, it deals with everybody: those already elected, those wanting to be elected, employees, etc.

**Tim Kendall, D.A.:**

- Wants to clarify for the Board what happened with management meeting regarding the "lack of judgment issue" and the media. Both he and the Sheriff asked for signatures after the meeting ended; the petitions were left on a table. This was an innocent request.
- The issue of whether it was appropriate for them to do this or not was brought up to the CAO's office ahead of time. They were told they could do it, otherwise they would not have done it.
- Whatever is drafted needs to be equitable to everyone.
- Hard to define hours when you're never off the clock.
- Premises: problematic because county premises are used for everything.
- Maybe limit to county working hours ON county premises, period. Exclude evening hours and locations.
- He's in an awkward position with prosecution; should be limited to specific actions.

**Jerry Frederick (Local 39):**

- Wants to know what effect this can have on employees when in meetings?

**Sheriff Obenberger:**

- Elected officials are 24/7.
- Asked about his meet and greets that are scheduled at various hours at various county buildings.
- Whatever the Board decides will be adhered to as long as it's equitable.

**Bob Musil (Assessor):**

- His concern with proposed ordinance is what's considered as "political activity". A lot of what they do is political just by nature of the job.

**Nancy Mahannah:**

- Discussion about her activities; concerned with "political activity" definition. How would that affect her job?

**Jim Leddy:**

- Suggested the Board not go into closed session until 12:30 to allow for a full hour of mid-year budget prior to then.

**D. 2013-14 Mid-Year Budget Review**

Departments: County Administrative Office and Department of Finance

(Jim Leddy, CAO and Leslie Chapman, CPA, Finance Director) - Review of County Budget at mid-year. To view all supporting documents submitted with this item, please use the following link:

<http://monocounty.ca.gov/auditor/page/201314-mid-year-budget-review>. A hard copy of all these materials are available on file at the Clerk's office.

**Action: NO ACTION TAKEN PRIOR TO LUNCH/DISCUSSION TO CONTINUE AFTER LUNCH**

**Jim Leddy:**

- He and Leslie Chapman, Finance director, are taking this opportunity to make augmentations where appropriate.

**POWER POINT:**

- Budget Review CAO/Finance
  - Background

- Purpose of Midyear
- Overview of Finances
- Cost Containment – Service Preservation
- Building FY 2014-2015 Budget
- Board questions/comments of individual Budgets, and public comments
- Adoption of Requested Actions

Additional Comments:

- He and Leslie have offered to sit down with anyone who wishes to discuss this.
- It takes a year and a half to two years to see property tax increase for our county.

**Leslie Chapman:**

- Net of A87 costs (all administrative departments/costs): all A87 costs were removed from the budgets to be able to see the savings. Added back in liability and worker's comp.
- There is about a year lag time between our location in California vs. other locations.
- Counties are providing a lot of services that state and federal agencies used to provide.

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- What is lag time between Rural California, Inland and Coastal California? (Leddy: 18 month to two years.)
- Part of this is to educate the public.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Thanked all employees that came; he doesn't like having to look at a picture like this.
- Asked for a definition a Net A87 costs.
- Structural Deficit: we're spending more than we've got.
- Reserves – we don't have enough to use anymore. Do we need to declare a fiscal emergency?
- Important in re-design meetings: we need to listen to all ideas that employees are coming up with to cut costs without those employees having to go all the way to the Board.
- Coffee with the CAO – doesn't want it to be "coffee with the captives".
- Pre 2008 figures not covered.
- Stated that he doesn't use any county benefits.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- He likes graphs, asked about unsecured roll. Is there a graph?
- Why the drop in tax roll?
- Explain why what happens in Mammoth is so significant?
- Feels like some of the long term liabilities and unmet needs listed are scare tactics.
- Addressed CARB compliance.
- We could get another growth bubble in Mammoth.
- Stated that he already has a reduced compensation in his benefits.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- He also takes a cut in benefits.
- Why are we spending so much more money than 10 years ago? What extra services are we providing?

**Bob Musil:**

- Discussion about secured vs. unsecured tax rolls. The tax roll has dropped 13.5% since 2009.
- Discussed median sales prices in Mammoth in 2009.
- Pre 2009 figures are not in current tax database.
- He's willing to put together some figure from 2002 forward.

**THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC/EMPLOYEES MADE COMMENTS:**

- **Steve Amondson (Road Dept)**
- **Judy Curti (FTS III, Accounts Payable)**
- **Jerry Frederick (Local 39)**

- **Bob Musil (Assessor)**
- **Tim Kendall (D.A.)**

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD  
*No one spoke.*

11. CLOSED SESSION  
*There was nothing to report out of closed session.*

A. Closed Session - Claim For Damages

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: 1. Facts and circumstances: Claim for damages presented by Youssef Boulaalam on January 8, 2014.

B. Closed Session--Human Resources

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Marshall Rudolph, John Vallejo, Leslie Chapman, Bill Van Lente and Jim Leddy. 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.

C. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: Inland Aquaculture Group, LLC v. Mono County et al.

REGULAR AFTERNOON SESSION COMMENCES AT 2:00 P.M.

12. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD  
*No one spoke.*

13. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. Claim For Damages

Departments: County Counsel, Risk Management  
(John-Carl Vallejo) - Claim for damages filed by Youssef Boulaalam.

**Action:** Reject claim for damages and direct staff to notify claimant of action.

**Hunt moved; Fesko seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M14-29**

**John Vallejo:**

- Explained item. Gave staff recommendation.

**B. 2013-14 Mid-Year Budget**

Departments: County Administrative Office and Department of Finance (Jim Leddy, CAO and Leslie Chapman, CPA, Finance Director) - Continued Mid-Year Budget Discussion from the morning session.

**Action:** 1) Review the proposed adjustments and approve changes to appropriations as indicated or amended to capture savings in Current Year (FY 2013-2014) Budget per each department. 2) Approve Policy Items including the use of contingencies and transferring General Fund savings to County Reserves. 3) Adopt an updated County Allocation List. 4) Direct staff to continue the Cost Containment, Service Preservation and Redesign efforts. 5) Continue with Strategic Planning efforts to augment the short term budget needs and develop long term focused plans for the County.

**Fesko moved; Hunt seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M13-30**

**CONTINUED FROM MORNING SESSION:**

**Jim Leddy:**

- There are some questions to answer from South County that were emailed.
- \$1 million dollars from Trindel Account to go into the CARB compliance issue. Basically taking it out of one savings account and committing it to another.
- This conversation will continue to go forward.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

Questions sent via email from South County:

- Why doesn't the board stand up for staff and service levels?
- In looking at long term solutions, why not looking at increasing revenues as something they have control over?
- Why subsidizing new development by having no fees?
- Why has the board rejected reasonable fee increases?
- Why is there is a disconnect between revenues and service levels?
- Assessment revenues?

Other comments:

- There needs to be a balance on what is cut.

**Leslie Chapman:**

- Explained deficit showing on budget; we have a carry forward surplus that we get.
- Explained the reasons we will have escalating costs.
- Not talking about being in debt; if we continue on the way we have been, we'll need \$4.7 million.
- Expected Revenues vs. Expected Expenses = \$4.7 million next year.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Fee structures have to be documented; they can't just arbitrarily be changed. This is state law.
- The judgment has already been made that the Board is not stepping up for staff and service levels. He'd like examples from the person questioning as to what the board is not doing. Where is the data?

**Supervisor Johnston:**

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- Subsidization of solid waste fund; has been rectified by increasing fees.
- When people pay their property taxes, they have a certain expectation of service.
- Spoke of town and T-Bid which was self-generated; to do one in the county we'd have to bring the idea through businesses.
- It sometimes takes awhile for an organization to see change.
- It's important for people to express their emotions, sometimes that includes data and sometimes it doesn't.
- The employees need to work with CAO and Finance with their ideas for cutting costs.
- We're lucky that our main tax base is property taxes.

### **Supervisor Fesko:**

- Important to remember that when discussing "revenues", we're talking about increase in taxes and fees on the public.

### **Supervisor Alpers:**

- Asked about Economic Development position that hasn't been filled.

### **THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC/EMPLOYEES MADE COMMENTS:**

**Megan Foster (Social Services)**

**Mary Clark (Admin. Services Specialist, Public Works)**

**Pat McGee (Public Health)**

**Brett McCurry (Public Works)**

**Jeff Simpson (Economic Development)**

### **DISCUSSION REGARDING VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS' BUDGETS:**

- Clerk-Recorder – not much to cut because it's an election year.
- Community Development Department – general discussion about when Scott retires.
- Economic Development – discussion about the hiring of part time individual.
  - Supervisors Alpers/Stump: need more time to think about it.
  - Supervisor Johnston: money should be put into something that will generate money.
  - Supervisor Hunt: we need to hire this person.
  - Supervisor Fesko: news to him which position they are filling.
  - Alicia Vennos: couldn't find the expertise required with only a 6 month contract.
  - Addresses tourism issue and CDBG grants.
  - Jim Leddy: The board doesn't need action to hire, it was already approved.
  - Supervisor Alpers: changes vote to yes. Asked for updates.
  - RFP for grant sent out.
- Information Technology:
  - Reason for such a decrease in budget is because they are not filling a position.
  - Keeping up so far, next year could be a different issue.
- Public Works – Motor Pool:
  - Supervisor Johnston: he wants to postpone the purchase of new vehicles, stretch the usefulness.
  - Jeff Walters: can do whatever the board directs;
  - Leslie Chapman: that money can't be spent on anything else; the rates can be adjusted.
- Sheriff's Department:
  - Supervisor Johnston: can we cut overtime?
  - Sheriff Obenberger: cheaper to utilize overtime than hire a full time employee. About 1/3 of overtime is grant driven.
  - Supervisor Stump: he'd like to see an analysis.
  - Supervisor Fesko: Out of county deputy issues; he'd like an analysis.

- Supervisor Stump: kudos to Social Services, Senior Citizens Services, Public Health, Behavioral Health – they all work together and share resources.

**CONTINGENCIES/GENERAL RESERVES DISCUSSION:**

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Went over proposed uses for the \$305,000 contingency monies.

**Leslie Chapman:**

- Gave explanation of proposed contingency uses.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Thanked everyone for being involved.

**Supervisor Alpers:**

- Appreciates the candidness of everyone.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- Change is in order; need to have an open mind.

**Supervisor Fesko:**

- Appreciates everyone being here.
- Encourages people to speak to him directly if anyone has questions.

**Supervisor Stump:**

- Encourages people contact him via email and/or phone.

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ATTEST:

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LARRY K. JOHNSTON  
CHAIRMAN

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