



**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
October 6, 2015**

9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order By Chairman Fesko.

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

*Break: 9:56 a.m.
Reconvene: 10:07 a.m.1
Closed/Session: 11:58 a.m.
Adjourn: 3:20 p.m.*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Fesko.

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1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Board Minutes

Action: Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 8, 2015.

Johnston moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M15-198

B. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Action: Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 15, 2015.

Corless moved; Fesko seconded
Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Stump
M15-199

3. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Alpers:

- He has had a standing invitation from Deborah Hess, SCE to the Government Affairs Program, it's held quarterly. He reported back to the board the last time. Thinks we need to have a regular appointment from our Board involved in these meetings; he'll investigate this further and bring back additional information.
- 9/27 - Attended the Mono Basin Solar Walk organized by David and Janet Carle. A crowd of about 35 people participated. Interesting discussion about all aspects of solar installation, and a great reaction our "Solar Pioneers" as their steps taken toward renewable energy were honored. Jim Harper, the founder of Sierra Solar in 1989, was on hand to answer many questions. Shelley Channel, owner of Channel Shell in LV, was recognized as having the first service station in California powered by solar energy. He was very gracious to show the attendees around his facility. Supervisor and Supervisor Stump spoke to the County's effort installing, via grant dollars, solar systems at both the Lee Vining and Crowley Lake Community Centers. They shared the Board's goal of encouraging solar energy use throughout the County as the County General Plan update moves forward. Much interest was expressed by attendees in adding solar to their homes.
- 9/30 - Attended the Travel Channel dining special program at the Whoa Nellie Deli in LV. Owner Dennis Domaille, the deli staff and he were interviewed by the Travel Channel camera crews for a show to air later this winter. It was a well organized and very professional operation and the show will undoubtedly draw more mountain cuisine lovers to Mono County!
- 10/3 - Attended memorial services for Gordon Alper held at the main foyer at the College in Mammoth. A standing room only crowd was in attendance as Gordon was remembered and honored by a variety of friends and family.
- Unable to attend anniversary of Yosemite National Park; unless you got there the night before and had a place to stay and arrive early the next morning, you couldn't get in. He did send a letter of congratulations on behalf of himself and the board.

Supervisor Corless:

- She just returned from vacation from Switzerland for two weeks.
- Whoa Nellie Deli event – very happy that Supervisor Alpers was there to attend.
- Attended Behavioral Health training regarding trauma informed treatment.
- Finishing touches on Strategic Planning Presentation to go before the board.
- Copied on letters (and board resolutions) to OES regarding tree mortality Issue – Mariposa and Madera counties. They are requesting declaration of emergency to obtain funding – they'd like a letter of support from Mono County so she will request to agendize this.
- Disturbing news about District 5 resident, Dr. Jonathan Bourne, indicted on charges of removing archeological artifacts from Inyo and Sierra National Forests, and Death Valley National Forest.
- The land and water conservation fund was not part of the federal funding deal—was allowed to expire. This could have negative effects for recreation

- and conservation on our public lands, including the Inyo National Forest
- 10/10: Fisheries Commission-sponsored cleanup on Mammoth Creek— invite all to join at 8:30 am at Mammoth Creek Park for a few hours of stream cleanup and willow planting.

Supervisor Fesko:

- September 17 - EMS Ad Hoc – The committee continues to work thru possible options, attempting to have multiple options, with each ranked by preference. Also attended Bridgeport RPAC
- September 22 - EMS Ad Hoc, a workshop with Tom Lynch from ICEMA (Inland Counties Emergency Medical Services Agency). This was a presentation followed by a Q&A session.
- September 22 – 25
 - RCRC Annual Meeting
 - Workshops were held on a number of topics including;
 - (1) The Future of our Golden State, a view on our dynamic economies and how California is made of varies economies from the Coastal area, into the Central valley, into the mountainous regions.
 - (2) What in California – What the Future holds. With California's population projected to be more than 40.8 million by 202, a nearly 33 percent increase over the past 25 years.
 - (3) The environmental impacts of illegal Marijuana Cultivation in our rural counties, especially on our State and Federal lands
 - (4) The Hidden World of Human Trafficking on California's Rural Counties. It is estimated that more than 300,000 children are being trafficked at any given time in the US.
 - (5) The Future of Federal Land Payments. While it SRS and PILT are up in the air as to future funding. The general feel is that these will be going away so Counties must look at long term solutions.
 - State update - Marijuana Legislation update – Three bills (AB266, SB 643, AB 243). These three bills are awaiting signature by the Governor. This is belief that he will not sign the bills, but rather allow the clock to run out at which point they will automatically become law. A political way of saying "I never signed the bill!"
 - Discussed the baskets he put together. Supervisor Fesko to write a letter of thanks.
- October 1 - EMS Ad Hoc – Great meeting. Presentations by Judd Symons from Symons Ambulance; Dave Forgerson, Fire Chief with East Fork Fire District; Dan with Mono County EMS. After all three presentations, nearly a two hour Q&A session took place with many great questions by the Committee members. Not sure the six month original timeframe will be enough time.
- Attended Antelope Valley RPAC that same evening.
- October 3 – attended Antelope Valley Lions Club Annual BBQ. Great turnout.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Noted the Measure Z election is going on today in Mammoth Lakes.
- Attended the IMACA meeting; there will be three new board members. The new Head start facility is nearing completion and there may be some playground work added very shortly - IMACA staff has done a terrific job in securing funding and moving the project forward.
- Attended the Mammoth Lakes Housing meeting; still working on the non-governmental organization workshop and process with the Town Council and other NGOs. Also gearing up for biannual strategic plan review for

MLH.

- Having on-going discussions with a few individuals regarding the Great Basin Unified APCD and Mammoth Community Water district issues surrounding the ORMAT geothermal project.
- Related that the federal government averted a shutdown with a 10 week extension; included in the legislation was fast-forwarded PILT payments (\$37 million) and emergency wildfire funding (\$700 million). On the horizon is the likely forthcoming contentious debt ceiling debates.
- Reminded Board and staff of the upcoming December CSAC annual meeting; early-bird registration this Friday.
- Asked if anyone understood why the sobriety checkpoint (CHP/Town) that was recently conducted on Hwy 203 was at the entry to Town instead of the exit of Town; wouldn't a potentially drunk driver already have been on the open highway for some time if stopped at the entry to town?

Supervisor Stump:

- 9-14 : Chalfant RPAC; RACE Communications has started hooking residents up to Fiber Optic internet
- 9-17, 9-22 and 10-1 : Attended EMS Committee Meetings; Committee has gathered a great deal of information that the full Board will have to consider in deciding the future of EMS Ambulance services in the County
- 9-22 : CSA 1; Community Project Planning Workshop scheduled for 10-7 with flyers mailed to all CSA 1 service area residents; they have a workshop tomorrow night to deal with planning, skateboard park, and other issues. Recognition to them to reach out to public about improvements in Crowley Lake.
- 9-25: State Parks OHV Commission held a meeting in Mammoth. I had intended to be present but had an unexpected medical appointment. Apologies to Supervisor Corless for not making it
- 9-27 : Solar Walk in Lee Vining; purpose of the walk was to encourage small scale solar projects. County received an award made by local children for the solar work on the Lee Vining and Crowley Community Centers
- 9-29 : Conference call with Inyo Supervisor Matt Kingsley and Phil Kiddoo of the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District to work on a letter from the GBUAPCD Board concerning smoke impacts.
- Apologized for absence on 9-15. The other Board members did not want what he had. Also missed a Community meeting in Paradise on 9-16. Thanks to Scott and Gerry for covering. Heard that the meeting went well.
- Received email from Deborah Hess at SCE, they have eliminated her position. It appears we will no longer have a local SCE representative.
- Attended the "RED" grant report.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

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

Lynda Salcido:

- 9/17 – was scheduled to attend EMS meeting but got very sick with flu.
- They closed Pickle's Meadow child care due to severe stomach flu.
- 9/22 – attended EMS meeting;
- 9/25 – Sarah Messerlian's last day with the county. Risk Mgmt now being handled by CAO and County Counsel.
- 9/25 – Southern Mono Healthcare District Meeting – move to new facility in

Bridgeport is almost ready to happen; kudos to Public Works.

- 10/1 – EMS meeting in Lee Vining; well attended. A lot of questions arose as a result of three great presentations.
- 10/5 – Strategic Plan meeting.
- Leaves tomorrow to San Diego to attend CHIAP conference.
- In CAO, Risk Mgmt and HR is Megg Hawkins and Shawna; county counsel.

6. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Megan Mahaffey:

- Block Grant Program awarded in the amount of \$750,000.

Scott Burns:

- Planning component of Block Grant money awarded: would like to update housing element – what is circumstance, what kind of circumstance?
- Big thank you to Megan.

Joe Blanchard:

- CDBG Funding – ADA restrooms; Walker Lake, Gull Lake and Benton; they've received permit for Walker.
- They have to spend \$75,000 soon in order to apply for next round of funding.
- Overflow irrigation – Crowley Lake Ballfield; finished a few weeks ago; CSA #1 funded trees there (copy of trees given out to board).

Molly DesBalliets:

- As First 5: Applied for part of CDBG grant – got \$500,000 for preschools in Benton and Bridgeport (renovations, play yard construction and operation for one year); will be pursuing funding for additional years. (Supervisor Stump brought up Benton Tribe.)

Leslie Chapman:

- Thanked Megan Mahaffey for these grants; has a great knack of paying attention to what the needs of county are and then going out and finding funding for the need.

Bob Musil:

- We are conducting a special election this morning in Mammoth; two precincts: Community Center and Suite "Z". Everything is working out well. Appreciates Public Works, Planning and I.T. for all their assistance.
- SCE – they have requested to come before board next week for presentation.

Sheriff Ingrid Braun:

- Pushing forward for Explorer program (ages 14-18 that are interested in careers in law enforcement); will be doing recruitment, also looking for adult volunteers. No cost to students, county or town due to generous sponsor. Exciting opportunity.
- She presented at meeting on ICS;
- Benton Hills – law enforcement resources; felony fled from law enforcement twice. Pursuit; was captured.

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. Pledge of Revenue for Corrective Action at County Landfills

Departments: Public Works, Solid Waste Division

Proposed Resolution Approving Pledge of Revenue Agreement

Establishing Financial Assurance for Corrective Action for the Benton, Chalfant, Pumice Valley, Bridgeport and Walker Landfills.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution, R15-69, "A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Approving a Pledge of Revenue Agreement Establishing Financial Assurance for Corrective Action for the Benton, Chalfant, Pumice Valley, Bridgeport and Walker Landfills."

Johnston moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R15-69

B. Hiring Freeze Variance/Allocation List Change

Departments: Public Works

The Allocation List change is due to facilities staff taking on additional duties after a vacant administration position was not refilled. The change in the allocation list eliminating Lead Worker and adding Work Order Technician more adequately describes the job duties being performed.

Action: Adopt Resolution #R15-70, authorizing the County Administrative Officer to amend the County of Mono list of allocated positions to reflect the addition of one Work Order Technician and delete one Maintenance Leadworker in the Public Works Department.

Johnston moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R15-70

C. Community Recidivism and Crime Reduction Program

Departments: PROBATION

Request for Proposal for the Community Recidivism and Crime Reduction Program. Available funding for the Community Recidivism and Crime Reduction Services Grant program is projected to be \$5000.

Action: 1. Approval of Probation Department to submit application for the Community Recidivism and Crime Reduction Services Grant program in the amount of \$5000. 2. Amend the Juvenile Institutions 2015-16 Board Approved budget by Increasing grant revenues and expenditures by \$5,000 each.

Johnston moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M15-200

D. CALPERS SDMG T Contract Amendment Ordinance - Second Reading

Departments: Finance

Proposed ordinance No. ORD15-_____, An Ordinance of the

Board of Supervisors, County of Mono Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract Between the Board of Supervisors, County of Mono and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System.

Action: Adopt proposed ordinance No. ORD15-07, An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors, County of Mono Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract Between the Board of Supervisors, County of Mono and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System.

Johnston moved; Alpers seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

ORD15-07

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL) - NONE

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

9. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Authorization to Bid for the Bridgeport Memorial Hall Remodel Project

Departments: Public Works

(Joe Blanchard) - The remodel project consists of demolition, constructing mechanical/storage rooms, serving bar, accessible wheelchair lift, theater stage and seating area, and second floor restrooms at the Memorial Hall Building located at 73 North School Street in Bridgeport.

The renovation plan set, too large to attach to the agenda itself, can be viewed by visiting the link below:

http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/Board%20of%20Supervisors/calendar_event/3579/2014_mem_hall_renov_plan_set_-_pgs_1-64.pdf

Action: Approve bid package, including the project manual, project plans, and Notice of Exemption for the Bridgeport Memorial Hall Remodel Project. Authorize the Public Works Department to advertise an Invitation for Bids and to issue the project for bid.

Fesko moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Joe Blanchard:

- Introduced item; brief explanation of history, etc.
- Went over details of staff report.
- This project could start in late November if everything pushes through.
- They are fully general funded.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Asked about "bid" process.
- Will the county be in the running?
- What is timing? When is cut-off date?

- Is Public Works budget dependent on them getting this project?
- Feels this CSA really steps up; he's proud to represent them.

Supervisor Stump:

- Is most of work interior work allowing for winter work?
- If Public Works does this, will current staff be utilized on current salaries?
- Will there be a saving to Public Works?
- Fully budgeted general fund anyway or do they need the CSA funds?
- Does community here fully support this?

Leslie Chapman:

- This project was budgeted for in General Fund.
- We will have to take a look at it mid-year if Public Works does not get project.

Steve Noble:

- He's here in support of this project; they've had it on their list for a long time.
- They are very excited about getting this accomplished; they feel it will be good for county as a whole.
- Community very much supports this project.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Commended CSA #5 for choosing this as a project; very worthwhile.

B. Long Term Planning for Conway Ranch

Departments: Public Works

(Tony Dublino) - Presentation by Tony Dublino regarding the options for long-term planning for the County's Conway Ranch property.

Action: Direct staff (Tony Dublino, Solid Waste Department) to prepare a Strategic Facilities Plan and take out to at least four (or at the option of staff an extended number of) public meetings throughout the county (north county, Lee Vining, Mammoth and south county) and to have these tasks' target completion date of May 1, 2016. At this time, the components of the Plan will be submitted to the Planning Commission for their discussion and/or approval and then be presented to the Mono County Board of Supervisors for their approval.

Alpers moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 3 yes; 2 no: Stump and Johnston

M15-202

Tony Dublino (Power point):

CONWAY RANCH LONG TERM PLANNING:

- Why this is necessary:
 - Management and Maintenance of the current status quo is not necessarily what the elected officials or the citizens want
- What we know:
 - We own property
 - Property has Plenty of Guidance and Restrictions
- Guidance and Restrictions:
 - Grants
 - Conservation Easement
 - General Plan
- What These Document Don't Tell us:
 - What specific projects and improvements do we want to carry out?
 - When do we want to do the work?
 - How will the improvements be funded?
- What, When and How?

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- Aquaculture
- Access
- Agriculture
- Open Space and Conservation
- Examples of Planning Documents:
 - 'Specific Plan'
 - "Master Plan"
 - 'Strategic Facility Plan'
 - 'Annual Facility Plan'
- Who Can Help Answer the Questions?
 - Staff-initiated public meetings yielding recommended Plan to Board
 - Mono Basin RPAC Subcommittee
 - Ad-Hoc Committee of members from relevant stakeholders groups
 - Mono County Planning Commission
- Staff Recommendation
 - Direct Staff to draft Strategic Facility Plan for Conway Ranch, present the concept in 4 public meetings between now and May 1, 2016, then bring to Board for approval.
- Board Direction: What kind of plan?
 - Specific Plan
 - Master Plan
 - Strategic Facility Plan
 - Annual Facility Plan
- Board Direction: What kind of outreach?
 - Outreach to Relevant Groups, and 4 staff-initiated Public Meetings Yielding Recommended Plan to Board
 - MB RPAC Subcommittee
 - Ad-Hoc Committee
 - Mono County Planning Commission
- Board Direction: When should Plan be Completed?
 - May 1, 2016
 - February 1, 2106
 - October 1, 2016
 - No Specific Timeframe

Other Comments:

- It would be his intention to present a developed concept of the Strategic Facility Plan.
- He feels he has a good sense of what needs to be done.

Supervisor Fesko:

- What about general community members?
- Agrees there should be some type of timeline; wants all people to have input so there should be meetings in all RPACS/CACS. We can then say we reached out.
- Doesn't want to rush just for the sake of rushing it.
- Doesn't believe Planning Commission is appropriate venue for this.
- Worries about outreach if Planning Commission works on this.
- Takes exception to four public meetings by May 2016.

Supervisor Johnston:

- He's been strongly advocating that this be handled by the Planning Commission.
- He thinks there is a hazard to having staff initiate this; could have perception that we are skewing it.
- Feels we need Planning Commission involvement to determine what the property will be used for.
- Are we going to do aquaculture or not? That needs to be decided by our Board.
- Feels we do need a timeframe.

- Would like the Planning Commission to help make process as open as possible.
- If the Planning Commission wants this, why not let them work on it?

Supervisor Alpers:

- This is a huge project; we need to back up a second.
- He thinks Tony Dublino is the right person to lead this.
- Three things: what's the plan, where's the funding, where's the leadership on it?
- Whatever we do it will be greatly scrutinized.
- We need a non-profit entity as fund raising mechanism.
- Who will be day to day, hour to hour person taking care of all this?
- How do we integrate the Planning Commission with all other concepts to make this work?

Supervisor Stump:

- It might be appropriate to ask the Planning Commission if they are *willing* to take this on?
- Feels it's a matter of consideration to those individuals. They might be busy enough.
- Feels that the Board needs to vet out all the potential uses that Tony brought up first.
- Is Tony asking for firm policy direction or just guidelines?
- Community Development staff is short staffed; he's cautious about diving into this pool.
- Leaning toward Supervisor Corless' recommendation.
- Objects to May 1st deadline and would prefer having Planning Commission consulted.

Supervisor Corless:

- In general, she supports Tony's recommendations.
- Strategic Facility Plan itself: would it be his intent to present a developed concept or develop one as he goes?
- Does he feel he has the adequate data and resources to develop the plan?
- She has some concern about running entire thing through only the Planning Commission, some involvement may be ok – but she feels we have a lot of specifics already. She feels that Tony should run this.
- Should also involve Tourism Commission and the Economic Development Department.

Scott Burns:

- Proposed Update to General Plan includes repealing Conway Ranch Specific Plan.
- Too much time has gone by to convert existing document into anything useable.
- He likes approach Tony is using.
- We're users, not developers of this property.
- Gave some information about projects the Planning Commission is currently working and thinks that they might have some time for this.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Floyd Rathbun

Jay Suppa (local resident)

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

11. CLOSED SESSION

Marshall Rudolph:

- Item 11B, reported out of closed session: The Board unanimously authorized County Counsel to initiate litigation in reference to this matter.

A. Closed Session--Human Resources

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Marshall Rudolph, John Vallejo, Leslie Chapman, and Lynda Salcido. 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.

B. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel

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

C. Closed Session - Public Employment

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: HR Manager.

D. Closed Session - Public Employment

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrator.

ADJOURN: 3:20 p.m.

ATTEST

TIMOTHY E. FESKO
CHAIRMAN

SHANNON KENDALL
ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE BOARD