



**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
January 15, 2019**

9:06 AM Meeting called to order by Chair Peters.

*Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Halferty, Peters, and Stump.
Supervisors Absent: None.*

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Corless.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

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

Leslie Chapman, CAO:

- Absent.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Francie Avitia, Social Services:

- February Cal Fresh benefits will be issued early to active recipients.
- These are the only benefits that will be provided through the end of February. Benefits in March may not be available.
- 700 individuals receiving Cal Fresh in Mono County.

- Food pantry in Social Services office.
- **Supervisor Halferty:** Encourages people to donate to the food pantries whenever possible.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item.)

A. **Board Minutes**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting on December 11, 2018.

Action: Approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting on December 11, 2018.

Corless moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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B. **Board Minutes**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting on December 18, 2018.

Action: Approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting on December 18, 2018.

Corless moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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C. **Board Minutes**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of minutes of the special Board of Supervisors meeting on December 20, 2018.

Action: Approve the minutes of the special Board of Supervisors meeting on December 20, 2018.

Corless moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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D. **Agreement and First Amendment to Public Defender Contract with Sophie Charlotte Bidet**

Departments: CAO; County Counsel

Proposed Agreement and First Amendment to Agreement between County of Mono and Sophie Charlotte Bidet for the Provision of Indigent Defense Services. The proposed amendments include only minor adjustments to the introduction paragraph.

Action: Approve County entry into proposed Amendment and authorize CAO, Leslie Chapman, to execute said Amendment on behalf of the County.

Corless moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-15

E. Mono County Child Care Council Certification Statement Regarding Composition of Local Planning Council Membership

Departments: Mono County Child Care Council

The Board of Supervisors and Superintendent of Schools make the appointments of the council members to the Mono Council Child Care Council. The Certification Statement Regarding Composition of Local Planning Council (LPC) Membership certifies that the membership criteria as established under the Education Code are met. The submission of certification is required annually by the California Department of Education.

Action: Approve the membership certification for the Mono County Child Care Council and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the certification.

Corless moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

All items listed are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board, and are available for review. Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

A. Walker Military Operations Area Airspace Establishment at Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, CA

A letter from the United States Marine Corps (USMC) Mountain Warfare Training Center (MWTC) in Bridgeport, California regarding the USMC, United States Forest Service (USFS), and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) national environmental policy act public involvement for environmental assessment of the Walker military operations area (MOA) airspace establishment at MWTC to study the impacts of a proposal to establish the Walker (MOA) designated airspace.

Supervisor Peters:

- This issue has been discussed at RPAC.
- Formalizing the operations area by FAA guidelines.
- No new activities are intended to occur.

B. Suddenlink Programming and Fee Changes

Altice USA, Inc. notice that effective February 1, 2019, there will be changes to the programming lineup and some monthly service fees and surcharges for certain new and existing residential customers.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Continuum of Care Presentation

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Susi Bains, Continuum of Care Board Chair) - Susi Bains will present Continuum of Care's new work, new funding opportunities, and the upcoming Point in Time Homelessness count.

Action: None (informational only). Provide any desired direction to staff.

Susi Bains:

- Introduced item.
- Point in time count. HUD requirement to take place in the last 10 days of January. January 24, 2019.
- Considering doing their own count in the summer, since the numbers are most likely different. Not sure how the numbers would be given to HUD, but still important to know.
- IMACA keeps the data to help identify the individuals and the services that are needed.
- **Supervisor Peters:** when homeless individuals are identified during the count – are they given resources on the spot?
- Volunteers put together care packages with blanket, hats, and mittens, possible food cart involved. Inyo County offers a Vons food card.

B. Avalanche Program Update

Departments: Clerk of the Board

(Sue Burak, Forecaster) – Sue Burak will present an update of the Mono County Avalanche program, including topics such as an additional weather station, weekly avalanche advisories, road crew training, significant weather events, and the annual Community Avalanche Awareness event.

Action: None, informational only.

Sue Burak:

- Went through presentation (available in additional documents).
- Road crew training January 24, 2019 with Eric Diem, June Mountain Ski Patrol Director.
- Presenting at Lee Vining Community Center January 24 – Community avalanche awareness. Important that people sign up. Information available on the Mono County website.

Break: 10:30 AM

Reconvene: 10:45 AM

C. California Mutual Aid Region VI Intra-Region Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Medical and Health Disaster Services

Departments: EMS, Public Health

(Chris Mokracek) - Proposed agreement with the signatory counties of the California Governors' Office of Emergency Services (OES) Mutual Aid Region VI pertaining to California Mutual Aid Region VI Intra-Region Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Medical and Health Disaster Services.

Action: Approve County entry into proposed agreement and authorize the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors to execute said contract on behalf of the County. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Corless moved; Stump seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Chris Mokracek, EMS Chief: Medical Health Operational Coordinator:

- Introduced item.

D. Approve Mental Health Services Act FY 2018-2019 Annual Update

Departments: Behavioral Health

(Amanda Greenberg, Robin Roberts) - Presentation by Amanda Greenberg regarding the Mental Health Services Act FY 2018-2019 Annual Update.

Action: Approve Mental Health Services Act FY 2018-2019 Annual Update.

Halferty moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

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Amanda Greenberg:

- Introduced item.

Moved to Item 12 Board Member Reports.

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

9. CLOSED SESSION at 12:14 PM

A. Closed Session - Human Resources

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Stacey Simon, Leslie Chapman, Dave Butters, Janet Dutcher, and Anne Larsen. 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 - Real Property Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Government Code section 54956.8. Property: 71 Davison Road. Agency negotiators: Amanda Greenberg, Robin Roberts, Stacey Simon. Negotiating parties: Mono County, Silver State Investors, LLC; Sami Abdelatif and Tyler Malotte; Elliott Brainard. Under negotiation: Price and terms of sale.

C. Closed Session - Existing Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: *Michael Hallum v. County of Mono* (Case No. CV170086).

THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL RECONVENE NO EARLIER THAN 1 P.M.

Reconvene: 1:15 PM

Report out of Closed Session:

Staff was directed to seek appellate relief in the matter of *Michael Hallum v. County of Mono* which pertains to Mr. Hallum's termination from employment with Mono County. The votes were as follows:

Ayes: Stump, Halferty, Corless, Gardner, Peters

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

11. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. Cannabis Operation Permit 18-002 - Tilth Farms

Departments: Community Development - Planning

(Michael Draper) - Consider approval of Cannabis Operation Permit 18-002 (Tilth Farms), an adult-use commercial cannabis cultivation operation located at 108432 Highway 395, APN # 002-450-024. The cultivation is outdoors with a maximum canopy area of 2 acres.

Action: Find that the project qualifies as a CEQA Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15183 and file a Notice of Exemption. Make findings 1 through 5 as contained in the staff report and approve Cannabis Operation Permit 18-002 subject to the modified conditions.

Halferty moved; Corless seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-19

Wendy Sugimura:

- Introduced item.
- Planning Commission approved use permit.
- No comment letters received.
- Adjustment to conditions of approval, 7 – insert the word annual to say, “The applicant must provide proof of the annual state-issued license when available.”

Michael Draper:

- Went through presentation.

Paul Christiansen:

- Supports.
- This operation will help the County have monies to support improved communication.
- Appreciate Eric's participation in the community.

Eric Edgerton, Tilth Farms:

- Looks forward to this opportunity.

B. Television Service in County Service Areas 1 and 2

Departments: Finance, IT, Public Works

(Various) - Presentation regarding the provision of digital television service within County Service Areas 1 (Long Valley area) and 2 (Tri-Valley area).

Action: Determine that CSA1 funds should not be spent to replace and upgrade equipment that provides off-air digital television service within a portion of the CSA1 service area. And to have further discussion once CSA2 has finished considering its recommendation.

Stump moved; Halferty seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-20

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Introduced item.

C. Reimbursement of Elections Costs

Departments: Elections

(Shannon Kendall and Helen Nunn) - On November 6, 2018, the Mono County Elections Office conducted a Statewide General Election. Pursuant to Elections Code 10002, "the city or district shall reimburse the county in full for the services performed upon presentation of a bill to the city or district." There were seven contests included in the November General Election that are eligible to be reimbursed by a Special or School District.

Action: Approve seven invoices (Antelope Valley Fire Protection District, Bishop Unified School District, Kern Community College District, Mammoth Community Water District, Mono County Office of Education Trustee Area 2, Mono County Office of Education Trustee Area 3, and Southern Mono Healthcare District) for costs incurred by races/measures on the ballot in the Statewide General Election which occurred on November 6, 2018.

Corless moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M19-21

Helen Nunn, Assistant Registrar of Voters:

- Introduced item.

12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

The Board may, if time permits, take Board Reports at any time during the meeting and not at a specific time.

Supervisor Corless:

- 1/11: State Forest Management Task Force Sierra/Eastside Regional Prioritization Working Group Meeting: focus on project development examples and challenges throughout the region, needs assessment. Survey for stakeholders, will be reaching out to fire dept, county and town staff, fire safe councils, sending survey questions out for distribution. State Task Force meeting happened on Monday but couldn't attend.
- 1/14: YARTS: Approved short-range transit plan—some highlights include working toward fiscal stability/addressing bus replacement needs, making service plan improvements to cut costs and increase revenue (includes already implemented and future fare increases, route changes including 395/June Lake), make institutional improvements by adding counties to the JPA. Still, YARTS faces a funding shortfall that ultimately could mean further investment for member counties (more money from us). Which is what makes this part of the report even worse: YARTS is dipping into very limited reserves to fund service during the government shutdown. Currently, the only service is on Highway 140, but the several runs per day are costing about \$7,000 per day. This will very likely not be reimbursed by NPS, even though initially the continuation of service was requested by the park. The board discussed the ethical issues of bringing people into the park given the reports of damage and danger, but ultimately, fiscal concerns will drive a decision whether to modify or end service during the shutdown. Staff is doing some analysis and the board will likely hold a special meeting in the next couple weeks to make a decision. YARTS staff, meanwhile, reported that the park "has gone dark" and is not communicating.
- Shutdown Update: Reached out to forest leadership re: OSV trail grooming, safety issues. Not sure of status, but some trails were groomed.
- This week: RCRC board meeting and officer installation in Sacramento, hearing in Oakland on Friday.
- Request to adjourn in memory of Zane Davis

Supervisor Gardner:

- Appreciates Supervisor Halferty representing the County at the ESTA meeting.
- Missed the YARTS meeting.

Supervisor Halferty:

- On January 8th, I participated in the Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care Point in time subcommittee meeting. The Tri-counties' annual Point in Time Count will be held on January 24th. The information gathered is completely confidential and anonymous, gift cards or baskets are provided to participants, volunteers will count persons experiencing homelessness on the streets, campgrounds, parking lots, encampments and other locations. The information is used by the CoC to obtain state and federal funds to address the needs of our homeless residents.
- I attended a special meeting of the Mammoth Lakes Town Council on January 9th. The Council held a public hearing on the 2019 CDBG application. There is interest from the owners of the Mammoth Mall in converting some of the upstairs office space into apartments and using CDBG funding to help with the conversion in exchange for serving the low-income community. The Council then went on to have a joint meeting with the Town's Planning and Economic Development Commission.
- On Friday, January 11th I attended the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority meeting in Bishop. The Board authorized Phil Moores, the Executive Director, to purchase 10 new

cameras for the Mammoth Busses. There was also an update on the Reno route which has move their Greyhound stop from Reno to the new Greyhound facility in Sparks. There was also discussion of the Old Mammoth Route, which is being evaluated for possible improvements with regards to a turn around. The Executive Director plans to bring back a proposal. There's been some success in recruiting staff in both Bishop and Mammoth Lakes, though there's an ongoing concern around wages and cost of living, especially with regard to the cost of housing.

- Later that morning I attended the CCRH Board meeting.
- Monday, January 14th I attended my first Local Transportation Commission meeting as a commission member.
- I want to be sure that everyone is aware of an open house being hosted by the Town tomorrow, January 16th from 2-4 PM in the Town Council Chambers on Resilience Planning - the topics include updating their General Plan Housing Plan for the next eight years, fire preparedness and climate adaptation. Because it's open house style you can participate on one or all topics.

Supervisor Peters:

- 8th Bridgeport RPAC
- 14th LTC
- Tony Dublino
- Cal Rossi Govt Affairs SCE
- Power Outage in Bridgeport Thursday 10-1
- CSAC IHSS Working Group Co Chair
- CSAC/CBHDA Joint OIG(Officer Inspector General) Audit Allocation Working Group
- in the proposed methodology: using a county's amount of claims in 2013 to determine their portion of the federal recoupments
- Next Week Midyear Budget
- Legislative Platform
- **Upcoming:**
- LADWP Oakland

Supervisor Stump:

- 1-10: Attended the OVGA meeting. Long closed session. The Board was given the first presentation by the plan consultant. Lots of work to do.
- 1-12: Attended an ice rescue training at Crowley Lake. This particular rescue capacity rests primarily with the Volunteer Fire Departments.
- 1-14: Attended the LTC meeting. Welcomed Supervisor Halferty. Got updates on the "wildlife crossing project", electric vehicle charging stations, 5G tower approval conditions, and County, Town and State Transportation projects.
- 1-14: Attended a meeting with Wendy Sugimura and Jason Canger to discuss OVGA related items.
- 1-14: Telephone meeting with Liz Podolinsky of the San Francisco office of the Public Utilities Commission to discuss the letter sent by the BOS in November. I was glad to hear that she has at least discussed the problem with PUC President Picker which is much higher conversation within the PUC than has happened prior.
- Jay Sloane: Sexual Harassment Prevention (AB 1825 training). Wednesday, January 23, 9:00 AM In Mammoth and 1:30 PM in Bridgeport.

Moved to item 8 Opportunity for the public to address the Board.

ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF ZANE DAVIS AT 2:33 PM

ATTEST

**JOHN PETERS
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**SCHEEREEN DEDMAN
SR. DEPUTY CLERK**