



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

Regular Meetings: First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified below.
Teleconference Only - No Physical Location

**Regular Meeting
March 8, 2022**

9:04 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Gardner

Supervisors Present: Corless, Duggan, Gardner, Kreitz, and Peters (all attended via teleconference).

Supervisors Absent: None.

The Mono County Board of Supervisors stream most of their meetings live on the internet and archives them afterward. To search for a meeting from June 2, 2015, forward, please go to the following link: <http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/meetings>

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Peters

Chair Gardner:

- “Daring leaders are never silent about hard things”.
– by Renee Brown

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Cory Zila, Owner Tioga Green

- Wants to address the park service situation (going back to reservation, no driving thru) would like feedback on how the Board of Supervisors felt about this
- Concerned about the “hardship” that this will cause for local business owners
- Suggested reaching out to the Park Services to express the concerns of hardship
- Suggested pairing up with Mariposa to reach a resolution with Park Services to let people pass thru

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Coleville High School Girls Basketball State Championship Recognition

Departments: Board of Supervisors, sponsored Supervisor Peters

(Supervisor Peters) - A proclamation of the Mono County Board of Supervisors recognizing the Coleville High School Girls Basketball team winning the NIAA State Championship.

Supervisor Peters

- Presented Item

Coach Will Sandy

- Thanked the Board of Supervisors
- This team is a positive group on and off the court

Supervisor Corless

- Thanked and congratulated the team

Action: Adopt proposed proclamation.

Peters motion. Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-045

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Robert C. Lawton, CAO:

- Several Personnel Meetings – Human Resources and County Counsel
- Agenda Planning Exercises
- 3rd Quarter Budget Projections
- Preparing for Fiscal Year 22-23 Annual Budget
- Jedi Meeting
- Emergency Operations Center
- Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) – Special Meeting
- Administered the Oaths of Office to two new county employees
 1. Erica Cortez – Probation Officer I
 2. Sanjay Choudhrie - Housing Opportunities Manager

Sheriff Braun

- Asks to please have this meeting adjourned “In memory of Diana Hernandez”

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Scheereen Dedman, Clerk- Recorder

- Reminder that deadline for nomination and candidacy period for upcoming election

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Sheriff Braun

- Asks to please have this meeting adjourned “In memory of Diana Hernandez”

John Craig

- Preparing for Budget (Mid-Year) – Megan Mahaffey & Budget Team
- Working with external consultant – Fee Study
- Preparing the Civic Center for in person meetings
- Reconstituting the Workplace Well Being Committee

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.)

Kreitz motion. Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

A. Board Minutes

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the February 8, 2022, and February 22, 2022, meetings of the Board of Supervisors.

Action: Approve the Board Minutes from the February 8, 2022, Regular Meeting and February 22, 2022, Special Meeting.

Kreitz motion. Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-046

B. Resolution Determining that Charles Clark is Industrially Disabled

Departments: Risk Management

Proposed resolution determining that Charles Clark is eligible for industrial disability retirement.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Kreitz motion. Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R22-025

C. Claim for Damages - Rocko Moore

Departments: Risk Management

Claim for damages filed by Rocko Moore, related to alleged bodily injury during a fight near the Crowley Lake Dam in a dispersed camping area on LADWP land.

Action: Deny the claim submitted by Rocko Moore, direct the Risk Manager, in consultation with County Counsel, to send notice to the claimant of the denial.

Kreitz motion. Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-047

D. Contract with E-Squared Communications Group (SE2) for Marketing Campaign

Departments: Behavioral Health

Proposed contract with E-Squared Communications Group (SE2) to provide marketing services for substance use prevention campaign.

Action: Approve, and authorize CAO to sign, contract with E-Squared Communications Group for Prevention Media Campaign Services for the period February 15, 2022, through December 31, 2022, and a not-to-exceed amount of \$120,640.

Kreitz motion. Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-048

E. Adoption of Ordinance Amending Chapter 7.90 (Mono County First 5 Commission)

Departments: County Counsel

Proposed ordinance of the Mono County Board of Supervisors amending Chapter 7.90, Sections 050 and 060 of the Mono County Code, pertaining to the Mono County First 5 Commission, to omit guidance regarding the staggering of initial commissioner terms, amend term lengths, and fix the number of appointed commissioners.

Action: Adopt proposed ordinance.

Kreitz motion. Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

ORD22-002

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence

A. Comment Letter from Sierra County Board of Supervisors to California Natural Resources Agency Regarding Draft "Pathways to 30 x 30" Strategy

Comment Letter from Sierra County Board of Supervisors to California Natural Resources Agency Regarding California Natural Resources Agency Draft "Pathways to 30x30: Accelerating Conservation of California's Nature."

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Departments: CAO, Public Health

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director, Dr. Caryn Slack, Public Health Officer) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Action: None.

Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director

- Presented Item

B. Resolution Making Findings under AB 361 through April 7

Departments: County Counsel

Proposed resolution making the findings required by AB 361 for the purpose of making available the modified Brown Act teleconference rules set forth in AB 361 for the period of March 8, 2022, through April 7, 2022.

Stacey Simon, County Counsel

- Presented Item

Action:

Adopt proposed resolution.

Corless motion. Peters seconded.

Supervisor Corless - Yes

Supervisor Duggan - Yes

Chair Gardner - Yes

Supervisor Kreitz - No

Supervisor Peters - Yes

Vote: 4 yes, Supervisor Kreitz: 1 no

R22-026

C. Review of Emergency Declaration Due to Winter Storms

Departments: Sheriff

(Sheriff Ingrid Braun) - Review of continuing need for Board of Supervisor's January 11, 2022, Declaration of Local Emergency due to severe winter storms.

Ingrid Braun, Mono County Sheriff

- Presented Item
- Let the Emergency Expire

Action: Approval to terminate Declaration of Local Emergency Due to Severe Winter Storms.

Duggan motion. Kreitz seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

M22-049

D. Cannabis Delivery Within the Unincorporated Area of Mono County

Departments: Community Development

(Michael Draper, Planning Analyst II) - Discuss next steps following the expiration of R20-38, allowing temporary cannabis delivery during the stay-at-home order.

Michael Draper, Planning Analyst II

- Presented Item
- Sharing that a local business owner has a non-written public comment – concerned with delivery to Federal Land

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Department Director

- Mono County cannot prevent outside deliveries (outside of Mono County) into Mono County.
- Will bring back Resolution of continuance; on consent if board approves
- Will work on General Plan Amendment and Code Amendment

Stacey Simon, County Counsel

- Litigation clarification for the Board, including uncertainty on question of whether County can or cannot prevent delivery
- Clarified that just staff direction not action

Supervisors Corless, Kreitz, Duggan and Peters

- Support moving forward to allow continued delivery of cannabis

Supervisor Peters

- Are there currently outside businesses delivering into Mono County
- Michael Draper states that it is allowed but do not know if outside delivery is taking place

Cory Zila – Tioga Green, Owner

- Public Comment
- Supports keeping delivery in Mono County

Action:

- 1) Direct staff to initiate a General Plan Amendment (GPA) and County Code amendment, as necessary, to permit commercial cannabis delivery and return with a resolution temporarily permitting commercial cannabis delivery until a decision is finalized via the GPA. OR
- 2) Determine the temporary waiver of the prohibition of commercial cannabis delivery as stated in R20-38 to be expired, and direct staff to contact retailers to ensure compliance.

E. First Amendment to Employment Agreement with Jacob Sloane

Departments: County Counsel, CAO

(Stacey Simon, County Counsel) - Proposed resolution approving an amendment to the contract with Jacob Sloane as Risk Manager, to account for additional service provided to the County's Human Resources division and addition of ten percent of base salary for said work, for a period of three months.

Stacey Simon, County Counsel

- Presented Item

Robert C. Lawton, CAO

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Action: Announce Fiscal Impact. Approve Resolution R22-027, approving amendment to the employment agreement with Jacob Sloane as Risk Manager. Authorize the Board Chair to execute said contract amendment on behalf of the County.

Fiscal Impact: \$827 per month (10% of base salary) for a period of three months (\$2,481 total), unless extended upon a finding of continuing need.

Duggan motion. Kreitz seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R22-027

F. Employment Agreement - Housing Opportunities Manager

Departments: CAO

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO) - Proposed resolution approving a contract with Sanjay Choudhrie as Housing Opportunities Manager, and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment.

Robert C. Lawton, CAO

- Presented Item

Supervisor Peters

- Welcome

Supervisor Kreitz

- Welcome
- COC Meeting on radar

Supervisor Corless

- Welcome
- Joint Meeting with Town on Radar to discuss Housing

Action: Announce Fiscal Impact. Approve Resolution R22-28, approving a contract with Sanjay Choudhrie as Housing Opportunities Manager, and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment. Authorize the Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Fiscal Impact: Total cost of salary and benefits for FY 2021-22 is \$48,256, of which \$36,585 is salary, and \$11,672 is benefits. This is included in the County Administrator's budget. The cost for an entire fiscal year would be approximately \$144,769 of which \$109,754 is salary and \$35,015 is the cost of benefits.

Kreitz motion. Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

R22-028

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

9. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 12:00 PM

Reconvened: 1:02 PM

A. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Bob Lawton, Stacey Simon, Janet Dutcher, John Craig, Patty Francisco, and Oliver Yee. Employee Organization(s): Mono County Sheriff's Officers Association (aka Deputy Sheriff's Association), Local 39 - majority representative of Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) and Deputy Probation Officers Unit (DPOU), Mono County Paramedic Rescue Association (PARA), Mono County Correctional Deputy Sheriffs' Association. Unrepresented employees: All.

B. Closed Session - Existing Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION.

Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: *County of Mono v. K.R. Property Development, et al.* (Mono County Superior Court Case No: CV200081)

C. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Duggan

- Public Outreach and follow up
- Intensive work with Professional Development Academy on Leadership

Supervisor Peters

- Met in person with CSAC Board of Directors – well attended
1. Discussed areas of interest from CSAC
 2. Discussion on potential ballot initiative – CSAC opposed
 3. Presentation – Pre-Disaster Contracts
 4. Care Court – Behavioral Health to provide upstream services for mental health services
 5. Attended Bridgeport 4th of July annual fundraiser dinner

Supervisor Corless

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- Sierra Nevada Conservancy Watershed Improvement Program Summit (Virtual): Focus on post-fire restoration and recovery.
- Town Council Meeting--issue of Ormat Casa Diablo IV construction impacts at Shady Rest Park/OSV trails and lack of agency communication and coordination was on the agenda and will be on our joint meeting agenda, there is a county role in mitigating impacts on recreation and we can discuss that at the meeting.

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- Meeting with RCRC Ec. Development's Bob Burris and county economic development staff to talk about regional economic development activities, full update to come

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- YARTS JPA board special meeting
- Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting: community wellness programming going great throughout the county; note that there will be many activities in May for mental health awareness month
- Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership

Chair Gardner

- Board Report for Bob Gardner 3-8-22
- On Wednesday March 2, I participated in a meeting of the Mono Basin Partners. Topics at that meeting staffing for the Mono Basin Scenic Visitor Center this year, wild horses, and the status of campground openings.
- Also, on Wednesday the 2nd I participated in a meeting with Kutzadika Chair Charlotte Lange and the staff of the House Subcommittee on Indigenous Peoples about the status of the Tribe's Federal Recognition legislation. On Friday March 4 I participated in a similar meeting with staff from Sen. Padilla's Office.
- On Wednesday the 2nd I also participated in a meeting of the County Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Working Group. Topics at that meeting included a review of upcoming meetings and presentation of the Behavioral Health Equity Plan.
- Lastly, on the 2nd I attended the monthly meeting of the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee. Topics at that meeting included several transportation-related items.
- On Friday March 4 I participated in the monthly meeting of the Kutzadika Tribal Council. Topics in that meeting included the status of the Tribe's Federal Recognition bill as noted above, and other Tribal activities.
- Finally, yesterday I participated in the monthly meeting of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership. Topics at that meeting included a presentation from the California Resilience Partnership and updates about recreation-related news, grants, and other opportunities in our region.

ADJOURNED AT 11:36 AM in memory of Diana Hernandez.

ATTEST

Bob Gardner

Bob Gardner (Aug 21, 2022 17:26 PDT)

**BOB GARDNER
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

Danielle Patrick

**DANIELLE PATRICK
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK – ELECTIONS ASSISTANT**