



**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.

Meeting Location: Board Chambers, 2nd Fl., County Courthouse, 278 Main St., Bridgeport, CA 93517

**Regular Meeting
April 9, 2024**

TRIBAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Peters:

"In respect to the Indigenous People and Tribal Elders, past, and present, the Bridgeport Indian Colony, Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe, and Utu Utu Gwaitu Tribe are the indigenous People who live within this, their ancestral homeland from time immemorial to the present and have been the caretakers of these lands, waters, and all natural resources for the benefit of the environment and of all living things. We who live in Mono County offer this land acknowledgment with a spirit of mutual respect and collaboration".

9:00 AM Meeting called to order by Chair Peters.

Supervisors Present: Duggan, Gardner, Kreitz, Salcido, and Peters. (All members were present in-person or participated via teleconference in compliance with rules established by the Ralph M. Brown Act).

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 Sargent Powers.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Bartshe Miller:

- Discussion on Mono Lake water levels.
- Submitted a handout for the Board that has been posted to the County meeting webpage.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Proclamation of Appreciation for Doug Power

Departments: Board of Supervisors, Community Development

(Chair Peters) - Proposed proclamation recognizing Doug Power of the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center for his many years of service to the citizens and communities of Mono County.

Action: Adopted proclamation wishing Doug a happy retirement!

Gardner moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-063

Chair Peters:

- Presented item.

B. Proclamation Designating the Month of April 2024 as National County Government Month

Departments: Clerk of the Board

(Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer) - Proclamation Designating April 2024 as National County Government Month.

Action: Adopted proclamation designating April 2024 as National County Government Month.

Salcido moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-064

Chair Peters:

- Presented item.

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Christine Bouchard, Assistant County Administrative Officer:

- No report.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Kathy Petersen, Health and Human Services:

- Introduced new employees:
 1. Danyell Lebrun, HHS Public Health, RN
 2. Jordyn Pinochi, Community Health Outreach Specialist

Break: 10:34 AM

Reconvened: 10:40 AM

Moved to Item #7b.

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. Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.04 of the Mono County Code - Board of Supervisors

Departments: County Administrative Office

Proposed ordinance amending section 2.04.030 of the Mono County Code to set and maintain salaries for members of the Board of Supervisors at 26.5% (for Supervisors) and 28.5% (for the Chair) of the salaries of State Court Judges.

Action: Adopted Ordinance ORD24-005, Amending section 2.04.030 of the Mono County Code to set salaries for members of the Board of Supervisors as a percentage of the salaries of State Court Judges.

Fiscal Impact: Approval of the salary adjustment ordinance for the Board will increase Board compensation from \$4,792 to \$5,266 per month for regular Board members (an increase of \$474) and from \$5,200 to \$5,664 per month (an increase of \$464) for the Chair position. The projected annual fiscal impact for a full fiscal year is estimated to be \$31,239. Board salary and benefit costs will change in future fiscal years as superior court judge salaries change.

Salcido moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

ORD24-005

B. Race Communications Request for Refund of Taxes Paid

Departments: County Counsel

Race Communications has filed a claim requesting a refund of property taxes paid for 2019-2020 tax year in the amount of \$10,764.22.

Action: Denied claim for refund for the reasons set forth in the staff report.

Salcido moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-065

C. Claim for Damages - Leonel Acero

Departments: Risk Management

Claim for Damages filed by B and D Law Group on behalf of Leonel Acero, related to personal injury during a vehicle collision involving a county vehicle.

Action: Denied the claim submitted by B and D Law Group on behalf of Leonel Acero, direct the Risk Manager, in consultation with County Counsel,

to send the notice to the claimant of the denial.

Salcido moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-066

D. Reappointment to First 5 Mono County Children and Families Commission

Departments: First 5 Mono

On behalf of the Mono County Children and Families Commission, I respectfully request the Board of Supervisors to reappoint Janice Mendez to the First 5 Mono County Children and Families Commission.

Action: Reappointed Janice Mendez to the Mono County Children and Families Commission to serve a five-year term expiring March 15th, 2029.

Salcido moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-067

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

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

A. Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) Letter

Letter to Honorable Sharon Quirk-Silva Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 5 regarding the Item 9210: VLF Backfill Request Appropriation for Insufficient ERAF Amounts in Mono County. The letter was drafted and sent pursuant to the Board's adopted legislative platform and is provided here to the full Board in accordance with Resolution R21-17.

B. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program Funding (HHAP) Letter

Letter regarding the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program Funding sent to the Honorable Sharon Quirk-Silva and the Honorable Stephen Padilla. The letter was sent pursuant to the Board's adopted legislative Platform and is provided to the Board in accordance with Resolution R21-17.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Thanked Tyrone Grandstrand for his work on this letter.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Main Lodge Update

Departments: Clerk of the Board

(Town of Mammoth Lakes, United States Forest Service, Project Team) - The Town of Mammoth Lakes (Town) and United States Forest Service (USFS) are jointly reviewing the Mammoth Main Base Redevelopment Project (Evolving Main). The project is a comprehensive redevelopment of the Mammoth Mountain Ski Area (MMSA) Main Lodge area, including improvements on publicly owned (USFS) land and privately owned land. An informational handout on the privately owned portion of the proposed project is attached.

Action: None, informational only.

Kim Cooke, Town of Mammoth Lakes Senior Planner:

- Introduced item and staff.

Jen Murillo, Town of Mammoth Lakes Contract Planner:

- Presented item.

Ron Cohen, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area:

- Discussion on the land exchange and the project.

Tom Hodges, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area:

- Discussion on Workforce Housing update.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Requested an employee survey for employee housing preference to live up at the mountain.

Moved back to Department Head Report.

B. County Fees Workshop

Departments: Finance

(Janet Dutcher, Director of Finance) - Review proposed changes to County Fees for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25.

Action: None, informational only.

Janet Dutcher, Director of Finance:

- Introduced item.

Gerald Frank, Tax Collector:

- Presented item.

C. Comment Letter on the Proposed Listing of the Greater Sage Grouse Under the California Endangered Species Act

Departments: Community Development

(Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director) - Consider proposed comment letter to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife on the

proposed listing of the Greater Sage-Grouse under the California Endangered Species Act.

Action: Modified the letter as desired, authorized the Chair to sign, direct staff to submit the comment letter by the April 12 deadline, as amended.

Duggan moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M24-068

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Presented item.
- Requested that the Board include the ability to modify the letter in the motion.

D. Employment Agreement - Assistant Public Works Director

Departments: Public Works

(Paul Roten, Public Works Director) - Proposed resolution to approve the Agreement Regarding Terms and Conditions of Employment of Karyn Spears as Assistant Public Works Director for Mono County, prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment.

Action: Announced Fiscal Impact. Approved Resolution R24-0034, Agreement Regarding Terms and Conditions of Employment of Karyn Spears as Assistant Public Works Director for Mono County, prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment. Authorize the Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Fiscal Impact: The estimated cost of this position for the remainder of this fiscal year is \$38,942, of which \$30,268 is salary and \$8,674 is benefits. The annual cost will be \$184,596, of which \$143,478 is salary and \$41,118 is benefits. The fiscal impact of this item is included in the Public Works FY 2023-24 adopted budgets.

Salcido moved; Duggan seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R24-034

Paul Roten, Public Works Director:

- Presented item.

E. Appointment of Christopher L. Beck as County Counsel and Approval of Terms and Conditions of Employment

Departments: Human Resources

(Christine Bouchard, Assistant County Administrative Officer) - Appointment of Christopher L. Beck as Mono County Counsel following the planned retirement of County Counsel Stacey Simon on May 10, 2024, and adoption of proposed resolution approving an agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of said employment.

Action: Announce Fiscal Impact. Approve resolution appointing Christopher L. Beck as the County Counsel for Mono County, effective May 11, 2024, and approving a contract with Mr. Beck prescribing the terms and conditions of said employment. Authorize the Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Fiscal Impact: The estimated cost of this position for the remainder of the fiscal year is \$36,678, of which \$27,655 is salary and \$9,023 is benefits. The total cost of salary and benefits for an entire fiscal year is approximately \$267,750, of which \$201,885 is salary and \$65,865 is benefits. This is included in the Department's FY 2023-24 adopted budget.

Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R24-035

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Presented item.

Moved to Board Reports.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 11:57 AM

Reconvened: 12:25 PM

No Report out of Closed Session.

Moved to Adjournment.

A. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Sandra Moberly, Mary Booher, Stacey Simon, Janet Dutcher, and Christine Bouchard. 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 - Exposure to Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: one.

9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Duggan:

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- 4/3/24 - I participated in a special meeting of the RCRC's Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority Board regarding the implementation of SB54, otherwise known as the Package Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act. I am working with Public Works and RCRC Legislative Review staff on the process to request a small county exemption due to the many operational constraints of the bill.
- 4/7/24 - I attended the Inyo/Mono/Alpine Cattlemen's Association Dinner and Fundraiser in Bishop along with Supervisor Gardner. The event was well attended and supported to local ranching efforts in the three counties. The organization focuses on supporting local 4H programs in schools and raising awareness of the role that responsible grazing plays in wildfire efforts and natural methane control.
- 4/8 - I participated in the L TC meeting along with Commission Chair Kreitz that included a public hearing on Unmet Transit Needs. Included in the discussion was input from the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council, with questions and possible solutions to meet their concerns. Many of the Caltrans District 9 staff was in attendance, including Director Ryan Dermody. He and other staff reported on project that affect us here in the Eastern Sierra, in particular the 7 new radar signs throughout Mono County, the status of many roads and passes they are working on for opening as soon as this week. Please check the Caltrans website for the current and accurate status. The commission requested a report on an upcoming agenda from Yosemite National Park on their operational plans and HWY 120 road projects. Note that Mono County residents will still be allowed to pass through on the Tioga Pass Road without a reservation but should expect traffic delays at peak hours.

Supervisor Gardner:

- On Wednesday, April 3 I attended the monthly meeting of the June lake Citizens Advisory Council. Topics at that meeting included a presentation from Whitebark Institute about their ongoing fuels treatment and other projects, and an update from our County Recreation Coordinator Marcella Rose about various recreation-related projects.
- On Sunday April 7 I participated with Supervisor Duggan in the annual Cattleman's Dinner in Bishop. This was a good opportunity to talk with several ranchers and learn more about the role cattle grazing plays in the Eastern Sierra.
- Yesterday I participated in the monthly meeting of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership. Topics at the meeting beyond the updates from each of the partners, included discussion regarding concerns about the California State Jobs First Economic Development Program. An important strategic planning workshop for this program run by the Sierra Business Council will be held April 25 and 26. Eastern Sierra stakeholders are encouraged to attend this workshop.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Tuesday, April 2, I participated in an Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care HHAP subcommittee meeting. After that meeting I participated in the California Coalition for Rural Housing (CCRH) legislative committee meeting.
- Wednesday, April 3, I participated in a joint meeting between the Mammoth Lakes Town Council and the Eastern Sierra Community Housing Board. We received updates on both Town housing programs and projects and ESCH projects and programs. The Town is using their PLHA funds to assist households earning up to 120% of the area median income with down payment assistance. The Town is also working with a developer to build a 4-unit ownership condo project that is scheduled to be completed this winter. The Town is considering when to place a 2% increase in their TOT for housing on an upcoming ballot for the public to vote.
- Monday, April 8, I participated in the Mono County Local Transportation Commission meeting. I also participated in the regular Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care board

meeting. Later, I met with Ana Budnyk and Deston Dishion from the City of Bishop. I attended the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce Women in Business event at the Mammoth Hospital housing complex.

Chair Peters:

- No report.

Supervisor Salcido:

- April 3, Mammoth Lakes Town Council. The first part of the meeting was a joint meeting between the board of Eastern Sierra Community Housing and the Town Council. Later in the evening was an appeal of the decision made by the Mammoth Lakes Planning Commission to approve an 80-foot cell tower to be placed on the grounds of the Mammoth Lakes Fire District, station 2. After hours of testimony by opponents and proponents of the projects, the Town Council upheld the decision of the Planning Commission.
- April 8, Behavioral Health Advisory Board. Discussed the results of the CPPP, community survey, completed recently.
- April 8, Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership. Partner updates with an emphasis on California Jobs First initiative progress and next steps. **Sierra** Business Council staff was also on hand to explain the process and outcomes expected.
- April 8, attended in Women in Business hosted by the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce.

Moved to Closed Session.

ADJOURNED AT 12:26 PM.

ATTEST

John Peters

John Peters (May 29, 2024 18:48 PDT)

**JOHN PETERS
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**