



MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Regular Meetings: The
First, Second, And
Third Tuesday of each
month

Regular Meeting

County Courthouse,
Bridgeport, CA 93517

January 11, 2011

Flash Drive	#1005
Minute Orders	M11-11 to M11-11
Resolutions	R11-02 not used
Ordinance	Ord11-01 to Ord11-01

- Supervisor Hazard asked for a moment of silence to remember the tragedy in Tucson, Arizona.

9:03 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Hazard.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Johnston.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Hunt:

- In light of Tucson tragedy over weekend, we need to be extremely alert. He'd like to see panic buttons tested.
- Is extremely distressed over governor's budget and where we might be in six months.
- Last week attended MCPEA negotiations; extremes are getting thrown back and forth.

Supervisor Hansen:

- Bridgeport PUD on Tuesday night; continuing problem with ambulance.
- Antelope Valley RPAC on Thursday.
- Yesterday, went to first LTC meeting.
- Laretta Cochran told him that reps from Cougar Gold might be coming to town next Tuesday. Would like to meet with some Supervisors.
- Had person in Walker asked if a north county individual might be part of solid waste task force?

Supervisor Hazard:

- During last storms, criticism about snow removal in south end of county; working with Public Works on this.

- Requested letter of appreciation to our crews during holiday period for moving all the wet snow. DWP crews helped in his community on Christmas Eve, letter to them too.
- Has the money been issued to the non county groups?
- Office hours on 1/7/11 – moved office location from fire house to community center.
- Yesterday at LTC meeting; standard business; one issue that came up: there was a project modification to Lee Vining Streetscape Project. The person that is working on the project needs to be there, not a stand in. Will be meeting with Kelly in the hope of getting an explanation.
- Either right before or after mid year budget, need to incorporate Governor's budget to see how it is going to affect us.
- Tucson, AZ – in looking at Courthouse safety, he's uncomfortable with alarm system; he thinks we need an additional alarm in board room; if we were to have a fire in this building we'd be in serious trouble, thinks each office needs an escape route.

Supervisor Bauer:

- Had a discussion with Jeff Walters about traffic issues at Knoll St. in June Lake – see about striping the street, it's not a Caltrans road so additional speed/stop signs can be installed.
- June Lake CAC was last week; they will no longer meet monthly, it will be less.
- Regional RPACS – how are they affecting our staffers and the budget? More than half the time, after the RPACs meet, it ends up back at the board as a discussion; there is a lot of fighting going on. Agendize cost of RPACS?
- Newsletter – if it's easy, great. If not, how much staffer time?
- MCPEA negotiations on Wednesday.
- YARTS meeting in two weeks.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Attended LTC meeting.
- Pace financing: Financing for clean energy. There are a number of cities and counties that have established this. Would like to research implementation of this in our county. Status of this in February to keep it in the front burner. Supervisor Bauer: the pace financing has been brought before the board several times. Brian Muir is front runner on this.
- When will Housing Authority meet again?
- Comments on Tucson, would like to take some local action to put government back in good graces with County. He would like to have a weekly newsletter/report that tells the good things that County is doing.
- Supervisor Hazard: he feels it's the Board's responsibilities to keep their own constituents informed.
- Supervisor Hunt: Mammoth Times welcomes letters/comments from the Supervisors. Perhaps they should take turns doing this? To be agendized and invite media into discussion.
- Dave Wilbrecht: each program director has to submit press releases; this could be consolidated differently onto another calendar?

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- 1) CAO Report regarding Board Assignments (David Wilbrecht)
ACTION: Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding his activities.

Dave Wilbrecht:

- Continuing management meetings on Tuesdays; continuing labor negotiations;

- air quality issues in Sierra Center Mall.
- Town Council meeting attended, solid waste taskforce introduced.
- Landfill field trip.
- Been studying Governor's proposed budget.
- Met with Hospital Administrator.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES
None.

Closed Session: 9:04 a.m.

Break: 9:56 a.m.

Reconvene: 10:03 a.m.

Break: 11:31 a.m.

Reconvene: 11:38 a.m.

Closed Session: 12:11 p.m.

Adjourn: 1:25 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

There was nothing to report out of either closed session.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 3a) Closed Session -- County Counsel - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: one. Facts and circumstances: threat of litigation regarding enforcement of food and drug laws related to medical marijuana "edibles."
- 3b) Closed Session -- County Counsel - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: one. Facts and circumstances: CalTrans's allegations of noncompliance with grant conditions applicable to Conway Ranch.
- 3c) Closed Session--Human Resources - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Dave Wilbrecht, Marshall Rudolph, Brian Muir, and Jim Arkens. 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.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES

(PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES EACH)

Ann Gimpel:

- David Schiedlinger, resident psychiatrist, retiring again. Just wanted to give the Board a head's up. Has already discussed with Jim Arkens and put out a flier. She can't run her program without a psychiatrist, it's required.
- This is a two-three day position which makes it a bit more difficult to fill.
- Supervisor Hazard: we need to explore ALL options in regards to filling this position; looks like Mental Health is in position to receive additional hits from the State budget.

Mike Mikulicich:

- Community Development Block Grant for potential redevelopment of Walker Senior Center; he intends to write to Kelly Garcia regarding this. The medics are currently housed in a mobile home and can be there another couple years. He wants to be kept on the radar for when the Walker Community Center gets built as a possibility for future medic housing.
- There is a meeting Thursday night regarding the senior center.
- Supervisor Hazard: Was approached by Chalfant Fire Commissioner regarding loss of Symons unit. This discussion is going to be ongoing.

Jim Arkens:

- Status of Community Development/Public Works merger. There will be an agenda item for 2/8/11 to encourage full board discussion.
- Mid year budget discussion about improving facilities for handicapped.

Mary Booher:

- RFP for development impact fee is out. Data back in March. If we are imposing DIF fees, we have to look at them every five years.
- Supervisor Johnston – when will the DIF discussion be addressed? He'd like to explore whether we have DIF fees at all as opposed to renewing them for five more years and spending the money on a consultant.
- Marshall Rudolph: this can be agendized at a future meeting.

Scott Burns:

- Supervisor Johnston: Status of construction appeals board projects?
- They have a list of candidates – pursuing a five member board. Thinks they can commit to first meeting in February.

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.)

COUNTY COUNSEL

Additional Departments: Building

- 4a) Ordinance adopting local variances to California Building Code (N/A) - Proposed ordinance Amending Chapter 15.04 of the Mono County Code Pertaining to Building Regulations and Uniform Codes.

ORD11-01 Action: Adopt proposed ordinance.
Bauer/Hunt 5-0

Stacey Simon:

- There was a lot of revision that went into getting this item onto the agenda; in doing this, she missed one of the headings. Asked that revised version (in hand) be the attachment to the Ordinance.

REGULAR AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

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

CLERK-RECORDER

5a) There is no correspondence.

AMBULANCE PARAMEDICS

6a) Letter to the DMV Director requesting exemption for volunteer ambulance drivers (Mark Mikulicich, Mono County Paramedic Fire Rescue Chief) - Presentation of a letter drafted by staff, from the Board of Supervisors to the DMV Director, requesting exemption from certain DMV regulations by qualified individuals that operate a volunteer BLS ambulance. Staff will present a brief report on the DMV requirements for the exemption request, and will ask the Board to approve the letter and find in agreement with the other entities that support the exemption. Staff will also ask for approval of the attachment that is added to the letter, which identifies the qualifying individual and the volunteer Department.

M11-11 Action: Move that the Board agrees with the Mono County EMCC and the Mono County Health Officer that a public health necessity exists; authorize proposed Letter of Exemption (and the accompanying attachment) to identify and request DMV exemption for the named individuals and volunteer fire departments that operate BLS ambulances.
Hunt/Bauer 5-0

Mark Mikulicich:

- Explained that he is requesting a letter of exemption written to DMV from Board, himself and Dr. Johnson.
- This is in regards to Basic Life Support ambulance service – they are asking for exemptions of specific training requirements, due to public health necessity.
- This is specific to White Mountain and Chalfant Fire Departments. There doesn't seem to be a problem with limiting this right now as it is very location specific.
- Technically, it needs all the suggested signatures.
- He feels it's better to have one driver and one EMT than to NOT have this option at all. He is hoping to open this up to individuals that might not have any medical training; it might encourage them to become EMT's.

- Explained training.

Supervisor Hansen:

- Good idea; will this limit issue to Benton, Chalfant? Should it be county wide?

Supervisor Johnston:

- How many people and who signs off on this letter?
- What kind of training do these individuals get?

Supervisor Hunt:

- Will this affect the current quality of service?

Supervisor Bauer:

- Echoes the concerns of Supervisor Hansen although she does agree with doing it.

Supervisor Hazard:

- He is truly opposed to having less than two EMTs/Paramedics out in the field. It puts a lot of pressure on the one medic/EMT.
- He finds it troubling that the driver responsibilities are not more separate.
- Has Bridgeport Fire gotten out of the ambulance business?
- To Marshall: We have a unique situation; do we compromise our volunteer status at all? Do the stipends factor into this? Are they county employees?
- Chalfant and White Mtn. Fire don't have paid staff obligated to be there. We pay stipend to these EMT's. He is going to vote in favor of this as it appears as if we meet the requirements at this time.

Marshall Rudolph:

- Part of this is an IRS issue; IRS is looking closely at stipends people are getting paid.
- County Counsel will look into requirement issue.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

7a)

Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) (Supervisor Vikki Bauer) - The Board will review the following: (1) YARTS Short Range Transit Plan Institutional Options (Working Paper #3). (2) YARTS Short Range Transit Plan Service and Funding Options (Working Paper #2). (3) The first 23 pages of the Service and Funding Options provides a summary; Highway 120 is discussed specifically on pages 6, 7, and 8, with an expanded discussion on pages 35-47. (4) YARTS board members agreed that the TOT discussion on pages 23 of the funding options should be eliminated. (5) Mono County Board members should anticipate a discussion on the size of the YARTS board as mentioned in the institutional option document.

Action: None.

Supervisor Bauer:

- Bonus: these are the same contractors as ESTA had.
- Mono County is already set up to have two representatives from each county;

needs to be two elected officials. She feels someone from the Town of Mammoth Lakes should be a part of the board.

- Does YARTS expand its board or hold off to see what future brings? Her preference is to not change until a year from now.
- Page ten of working document #2 - operating budget. YARTS should really stay under Merced's umbrella, no need to change it.
- She'd love to see it grow enough to be its own free standing JPA.
- Service and Funding, p. 3, revenue enhancement options, use of TOT should be taken off the table.
- Route 120 Performance and Options: Discussed various routing options; we need to educate people about the available routes. Does not want to keep status quo on routing options, option 4 could be an intermediary step.
- It's all about urban transportation and being able to connect it to rural transportation.
- Funding discussion: politically, bring to Gateway Partners? Tahoe Board/funding?
- End goal: somebody has to be in charge of big region that will potentially be created. How big a role does YARTS/our representatives play? Do we keep driving this or does she engage in a new project?

Supervisor Hazard:

- Feels there is a large Town representation. This is a bit of a problem for him.
- Our Board can represent the Town sufficiently.
- Why isn't Inyo County driving this discussion?
- We will always have a minor voice as long as Highway 120 is seasonal. When it is open, YARTS is extremely important.
- He feels Supervisor Bauer needs to carry on with her involvement.
- Lee Vining corridor Transit Plan – something he's getting involved in. This will need to include CalTrans, YARTS, etc.

Supervisor Johnston:

- The Town may/may not be interested.
- He feels Merced has a good investment with YARTS.
- Asked about history of TOT issue?
- Why are there multiple busses going on the same route at the same time? Concerned about duplicating services/costs.
- Some of the west side is going to have to be players.
- Agrees we need to carry on.

Supervisor Hunt:

- Do what the bylaws call for right now.
- Believes that YARTS working under umbrella of Merced works.
- He'd like to see our county carry on and stay involved. Push forward.

Supervisor Hansen:

- What's the future of Cal Trans funding?
- What does driver do in between routes?
- He thinks Mono County is a big part of this process.

Scott Burns:

- There was some initial discussion with Inyo.

ADJOURNMENT: 1:25 p.m. in memory of all of the lives affected by the tragic incident in Tucson, Arizona.

ATTEST:

DUANE "HAP" HAZARD, CHAIR

SHANNON KENDALL
SR. DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

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