



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

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

County Courthouse,
Bridgeport, CA 93517
Regular Meeting

April 5, 2011

9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Hazard.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Bauer.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Hunt:

- 3/24 – Town/County Liaison Meeting; discussed Hot Creek appeal, air service and subsidy.
- Bi-athlon weekend, big success. Discussion about ways to expand trails, etc. in the future.
- 3/29 – attended Jobs Economic program in Lee Vining.
- 3/31 – judge at Countywide Spelling Bee in Lee Vining.
- Met with Dana Stroud regarding the Geothermal Plant at Shady Rest and steering monies to some type of recreational fund.

Supervisor Hansen:

- Meeting with Mono County Chamber of Commerce.
- Lee Vining RPAC.
- 3/11 – interviewed by Vicky Taton.
- 3/14 – LTC, IMAAA meeting.
- 3/17 – first Great Basin meeting. Nominated for Vice Chair.
- 3/21 – YARTS.
- Met with Dave Wilbrecht regarding plaque for Bill Reid.
- 3/22 – Fisheries Commission.
- 3/29 – USDA meeting.
- Requested to stop at a meeting in Portola on way home from New Supervisor Training.

Supervisor Hazard:

- Williamson Act money has been taken out of budget; small contingency of people working to reestablish it.
- RCRC – workers residing outside of the county issue; residency requirements, will continue to be monitored.
- State Budget: no state funding for county fairs; might still see the Tri-Valley Fair up and running.
- State Water Resources Board – putting forward their new requirements.
- RCRC – National Homebuyer's Fund. There is funding available.
- Yesterday contacted by RCRC regarding new legislation: AB1245 – attacks EMTS and EMS workers again.
- After RCRC met with Senator Gaines, spoke about three issues, budget items: 1. Need to have Crestview Rest Area open year round (talked about various ideas); 2. CSAC question and answer regarding Realignment with governor (vote 45-4 in support of realignment); 3. Assemblyman Gordon, past President of CSAC sponsored AB1053, initiative to allow for fees increase at local level.
- After CSAC, met with Kristin Olsen about same issues; she also agreed to support the Public Safety Initiative. Also talked to them about local gas issues.
- Found AT&T office: They have approved tower for Crowley. Need long term fix for Chalfant area, they have minimal time to take care of this.
- Friday morning, met with Caltrans, District 9 representative; had same discussions about rest area and purchase of fuel in Nevada. He was given a letter regarding National Transportation Act, we need to put a letter together.
- Benton RPAC. Due to storms, all dead trees have blown down in Hammil Valley.
- Met with Jeff Beard on 3/30, discussed the operation of Emergency Services - meeting set for April 15, 2011 at Firehouse in Mammoth (OES and Planning).
- Crowley Lake RPAC 3/30, heard about equipment being stored on private property. Sheriff was there, not enforcing parking violations. No hearing officer to enforce these?
- Friday, Benton office hours. Had someone ask that housing credits out in Hammil Valley be looked at under General Plan Amendments.
- Chalfant RPAC.
- Mono County has been identified for funding in agriculture loss.
- 5/17 – County Veterans Services Officer, he will be doing opening services.

Supervisor Bauer:

- She's writing transportation legislation right now.
- Sat in on couple negotiations.
- She went to ESCOG – realized that Larry was not receiving agendas and he's the guy that should be going.
- ESTA meetings.
- YARTS meeting, now going every other month.
- Town/County Liaison meeting.
- Make it or break it for Mule Days this year.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Training at CSAC: "Managing in a New Era".
- Attended Jobs Economic Program.
- Received some information regarding Solar Thermal Unit.
- Town/Planning Commission meeting.

- Fisheries Commission meeting on 3/22.
- Livable Community Seminar regarding “The Ahwahnee Principles”.
- APCD meeting and Abatement Hearing.
- Going to final New Supervisors Training this week.
- Future Agenda Item: LTC appointments, they need to appoint alternates.

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:
 - On vacation last week in Arizona.
 - Mary is working with Clinic on RFP for lease.
 - Working on Child Support Services MOU with Inyo County.
 - Negotiations ongoing.
 - Attended ESCOG meeting.
 - Working with Supervisor Hansen for a Memorial Clock for Bill Reid for the Senior Center.
 - Department Head meetings ongoing.
 - Meeting with Tom Brady, SCE; is board interested in presentation? Maybe May or June?
 - Request for 211 system agenda item brought up at last meeting in Mammoth – 211 is not fully implemented in every area of state and looks very expensive. Premature to bring back to Board right now; may be a policy item later. Also, 211 is a Social Services (not Sheriff’s) budget item.
- 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - M11-58** ACTION: Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 1, 2011.
Hunt moved; Hansen seconded
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No
 - M11-59** ACTION: Approve Minutes as corrected of Special Meeting held March 3, 2011.
Hunt moved; Bauer seconded
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

Supervisor Johnston:

- p. 3, last line of public works solid waste item. Should read: The Board targeted as their potential solid waste increase: an increase of \$67 or \$68 per ton, with some closure days.

M11-60

ACTION: Approve Minutes as corrected of the Regular Meeting held March 8, 2011.

Hansen moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 abstain: Bauer

Supervisor Hazard:

Two corrections on bullet point, pages 12 and 13 should read:

- 4th bullet, page 12 should read: This is two separate issues: it's a WSA Resolution and *not* a mining issue.
- 7th bullet, page 13 should read: BLM's position states: more indicators point to release than protection; this is why he's proposing a potential compromise.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Bodie Hills Item: p. 15, under public comment section, name "John Eittly" should be "John Dittli".

Closed Session: 9:04 a.m.

Break: 10:02 a.m.

Reconvene: 10:10 a.m.

Lunch: 12:10 p.m.

Reconvene: 1:23 p.m.

Break: 3:01 p.m.

Reconvene: 3:09 p.m.

Adjourn: 5:40 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

There was nothing to report out of 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.
- 3b) 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:

- Dr. Scheidlinger has resigned; she's been trying to find a replacement psychiatrist. Will look for 2 day/week mid level practitioner or physician's assistant. She will work with Jim Arkens in HR.
- First meeting in May – going to do a mini study session on pros and cons of hanging onto the Davidson Street facility.

Brian Muir:

- PERS side fund refinancing. There is a potential to refinance the County's side funds in PERS and save approximately \$300,000. However, if the loans were secured by real property, it could limit the County's ability to issue COPs in the future. The Finance Department is exploring the possibility of an unsecured financing and will report back to the Board.

Alicia Vennos:

- Tourism marketing presentation – there was some exciting dialogue. Cut short due to Cougar Gold meeting. Suggested a retreat to discuss tourism and marketing.
- Discussion with Board members; how about Wednesday, May 18th, 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon at the Lee Vining Community Center?

Sheriff Scholl:

- Attended paid training at National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Washington, D.C. He brought back a box of information to use as training tools for members of his Department.
- Last night, did a welcome for a two week "train the trainer" course on interrogation and investigator techniques. One of his department personnel gets to go through the training at no cost. Very valuable. Originally started by Ron Black.

Lynda Salcido:

- Attended the annual WIC training with personnel in her Department involved in that.
- Supervisor Hazard: Mono Gram gets sent from him to many residents at south end of the county; very positive feedback.

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.)

SOCIAL SERVICES

- 4a) Appointment of Marlo Preis, Social Services Staff Analyst to Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action, Inc. (IMACA) - Approval of appointment of Ms. Marlo Preis, Department of Social Services, Staff Services Analyst, to IMACA Board of Directors for three (3) year term commencing 03-01-

11.

- M11-61** **Action:** Approve Appointment of Marlo Preis, Mono County Department of Social Services, Staff Services Analyst to the IMACA Board of Directors commencing 03-01-11.
Bauer moved; Hunt seconded
Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- 5a) LEA Independent Hearing Panel - Update of the Solid Waste Independent Hearing Panel by appointing new panel members to fill current vacancies.

- M11-62** **Action:** Approve the appointment of Ron Cohen to the Independent Hearing Panel; he is filling the unexpired term of Rebecca Paranick (expires 11/3/2011) and will then begin a new term. Approve the appointment of Brian Robinette to the Independent Hearing Panel. He will replace Lisa Isaacs and his term will begin 11/3/2011. Both terms will then expire 11/3/2013.
Bauer moved; Hunt seconded
Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

SHERIFF CORONER

- 6a) Sheriff's Department Renewal of 2011 Annual Operating and Financial Plan for Controlled Substances with the Inyo National Forest - Proposed contract with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Inyo National Forest regarding the 2011 Controlled Substances Operating and Financial Plan.

- M11-63** **Action:** 1. Approve operating plan/contract. 2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board and the Sheriff to sign said plan/contract.
Bauer moved; Hunt seconded
Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

CLERK OF THE BOARD

- 7a) Appointment of Lori Ciccarelli to Area Board #12 - Appointment of Lori Ciccarelli to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities Area Board #12, located in San Bernardino, CA. This will be a three year term, beginning April 5, 2011 and expiring April 5, 2014. The clerk has been in contact with County Counsel, and it was determined that this item needed to be placed onto the board agenda for appointment/approval.

- M11-64** **Action:** Appoint Lori Ciccarelli to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities Area Board #12 beginning April 5, 2011 and expiring April 5, 2014.
Bauer moved; Hunt seconded

Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

7b) Safety Seat Checkup Week - Proclamation declaring April 10-16, 2011, Safety Seat Checkup Week. This item has been approved for placement onto the consent agenda by Supervisor Hazard.

M11-65 Action: Approve proposed proclamation declaring April 10-16 2011, Safety Seat Checkup Week.
Bauer moved; Hunt seconded
Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No

REGULAR AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

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

7c) Hansen Correspondence - Letters from Jeff Hansen, dated March 11, 2011 regarding March 8, 2011 Board meeting and Cougar Gold issues and Letter from Jeff and Kathy Hansen, dated March 11, 2011 regarding contract proposals that have been on the agenda at recent Board meetings.

7d) NV Energy Assignment of Franchise Agreement Letter - March 2, 2011 letter from NV Energy regarding Assignment of Franchise Agreement. This is informational for the Board.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

PUBLIC WORKS

8a) Solid Waste Tipping Fee Public Input (Matt Carter) - Presentation summarizing feedback from community meetings regarding proposed solid waste program changes.

Action: None.

Matt Carter:

Power Point (copy kept in file folder for today's meeting):

- Exhibit "B", Fee Schedule for Solid Waste Facilities handed out; to be included with additional documents.
- Not closing transfer stations.
- Here to get direction from the Board to see what is the highest tipping fee they will consider approving?
- Current Proposal: increase from \$50 - \$68.50 per ton = \$393,009 increase in revenue.
- Discussed various financial scenarios (all listed on powerpoint presentation).

Brian Muir:

- Town felt strongly that they were interested in equity and purchasing parcel. Our members on the committee asked them to review HDR report.
- Thinks it's fair to say they are interested in moving forward to eventually purchase property.
- The Board has to make a "maximum" amount decision which will then allow them some further decisions. We need closure.

Supervisor Bauer:

- Need buy-in from Mammoth.
- Extra bit of money would go to JPA issue; we need to get to JPA sooner rather than later.
- We're losing money but we're also not doing anything about the future.
- Go to cafeteria style menu for 4/19 meeting. This needs to be very detailed with a lot of information.
- Could the public notice state, "up to" a certain amount?

Supervisor Johnston:

- He is surprised that town is now interested in purchasing parcel. This was not part of task force discussion and would need to be.
- Proposal described as "getting us in the black right now". He would fully support "not to exceed \$70" here; get us in black and then proceed with task force.
- We are losing \$2500 - \$3000 a day.
- He has issue with equity question: the cost of garbage is what it is and everyone needs to participate in the cost/responsibility.
- It is approximately \$80 -\$100 per ton to haul it away.
- No one wants to give up on services, but no one wants to pay higher fees either.
- There is no reason to go above \$68.50 except for the Town and the \$9.25 that they want in there for long haul fees.

Supervisor Hansen:

- How much to haul out of the area?
- He'd like to move on closing the money hole and also closing Benton Crossing.
- He's worried about private enterprise businesses and customers and how this might hurt them.
- He is not willing to go \$70 - \$80; he might go as high as \$68.50.

Supervisor Hunt:

- Two different issues: one the money we're losing everyday and two, how are we going to manage this in the future?
- Solving short term problem: need to address the equity issue. This is a big thing with the Town. Maybe more education is needed.
- The JPA must be formed.
- Fair closure – go ahead and close the hole that's leaking money every day.
- Options were \$64 and \$70 with a middle of \$68. He thinks we should go as high as \$80 so that we can make sure we got a lot of public input, knowing it most likely will not end up that high.

Supervisor Hazard:

- Voted to support Option "B", no reduction in services.
- He believes his constituents are getting the short end of the stick.
- What does a fee increase cover?

- He was willing to go forward with what was previously discussed, but he wanted to hear from communities. RPAC meetings have been missed. Not acceptable.
- He wants to see a review of what was previously discussed.
- Two separate issues: stop the bleeding at \$68 and long term issues.

Mary Booher:

- Deadline to publish for a public hearing for 4/19 is today at noon. In public hearing notice, they can put in the highest possible proposed increase.

Stacey Simon:

- Staff is correct that you can't go higher unless it's re-noticed. If you stay at or below the number you wouldn't have to do another hearing.

Dave Wilbrecht:

- There will be a couple more meetings. At some point the town needs to come forward with its overall plan. It will either be well developed or it won't.
- Will end up with a little over \$50,000 reserve (doing figures in his head).

8b) Opposition Letter to AB 720 (Jeff Walters) - Assembly Bill 720 would require additional time, funding and resources to implement Mono County's road maintenance program and would result in giving up important tools which enable the county to minimize project costs. A Letter of Opposition to AB 720 has been drafted.

M11-66 **Action:** Approve Letter of Opposition to AB 720 and approve and authorize the Chair to sign said letter.
Hunt moved; Hansen seconded
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

Jeff Walters:

- Explained how this letter came about.
- Letter will save us money and time.

Supervisor Hansen:

- Is opposition to this letter supported by CSAC?

8c) Lee Vining High School, Request for County Assistance (Jeff Walters) - Roger Yost, Lee Vining High School Principle, requested Mono County donate at no charge heavy equipment and operators necessary to remove old infield dirt and then replace and regrade with new material for the girls' softball field in Lee Vining. A loader, grader and dump truck would be required to perform the work requested.

Item Pulled. **Action:** None.

Jeff Walters:

- Explained why this was pulled.
- The school performed the work themselves and therefore the county's help is no

longer requested.

Additional Departments: Community Development

- 8d) Status Update on Floodplain Management Activities (Garrett Higerd) - Receive staff report regarding the status of floodplain management activities including outreach efforts for the Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map update, and updates on the Tri-Valley mapping efforts, FEMA map adoptions, and plans for a future update of floodplain regulations.

Action: None.

Garrett Higerd:

- Update/history on Floodplain Management Activities which he feels is going in the right direction.
- Mono County entered into this type of system in 1985. Since then the program has been developed but the mapping has been poor.
- On National scene, in 2008-2009, maps were modernized. Now all these layers can be used with GIS system we have.
- It's now easier to monitor floods; explained exhibits included with this item.
- There has been increased mapping effort in the Tri-Valley area; Rock Creek Tract Map being worked on; also update to floodplain ordinance.
- All of this ties into flood insurance.
- Will get together with Supervisor Bauer or bring another discussion forward in reference to grandfathering.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Are the blue lines on Exhibit B creeks? Not on floodplain.

Supervisor Bauer:

- We're updating maps for FEMA but they are still not very accurate.
- Concerned about the drop dead date for grandfathering.
- This is happening everywhere. She would like a workshop on the grandfathering and how it extends out.

Supervisor Hansen:

- Shouldn't this help the Tri-Valley area overall?

Supervisor Hazard:

- Accuracy of GIS mapping is questionable.

LUNCH

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Dan Lyster:

- LADWP finally signed the agreement. We can celebrate when the piping is

actually in the ground.

ASSESSOR

- 9a) Recruitment for Mapping-Cadastral/GIS position (Jody Henning) - Recruiting for vacancy of Mapping-Cadastral/Transfer Analyst position which has been reconstructed to assume Mapping- Cadastral duties associated with the Assessor's office and also take over the GIS base layer map maintenance. This position has been vacant since Sept. 30, 2010 and is vital to the operations and responsibilities of the Assessor's office.

Action: No Action.

Jody Henning:

- Jody explained the need to fill Pete Eilertsen's position, a position already budgeted for.
- She explained the history of restructuring her office upon becoming Assessor and the positions filled and vacated during that time.
- Since Pete retired the mapping duties have fallen behind; she explained the map work needing to be done.
- She is asking for approval to recruit for the vacant position. She would like to advertise for an Administrative Analyst Manager.
- If not approved by the Board, she would need direction from them on how to proceed.

Dave Wilbrecht:

- The position being asked for is not on the agenda so it can't be discussed or decided upon pursuant to the Brown Act.
- This will have to come on a different agenda.

Supervisor Hansen:

- Her office is vital; he supports anything that needs to be done.

Supervisor Hazard:

- He thought we were talking about a Mapping position.
- He's concerned about the map work that is backlogged.
- Why is the mapping position priority changing? She needs to work with HR on the position needing to be filled.

Supervisor Bauer:

- She'd like to get continuing updates on the 23 county survey as this process goes.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- 10a) Human Resources - Economic Development Manager (Jim Arkens, Dan Lyster) - Approval of employment contract for Alicia Vennos as the Economic Development Manager.

R11-20 **Action:** Approve resolution # 11-20, approving an employment agreement with Alicia Vennos and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment.

Bauer moved; Hansen seconded

Vote: 4 Yes, 1 No: Johnston

Jim Arkens:

- Explained all three contracts being proposed.
- New copies handed out.

Stacey Simon:

- Explained the changes made to Alicia Vennos' contract.
- Went over minor changes to contract, namely position and dates and minor typos. Paragraph 9, last sentence is new.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Seeking frugal and efficient government.
- At-Will employment agreements are a concern for him; without certain changes to these agreements he believes it could create problems.
- He thinks they need to be modified.
- He does not agree that there should be car allowance or commuting in county vehicles or the possibility of performance pay beyond the contractual agreement.
- With that said, it has nothing to do with the employee, but he can't support the agreements as written.

10b) Human Resources - Public Health (Jim Arkens, Lynda Salcido) - Proposed resolution approving the employment contract renewal for Louis Molina.

R11-18 **Action:** Approve resolution # 11-18, approving an employment agreement with Louis Molina and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment.

Hunt moved; Bauer seconded

Vote: 4 Yes, 1 No: Johnston

Supervisor Johnston:

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Lynda Salcido:

- She wanted to point out to the board the job that Louis has been doing. He has built a fine department.
- Congratulations on a job well done.

Jim Arkens:

- This is a renewal contract.
- 3 year renewal, no change in salary.

10c) Human Resources - Public Works (Jim Arkens, Jeff Walters) - Proposed contract with Mary Ellen Halpin pertaining to At-Will employment.

R11-19 **Action:** Approve resolution # 11-19, approving an employment agreement with Mary Ellen Halpin and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment.

Hunt moved; Bauer seconded

Vote: 4 Yes 1 No: Johnston

Jim Arkens:

- Contract renewal, one year to allow flexibility in the department

Supervisor Johnston:

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Additional Departments: County Counsel

11a) Pacific Crest Trail Crossing Project (Stacey Simon) - Second comment period on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) Crossing project on the Bridgeport Ranger District. (This item was requested by Supervisor Hansen.)

M11-68 **Action:** Authorize the County to submit comments as amended by County Counsel.

Hunt moved; Bauer seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

Stacey Simon:

- Gave brief update on this item.
- New letter from Tourism Commission and Environmental Assessment – not in packet but has been reviewed by Stacey.
- She has some draft language for comments that will need to be discussed.
- Bridgeport Winter Recreation Area/Crossing of Pacific Crest Trail – in previous legislation.
- June 2010 – Forest Service came out with proposed crossing alternative: 1. No project alternative, 2. Egress Route, two crossings and parallel (board previously commented on that), and 3. Ridge Line Route – not favored because it exposed riders to dangerous avalanche conditions.
- There was a second request for comments but apparently the Board didn't get a

copy of this. This is disturbing. It came to Supervisor Hansen via a constituent last week.

- Wilderness Prescription – housekeeping amendment. Second thing; discovery of Sierra Nevada Red Fox. That's why Forest Service is requesting second set of comments.
- Adds Adaptive Management Alternative Four: Keeps the Egress Route and adds the monitoring, research, etc. to see if modification needs to be done due to Red Fox issue. Provides more flexibility to respond to changing circumstances.
- What does the Board want to do? Comment period closes April 11th. She passed out her draft letter.
- No mention of a closure. Goal of adaptive management is to make changes that would hopefully avoid a closure.
- Went over her draft comment letter.
- If you enact a rigid alternative there is less flexibility to adapt to new information. Consequences could be more dire.
- She needs to go through the revisions and make corrections.
- FOR COMMENT LETTER: Recaps Board direction as follows: Continue to support Alternative 2, other than it being a one way route, other than that they supported alternative 2. Alternative 4 also meets this criteria. We have stronger language at end to cooperate at county; we be notified prior to any closure.

Supervisor Hazard:

- Believes we should be making a comment.
- New alternative only addresses a specific exit point, this is in direct conflict with what was previously discussed. This needs to be addressed again in this comment letter.
- The second to last paragraph needs to be stronger – we demand to be in a cooperative relationship.
- Something has happened inside forest service with relationships.

Supervisor Bauer:

- She is extremely angry. She was informed in Washington that "something" was happening on the Pacific Crest Trail. She assumed this came through regular channels.
- Should say, "any closures we need to be notified of".

Supervisor Hansen:

- Could actions be triggered to stop snowmobiling with alternative four?
- We need to support tourism no matter what; we can't afford to lose any of it.

Supervisor Hunt:

- He suspects part of this problem might be budgetary.

Supervisor Johnston:

- He thinks we should support the adaptive management option.

Back to this at 4:48 p.m.

Stacey Simon:

- Handed out a new draft.
- The draft to be signed included carbon copies to our federal representatives.
- A few wording changes were discussed and will be implemented prior to sending out the letter.

- To be sent to Jeanne Higgins and Randy Moore and email them too.

Additional Departments: Clerk of the Board

- 11b) Board of Supervisors' Agenda Format (Supervisor Larry Johnston and Lynda Roberts, Clerk of the Board) - Proposed changes to the Board of Supervisors' agenda format.

Action: None.

Supervisor Johnston:

- He'd like to take revisions on Sample Draft #2. Allow one more comment period after closed session and delete an afternoon closed session; would only have them if necessary.

Lynda Roberts:

- She went over changes and examples (in a hand out)
- The "opportunity for public to address the board" has to be at the very beginning of the meeting, but you can put it in more than once.
- Adding a second closed session in the afternoon? It would need to be specific.
- Sample Draft #2 taking out second opportunity for public to address board?

Supervisor Hansen:

- Makes sense to not have the Department Heads coming and going.

Supervisor Hunt:

- He's conflicted about the closed session items. Different counties do it different ways.
- He thinks closed session should stay as-is.
- He thinks it has a lot to do with who the Chairman is.
- Closed session items always get cut short.
- Maybe have an extra ½ hour of closed session?

Supervisor Bauer:

- She'd be happy to move closed session to afternoon.
- This should be at the Chairperson's discretion.
- Inyo does all their closed sessions on a Monday.

Supervisor Hazard:

- Doesn't think public comment should come twice.
- Closed session: very stressful discussions. Not a good idea to do in the afternoon.
- He is concerned with how much the board gets pushed.
- Maybe Department Reports/Emerging Issues need to be written.

Dave Wilbrecht:

- Lately the closed session items have focused on negotiations which have been long items; if there are labor issues to discuss there might be an afternoon closed session.
- Can talk to Department Heads to be briefer in their reports.
- He doesn't think adding another public comment section is necessary.
- Doesn't think adding a fourth meeting per month is a good idea.

- Maybe be more succinct in the closed session.

11c) Federal and State Budgets (Board Members) - The Board of Supervisors may discuss the Federal budget and the California State budget and potential impacts to Mono County.

Action: None.

Supervisor Hazard:

- Governor has signed some of the budget items – responsibilities being pushed to local entities with no funding to back it up.
- Very small number of legislators trying to get program together for a June election.

Supervisor Bauer:

- There are significant cuts to the transportation budget, these are going deep into everything.
- Department of Agriculture: being cut on both sides of budget.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

12a) Streaming Board Meetings (Clay Neely) - Presentation by Clay Neely regarding Streaming of Board Meetings.

Action: None.

Clay Neely:

- After all his research, his opinion is that this is not a cost effective way to communicate with the public.
- He got the most detailed information from a company called Granicus, which is what the Town uses.
- We wouldn't be able to use the Town system in any way.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Town had over 2000 viewers.
- He'd like to see us move toward greater public input toward meetings.
- Doesn't think we should do this right now since it's not in the budget, but something to look to at next budget cycle.
- This is something that will appeal to younger audiences and allow flexibility to the user.
- Any chance of utilizing the Town system?

Supervisor Hansen:

- We're at a crossroads between keeping people involved with government vs. going all electronic.

Supervisor Hunt:

- Doesn't see us putting up the money right now.
- Maybe educating the public would be useful.

Supervisor Hazard:

- What are system requirements? (i.e. bandwidth?)
- Mono County is not ready for this right now.

FINANCE

- 13a) Mono County Cost Allocation Plan (Brian Muir) - Presentation by Brian Muir regarding the County's cost allocation plan (A-87)

Item Deferred. **Action:** None. Deferred.

COUNTY COUNSEL

- 14a) Ordinance Amending Mono County Code re: Firearm Discharge (Tara McKenzie) - Proposed ordinance "An Ordinance of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Amending Chapter IX, Title 10, of the Mono County Code pertaining to the regulation of Firearm Discharge".

M11-67 **Action:** Introduce, read title, and waive further reading of proposed ordinance, "An Ordinance of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Amending Chapter IX, Title 10, of the Mono County Code pertaining to the regulation of Firearm Discharge".
Hunt moved; Bauer seconded
Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

Tara McKenzie:

- She went over the changes to the ordinance. Shannon was able to print out and hand out the "revised" ordinance.
- The map will be the higher tech map.

Stacey Simon:

- This has been through a public process.

Supervisor Hazard:

- There have been many public discussions regarding this issue.
- This ordinance is the result of much discussion and some compromise.
- Map won't be in the ordinance language but it will be attached.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Can the map be embedded into the ordinance?

- 14b) Walker River Water Leasing Demonstration Program Workshop (Stacey Simon) - Workshop regarding Walker River Water Leasing Demonstration Program.

Action: None.

Began at 3:17 p.m.

Stacey Simon:

- Explained that there are several people here with an interest in this.
- She introduced some of them – she thinks these folks probably have the most information to give you. She'll keep her introduction brief.
- As the Board knows, there was a proposed agreement.
- Procedurally, discussions are continuing. Meeting scheduled for Thursday – on their agenda is a report on those discussions, new draft agreement.
- Your Board has never opposed the operation of a leasing program in our county. There has been a desire to be part of the discussions, to have written assurances as to the protection of our environment and agricultural resources. There are benefits to Mono County taking part in the leasing program if it is operated properly and with such assurances.
- How the water leasing program can affect Mono County: 1. Our own water rights holders and 2. When folks in Nevada participate in the program because their water comes from Mono County, storage water is stored in Bridgeport and Topaz Reservoirs. This is more imminent right now for us.
- The water acquisition program is a Nevada program also potentially impacts Mono County.

Public Comments:

Ken Spooner, WRID

- Where we were and where we are today are two different places.
- A lot of questions were raised; there is no draft agreement to be introduced. Thursday's meeting is more informational.
- This is a very preliminary discussion.

David Yardas, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation:

- Practice is to not vet issues in public but to iron out things in private and then go public. Having said that, he's here and will try to answer questions.
- He can describe briefly what they are and are not doing.
- The "takeaway" is an ongoing process. Restoration of Walker Lake is a long term process.
- Believes a final outcome is possible.
- Needing to "pay the debt" in Walker Lake.
- They've learned that all stakeholders need to work together.
- First acquisition of Water Rights was huge hurdle but there is still a long way to go.
- Local entities should be added to his list.

Board Comments:

- What have you learned? Will there be some takeaway?
- Is a final outcome possible?
- There are concerns about the lawsuit, not sure how much the county is really "at the table". Not only Nevada side, but California side as well.
- Any presentations to Fisheries Commissions yet?

Bill Thomas, Centennial Ranch:

- Act was passed that birthed the Water Leasing Program.
- Individuals in area with water rights are the Board's constituents, not WRID or NFWF.
- They were disappointed that there were letters from Board that conveyed a

disinterest in this program. He feels they were foreclosed from taking part in this discussion.

- He fully agrees that the Board needs a seat at the table for discussion but also thinks the Board needs to convey they are interested in the program.
- They want the voice/choice to participate too.

Hal Curti:

- Operates Ranch in Antelope Valley.
- Participates in various local boards.
- Process has fluidity, it's changing. Trying to do the best thing for the big picture, for the future.
- This is a workshop – he's here to answer questions.
- The water right holders in this area aren't specifically "sitting at the table" – it is through the Board that these water rights holders are allowed to participate at all.
- Involved in RCD right now; this discussion is on an informal level, he's been entertaining the idea of putting onto the agenda things the Board can do via Stacey to make sure they're "at the table".
- Board encouraged him to continue with RCD.

Jeff Hunewill:

- Very important issue to his family.
- Two kinds of water rights: storage water rights and stream flow water rights; most good years they use the creek to irrigate their land.
- Storage in Lower Twin Lakes is their primary concern – they'd like to lease water from that area.

Mark Lacey, Lacey Livestock in Inyo:

- Irrigated acres encompass about 1/3 of the valley.
- The water leasing program is not the threat; it's the water purchase program.
- Encourage Senator Reid to not purchase the water rights.

George Milovich, Ag Commissioner:

- In the whole picture of things, all interested parties are true agriculturalists.
- The water leasing program is pro agricultural.

Stacey Simon:

- Closing comments, she's grateful everyone could come today.
- Observation: there is a real unity of interests. If a leasing program does go into operation in a way that protects resources and contains appropriate assurances, then everyone wins.
- Alternatively, if there is a program that is not protective of those interests, then it's a loss all the way around.
- This is a good start for interplay to ensure success.

Supervisor Hazard:

- Thanked everyone for coming.
- Tri-Valley residents have been watching to see what will happen with this potential program.
- He doesn't have the expertise required to fully understand these issues, he encourages anyone to contact him to exchange information at any time. He doesn't know any other way to accurately represent them. He will make himself available.

Supervisor Bauer:

- Thanked everyone for taking the time to be here.

ADJOURNMENT 5:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

DUANE "HAP" HAZARD, CHAIR

SHANNON KENDALL
SR. DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

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