



**MEETING 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

August 10, 2010

9:03 AM Meeting called to Order by Chairman Hunt.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Bauer.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

*No one spoke.*

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Supervisor Bauer:**

- National television debut on Rachel Ray's show recently aired. The Double Eagle, the Pack Station, and June Lake were well represented.
- Vicki Moffett stepping down as community center manager, need replacement.
- Gull Lake Trail hiking – our maps are good.
- She went on a hike out from June Lake; goes up right behind ball field. The trail is perfect and easy to follow.
- Bark Beetle infestation off of June Mountain; a plan is in place to deal with it.
- NACo's new platform will target the agency's highest level of management.

**Supervisor Farnetti:**

- Last Wednesday attended Dept head meeting. One item discussed was the employee picnic: a lot of ideas were tossed around and it was decided to have two separate picnics – one in north and one in south county during business hours. They were able to reduce the cost. Friday – went and looked at Shady Rest Park and facilities and reserved spot for south county employee picnic.
- Saturday – attended the Bluesapalooza festival.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- Helped out with Bluesapalooza festival, huge turnout.
- Sierra Summer Festival this weekend with many other events to follow in the next few weeks.

**Supervisor Peters:**

- Last Thursday hiked Pacific Crest Trails for a distance to determine any impacts but didn't really see too many.
- Thursday night – Antelope Valley RPAC: CalTrans came back for another canvass of

the community on High Point closure issue (12 hour open, 12 hour closed option is the one that is most popular); Adopting scenic byway program discussion; presentation by Mike Curti – new fire chief – discussed various impacts, etc.; community meeting to be held 9/30 regarding Antelope Valley Area Plan.

- Friday – lunch meeting with SBC representative. He was interviewed by her on a lot of issues. He thinks it will be a beneficial program.
- Yesterday – drove and hiked through Yosemite Valley and is more impressed than ever with transportation.
- Wanted to clarify that there is no fee for employees to attend picnic.

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- Friday office hours in Benton; approached by folks in Hammil Valley to thank him for channel repairs; follow up conversation on Sr. Center in Benton regarding making transition over to community center – still moving forward; Tribal Council meeting with Dan Lyster.
- 8/8 – Bluesapalooza, helped with breakfast.
- Yesterday had meeting with County Counsel, Planning, Building, Public Works, cabin owners, forest service – land exchange involving forest service tracts; Forest Service feels they may need to start all over again so discussion was to see if they could get project back on track. Successful in agreeing to get everyone back on track.
- He's asked Marshall to work with Dave and Brian: the Wildlife Conservation Board has a private property owner who wants to donate two acres to Fish and Game for preservation of deer habitat and preservation.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

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

***Dave Wilbrecht was absent; there was nothing reported from CAO's office.***

- 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**M10-174 ACTION:** Approve minutes of Regular Meeting, July 20, 2010  
Farnetti/Hazard 4-0; 1 Abstain: Bauer

**M10-175 ACTION:** Approve minutes of Adjourned Regular Meeting, July 20, 2010.  
Hazard/Farnetti 4-0; 1 Abstain: Bauer

**M10-176 ACTION:** Approve minutes of Special Meeting, July 20, 2010.  
Peters/Hazard 4-0; 1 Abstain: Bauer

***Closed Session: 9:06 a.m.***

***Break: 9:47 a.m.***

***Reconvene: 9:55 a.m.***

***Break: 10:33 a.m.***

***Reconvene: 10:38 a.m.***

***Adjourn: 11:57 a.m.***

CLOSED SESSION

**The Board had nothing to report from Closed Session.**

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- 3a) **REMOVED FROM THIS AGENDA:** Closed Session--Human Resources - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Dave Wilbrecht, Marshall Rudolph, Brian Muir, Jim Arkens, Rick Scholl, and Mary Booher. 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.
- 3b) Closed Session--County Counsel - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: one.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES**

### **Jeff Walters:**

- Lee Vining Streetscape update: long term maintenance agreements, they will be losing ten miles of striping; recently received bids on road striping on Benton Crossing Road; no other striping was budgeted for as they thought it would be covered.
- Supervisor Peters: we need legal research on this. He had previously talked to Evan Nikirk regarding safety issues in the Walker area. This needs to be agendized for further discussion.
- Marshall Rudolph: he says that he worked on in at our end and knows that their legal department had thoroughly reviewed it.

### **Roberta Reed:**

- She explained the 2010/2011 Property Tax Allocation sheet she handed out. Strictly based upon values; the tax roll is a dynamic instrument and is always changing.
- Board asked for electronic copies. Roberta to send out.

### **Scott Burns:**

- Larry retiring September 1<sup>st</sup>; last day this Friday.
- On the way to having a complete application with Intrawest; rodeo grounds update. The Board would like continuous updates on this.

### **Dan Lyster:**

- Sarah McCahill had her baby last Friday.

## **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.)

## **CLERK OF THE BOARD**

- 4a) Appointment to Assessment Appeals Board - Appointment of John Gallagher as alternate member to the Assessment Appeals Board.

- M10-177**      **Action:** Appoint John Gallagher as an alternate member to the Assessment Appeals Board.  
**ACTION:** Farnetti/Bauer 5-0

## 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)      California Cattlemen's Association - Letter regarding lack of Williamson Act subvention funding in the state budget.

**The Board acknowledged receipt of correspondence.**

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### HUMAN RESOURCES

- 6a)      Human Resources - Public Health (Jim Arkens) - Proposed resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors approving an employment agreement with Dr. Richard Johnson and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment.

- R10-59**      **Action:** Adopt **Resolution R10-59** approving an employment agreement with Dr. Richard Johnson and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment.  
Bauer/Hazard 5-0

### FINANCE

#### **Additional Departments:** County Administration

- 7a)      Out-of-State Travel--Finance Department (Roberta Reed) - Consider out of state travel for seven employees to attend the annual MS Govern user conference in Grapevine, Texas.

- M10-178**      **Action:** Approve out-of-state travel for seven employees to attend the annual MS Govern user conference in Grapevine, Texas.  
Farnetti/Bauer 5-0

#### **Roberta Reed:**

- They have been working very hard to convert to a new financial system. This new system has so many capabilities that it would behoove the finance employees to go to the national training.
- They are also integrating the HR system into the new finance system: going from employee based system to position based system.
- Asking for approval for four employees from Finance Dept. and three employees from the HR Department to go to this training.

- A bit of a cost associated with this training but feels it will be money well spent in the long run. This will be a one time request. The people attending the training can then train new people, etc. In the future, only one or two might need to go at some point for updates.
- They are staying offsite which is a large savings. She anticipates a lot of savings on meals as well because the hotel offers breakfast and the training site offers a lot of lunches.
- Explained the importance of this training/system for the public's benefit.

**Mary Booher:**

- They will be spending \$120/night vs. staying at the site for \$200/night.
- Position based system will incorporate into the budget module automatically pulling in salaries, etc.

**Board Comments:**

- One time deal?
- Coming out of existing travel budget?
- Lodging, how is this working?
- What about doubling up on rooms? No policy right now but in the future we need to have a policy in place.
- Feels the money will be well spent as a lot of money has been spent on the software.
- Asked Roberta to explain for the public's sake why this is so important.

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

8a)

Out of State Travel--Board of Supervisors (Supervisor Bauer) - Consider approving out-of-state travel for Supervisor Bauer to attend NACo meetings on behalf of Mono County.

**Action:** None (will be moved to be part of budget discussion).

**Supervisor Bauer:**

- She handed out a sheet detailing NACO accomplishments as of 8/10/10; she took some time explaining these accomplishments and future projects (copy of this accomplishment sheet included below to become part of the minutes):

**NACO Accomplishments as of 8-10-2010:**

- Helped facilitate Bridgeport winter rec area safer 2 crossing solution.
  - Mt Andrea Lawrence legislation.
  - Member transportation committee(previously on public lands committee).
  - Transit in Parks operations funding resolution into NACo platform.
  - Follow up on 1.2 million Transit in parks grant for Red's meadow buses prior to approval
  - Appointment Rural Action Caucus, 2<sup>nd</sup> year (lobbying for PILT and SRS).
  - Follow up on Digital 395.
  - Continued valued relationships with Congressional staff – all offices seem to be responsive to us when we request help, I believe this is positive a byproduct.
  - Keeping abreast of how federal issues may affect us at the county level.
- Bodie as a national monument  
-Grant opportunities  
-lobby CSAC and RCRC's priorities to congressional staff  
-Health care and energy legislation

**Future projects:**

- Understanding redistricting.

- Continue to work to strengthen rural transit funding.
- Try to change CDBG grant exclusion due to number of second homes.
- Maintain relationships in all congressional offices.

Supervisor Bauer came within several dollars of her budget last year so she thinks this proposed budget is pretty close.

**Supervisor Comments:**

- Thinks it's very valuable for Supervisor Bauer to stay connected.
- Mechanisms involved in NACo are difficult.
- Why is this not a policy item for budget discussion? Maybe an out-of-state travel line item should be added to Supervisor budget?

8b) State Budget (Board Members) - The Board of Supervisors may discuss issues pertaining to the California State budget.

**Action:** None.

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- PERS Retirement Issues coming up; waiting to see what types of negotiations come up with current employees as well.

**Marshall Rudolph:**

- At a recent conference he heard a speaker say that under current PERS statutes, you cannot reduce the level of benefits for existing employees, only for new employees.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

9a) Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest (Jeanne M. Higgins, Forest Supervisor) - Introduce the Forest Supervisor for the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. Meet and become acquainted with the Board Members and briefly identify items of interest/concern for the County.

**Action:** None.

**Jeanne Higgins:**

- Introduced herself as the Forest Supervisor, she arrived in March of this year.
- She's originally from Northern California.
- Explained their understanding of maintaining important relationships between Forest Service and the Board of Supervisors, Mono County, etc.
- She's located in Sparks, NV. She deals with 10 districts, one that is here.
- She introduced Grace Newell, Barbara Drake and then Mike Crawley who is now the new district ranger; he will start in the next couple weeks. He comes to the Forest Service from Sparks but has been with the Forest Service for many years.
- They like to see line officers stay in position for awhile as there is some turn over in these positions. There is no minimum tour but it's usually between 2-5 years.
- She gave a history of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.
- Gave discussion regarding motorized recreational activities.

- Maintaining relationships: Early communication: having staff to staff relationships can be important and district ranger and the board need to keep in communication.
- Her deputy will arrive next week: Joellen Kyle. She handles parts of the supervisory duties.

Wanted to touch on a few things of importance:

- Bridgeport Recreation Area and special designation of that area. The management of this area is very important to the Forest Service.
- In process of pursuing an interchange with the Marine Corp. of land (approximately 200 acres).
- Other activities in relation to our national forest: there has been interest in geothermal development.

**Mike Crawley:**

- New District Ranger.
- Has been with Forest Service for over 34 years.

**Tony Dublino:**

- How Forest decisions affect private property?
- How should agencies work together? What models work best?

**Board Comments:**

- Asked for brief history of Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.
- Motorized recreational activities? How is that exploding for the Forest Service?
- Looking to expand boundaries?
- Extended welcome to Mr. Crawley and offered any assistance needed in the future.
- Board wants to be actively engaged in discussions, not just brought in at the end.

## ADDENDUM

### PUBLIC WORKS

Additional Department: County Counsel

10a) **Proposed Amendment to Transfer Operations Agreement** (Matt Carter, Marshall Rudolph and/or Stacey Simon)

**M10-179** **Action:** Approve the Agreement and Ninth Amendment to the Agreement Between the County of Mono and Mammoth Disposal, Inc. providing for the Operation of Transfer Station Facilities. Authorize the Interim Public Works Director to sign said Agreement and Ninth Amendment on behalf of the County. Hazard/Peters 5-0

**Matt Carter:**

- Asking for consideration of approval of the agreement and to authorize the Interim Public Works Director to sign said agreement.
- Explained agreement, purpose of it, etc. Costing \$52,500 per month. They have one year left in the agreement; he's been looking at ways to save this money.
- Negotiated with Mammoth Disposal to get a reduced amount.
- He'll be coming to the Board on the 17<sup>th</sup> with a workshop to see where we stand, etc.
- Moving forward we should hopefully have a solid plan.

**Supervisor Comments:**

- What are we looking at budget wise?
- Models were originally built on a different budget scenario.

**ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT**

11a)

**Proposed Resolution pertaining to the January 4, 2011, Special General Election (Lynda Roberts)**

**R10-60**

**Action:** Adopt **Resolution R10-60** in support of conducting the January 4, 2011, Special General Election for State Senator District 1 utilizing Vote by Mail. Farnetti/Hazard 5-0

**Lynda Roberts:**

- Thinks it's important to at least be on record that our county would be in support of vote by mail for this election.
- Chalfant had a 77% voter turnout (by mail) in last election; overall our county has a great vote by mail turnout.

**Board Comments:**

- How effective is vote by mail overall?
- There seems to be an initial tendency to not want to move forward but once people get on board most don't ever want to go back.
- Asked Tim Hansen his opinion about Lee Vining being only vote by mail.
- It does change the face of the voting process because a lot of vote by mail people vote early.

**Tim Hansen:**

- He thinks it is very effective although the social aspect gets missed.

ADJOURN: 11:57 a.m.

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**BYNG HUNT**  
Chairman

**ATTEST:**

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**SHANNON KENDALL**  
Sr. Deputy Clerk of the Board

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