



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

**SPECIAL MEETING - BUDGET
AUGUST 23, 2010**

Mono County Courthouse, Bridgeport, CA 93517

9:00 a.m. Meeting called to Order by Chairman Hunt.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Hazard.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

Break: 11:05 a.m.

Reconvene: 11:16 a.m.

Lunch: 12:13 p.m.

Reconvene: 1:04 p.m.

Break: 3:52 p.m.

Reconvene: 4:04 p.m.

Adjourn: 4:25 P.M.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING DIVISION

1a) Sustainable Communities Planning Grant - Proposed resolution authorizing submittal of an application for a Sustainable Communities Planning Grant to the Strategic Growth Council for funding a targeted general plan update.

R10-62 ACTION: Adopt proposed resolution R10-62, authorizing submittal of an application for a Sustainable Communities Planning Grant to the Strategic Growth Council for funding a targeted general plan update.
Farnetti/Bauer 4- 1 against: Hazard

Marshall Rudolph:

- What might it mean for the county in terms of our policies?
- He's gone through the materials and looked at pieces of legislation, of which there are quite a few.
- Having looked at it carefully, he doesn't think we will have to change our planning. That's his bottom line conclusion.
- Targeted general plan update is what is being applied for. Gave example on page 4 of materials.
- When you look at underlying legislation it's targeted at urban areas. He's surprised that Mono County is eligible for this funding.
- We might have to pay lip service through our policies; this might not sit well with the board. We don't HAVE to apply for it.

- We already have an overdue obligation to overhaul our general plan anyway, with or without a grant.
- Objective of promoting equity and what that means: there's a lot of vagueness in these terms. Could be good or bad.

Board Comments:

- Supervisor Peters: found out this is a highly competitive grant; lots of counties are jumping on it.
- Supervisor Farnetti: practically he supports it.
- Supervisor Hazard: having reviewed it more thoroughly, there is a definition of what equity is. He doesn't know that he shares same comfort level as Marshall; he still doesn't like it.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

2a) Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget Workshop

Brian Muir:

- Gave brief overview of proposed budget, including accounting changes and eliminations. Revenues associated with individual budgets are now listed with expenditures.
- \$67 million dollar budget, about \$38 million is general fund.
- No salary increases expected except in paramedic unit; Management COLA was deferred.
- Budget in front of the board is balanced with an excess of \$200,000 to fund policy items and contingencies. We have \$4.5 million dollars in the reserve fund that should be used conservatively. \$1.5 million would be a comfortable amount to use out of reserve as we will be in the same situation next year.
- Solid Waste issue, two aspects: there's a structural deficit, it's upside down. Secondly, there's a negative fund balance.
- 3 issue with this budget: 1. Road fund 2. Solid waste 3. Capital Improvement plan.
- His view of travel/training: good training is expensive. It's not a good idea to cut training budgets because it affects the level of service.
- It costs \$6,000 per year to pay for the consultant for A87 costs, plus in house costs.

Dave Wilbrecht:

- Conservative budget.
- They asked departments to list things in their budgets that the Board might be interested in but did not tell departments to be ready with a presentation. They are ready to answer Board questions.
- There could be some policy discussions about itemizing training/travel. Each department can break down their training/travel needs, maybe by first meeting in September? Using last year's actual travel amounts could encourage departments to pump up their travel/training budgets.
- There's nothing significant going on with leases; no new space, mostly existing space.

Board Comments:

- Solid Waste deficit – loan from general fund?
- Concerned with the increase in certain travel/training budgets. Needs justification. Defer some of it to mid-year until itemized? Take last year's actual expenses for travel/training budget for each department unless justified or else revisit at mid-year.
- A87 issue; varies from department to department, they'd like a better understanding of that. Trending upwards? How much does it cost to keep track of?
- Would like to discuss significant line item changes in the departments.
- Leases and rents seem to have gone up significantly; additional maintenance needs to be done at Sierra Center Mall.
- Supervisor Peters asked for \$100,000 contribution for Economic Development; decided to add request/discussion to Policy Item agenda.

Department Heads

The following Department Heads came before the board and summarized and answered questions about their budgets:

- Lynda Roberts, Board of Supervisors
- Mary Booher, County Administrative Office; Insurance; Housing
- Jody Henning, Assessor
- Brian Muir, Finance
- Marshall Rudolph, County Counsel
- Lynda Roberts, Clerk-Recorder
- Scott Burns, Community Development
- Jeff Walters, Public Works (Capital Improvement Plan, Parks and Facilities, Road, Solid Waste, Airports, Cemeteries, Campgrounds, Motor Pool Fund)
- Julie Tiede, Child Support
- Julie Tiede, Social Services
- Dan Lyster, Economic Development

Lunch Recess

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No one spoke.

2b) Budget Workshop Continued

Department Heads

The following Department Heads came before the board and summarized and answered questions about their budgets:

- John Wentworth, EDD Policy Item (will be discussed by Board tomorrow morning)
- John Schraeder, Agriculture Commission
- Beverlee Bryant, Probation
- Ralph Obenberger, Sheriff's Department
- Clay Neely, Information Technology
- Brian Muir, District Attorney (spoke for the office as George is out of town and Tim is in court)
- Nancy Boardman, Animal Control, Shelters
- Mary Booher and Mark Mikulicich, Paramedics
- Ann Gimpel, Mental Health
- Lynda Salcido, Public Health
- Brian Muir - miscellaneous budgets: Farm Advisor Budget; Veterans Services Budget (split with Inyo); Urgent Care clinic in Bridgeport; MOE with Courts; Grand Jury; Public Defender, Law Library; Health and Human Services Sick/Vacation

REVIEW OF SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND:

Jeff Walters:

- \$1.2 million shortfall

Dave Wilbrecht:

- A better breakdown of fees for services needs to be available to the Board; put it off till tomorrow so that they can provide more information.
- Biggest player is Town of Mammoth Lakes; we have to have some sort of plan in place with them.

Brian Muir:

- Two issues: structural deficit and funding negative balance.
- Over short term: move \$1.2 into loan; pay it off over 7 years? Take difference between two numbers and increase revenues by that much. We have to have a balanced budget going

forward.

Board Comments:

- Discussed various options to reduce services; not a good idea.
- Discussed loan options and amortization schedules. Have to fix structural deficit first.
- Discussed future options, including long hauling and long term commitments from the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

REVIEW OF ROAD FUND:

Jeff Walters:

- \$582,000 shortfall
- Discussed options to move forward with: balanced budget , or either policy items one or two.

Board Comments:

- Asked for breakdown of impacts tomorrow.
- Backfill A87 costs by making a bigger general fund contribution eliminating the need to lay people off.

ADJOURNMENT 4:25 P.M.

BYNG HUNT
Chairman

ATTEST:

SHANNON KENDALL
Sr. Deputy Clerk of the Board

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