



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

Regular Meetings: The First, Second, And Third Tuesday of each month  
Regular Meeting  
MEETING LOCATION  
County Courthouse,  
Bridgeport, CA 93517

November 8, 2011

9:01 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Hazard.  
Supervisors Present: Bauer, Hansen, Hazard, and Johnston.  
Supervisors Absent: Hunt.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Brian Muir.

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

**Katie Bellomo:**

- Reminded Board that there is a Mono Basin RPAC meeting tomorrow night; indicated it would be an interesting meeting.
- Noticed Closed Session item: Marshall Rudolph's performance evaluation. She's worked with Marshall a lot over the years. They have not always agreed, but she respects him fully and considers him a fine lawyer.
- She commented on county morale of the employees; it is quite low. Public Works was brought up as an example. Something seems to be wrong in that department. Concerned that there aren't independent investigations going on. There are some good lawsuits brewing; county can't afford this. She hopes that county money needed for other projects does not end up going towards legal fees. She hopes County Administration gets a handle on this.

*Closed Session: 9:11 a.m.*

*Break: 10:36 a.m.*

*Reconvene: 10:44 a.m.*

*Lunch: 12:30 p.m.*

*Reconvene: 1:22 p.m.*

*Closed Session: 3:00 p.m.*

*Adjourn: 3:50 p.m.*

**CLOSED SESSION**

*There was nothing to report out of closed session. One item remains on the closed session agenda; they will go back into Closed Session later today. Nothing to report out of second closed session.*

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

1a) Closed Session--CAO - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government Code section 54957. Title: County

Administrative Officer.

- 1b) Closed Session--Human Resources - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): 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.
- 1c) Closed Session--Performance Evaluation, County Counsel - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Counsel.
- 1d) Conference with Legal 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.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**M11-270** Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 18, 2011.  
**Johnston moved; Bauer seconded**  
**Vote: 4 Yes; 0 No; 1 absent: Hunt**

3) **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Supervisor Bauer:**

- Attended Women's Club meeting in June Lake, accepted chairmanship for breakfast with Santa; also handles the Angel's giving tree.
- CAC meeting – had normal, run of the mill meeting.
- Sidewalk project in June was completed but some of the concrete is ruined. They will end up getting all new sidewalks this coming spring.
- Friday: very first Road Management meeting; not going to meet again until January.

**Supervisor Hansen:**

- 10/20 – Bridgeport RPAC.
- 10/28 – meeting at Conway Ranch with LaHontan people.
- 10/31 – LTC meeting; IMAA meeting.
- 11/1 – in Sacramento.
- 11/3- Walker RPAC.
- 11/4 - Economic Development Strategic Plan Sub-Committee meeting held in Mammoth by our Economic Development staff.

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- Mentioned dust and sand at water district as being a meter reading problem (Supervisor Hansen and Johnston are part of Great Basin pollution group – need to pass this on).
- 11/2 - attended final planning for 11/11/11 Veteran's group. Right now there is 50 Veterans signed up. Received a certificate from State of California (Ted

Gaines) acknowledging the Veteran's Day Celebration plus our approved proclamation.

- 11/4 – conducted Benton Office Hours; then headed south to visit daughter.
- Cell tower issues: Crowley should have their environmental work done and released next week; in front of Planning Commission in December; other one – community of Oasis: they've been lobbying for a cell tower out there. In monthly bill there is a surcharge that goes to building cell tower sites in small rural areas; there has been \$500 million collected. Continues to work with Planning Department.
- Tomorrow morning when he wakes up he'll be starting his 36<sup>th</sup> year with county.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- ABSENT

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- He voted today.
- Biomass Group meeting yesterday; had speaker, discussed various aspects. Will have some sort of feasibility analysis in the end.
- Trails Meeting; Trails Homeowner's Association meeting discussed aftermath of Halloween.
- Attended first road management meeting with Supervisor Bauer on Friday.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

4)

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments (Jim Arkens)

**ACTION:** Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding his activities.

**Jim Arkens:**

- Last week held monthly C4 meeting; very good attendance.
- Right after that left for resort community of Weaverville for Trindel conference.
- Continued status meetings with all reports.
- Still dealing with major personnel issues.
- Supervisor Johnston: Why is it called C4? (Marshall Rudolph: he actually jokingly called it C4 and Dave Wilbrecht started referring to management meeting by that name.)

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES**

(PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES EACH)

**Jeff Walters:**

- Interagency Annual Snow Removal Meeting – Caltrans, Mono County, Town of Mammoth, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, Sheriff and CHP. Sounds like some previously scheduled snow removal routes might be taken away. Overall, each agency is prepared and ready to go for the snow season even though there are several positions that are not filled.
- Airport Road Access – regarding snow removal: priority is still a two. We are up to six/seven flights this year.
- Supervisor Hazard: on our staffing do we have any new people with no experience in snow removal?

**Julie Tiede:**

- She does have a vacancy for a social worker due to a recent retirement. She will be coming to the Board requesting that this position be refilled at a Social Worker III. She can't ask for entry level, she needs the experience.

**Brian Muir:**

- Last Friday he had some finance folks from the Town of Mammoth here; he's

had preliminary discussions with them about the feasibility of them using the county's finance system. He explained there would be a cost associated, firewalls needing to be installed, etc. Might come to fruition in the future. He will keep the board informed.

- Supervisor Johnston: What happened to the group the Town had working on a finance system?
- Supervisor Bauer: thinks we need an agenda item to discuss this.
- Supervisor Hazard: asked about supplemental funding/services list. (Brian: this item is on for next week.)

### 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.)  
7a and 8b are pulled for separate discussion

#### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- 5a) Agreement between the County of Mono and Decade Software - Currently the Mono County Health Department is operating under a contract with Decade Software Company for the Envision program. This program has features that allow for some reporting and invoicing activities, but does not have the electronic reporting capabilities and other updated and upgraded functions that the EnvisionConnect program will provide. Electronic reporting, through the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS), is mandated for certain activities in our CUPA program. This mandate will go into effect in January of 2013.

**M11-271** **Action:** Approve contract with Decade Software Company and authorize Chairman to sign.  
**Bauer moved; Hansen seconded**  
**Vote: 4 Yes; 0 No; 1 absent: Hunt**

#### SHERIFF CORONER

- 6a) Contract with the Orange County Sheriff/Coroner to provide supplemental autopsy services - The Sheriff-Coroner is required by law to conduct investigations into all unattended deaths occurring within Mono County to determine the manner and cause of said deaths. From time to time, death investigations are conducted that are complicated in nature and require a higher level of forensic scrutiny than can be provided locally. For the past 20 years, the Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Department has provided such services for our department.

**M11-272** **Action:** 1. Authorize and sign a five-year contract with the Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Department. 2. Authorize Sheriff Richard C. Scholl to sign the five-year contract with the Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Department.  
**Bauer moved; Hansen seconded**  
**Vote: 4 Yes; 0 No; 1 absent: Hunt**

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - BUILDING DIVISION

### **Additional Departments:** County Counsel

- 7a) Extension of Construction Stimulus - Proposed Resolution R11-80 extending the effective period of the waiver/reduction in plan-check fees provided by Resolution R11-31.

**R11-81** **Action:** Adopt proposed resolution R11-80 extending the effective period of the waiver/reduction in plan-check fees.

**Johnston moved; Bauer seconded**

**Vote: 4 Yes; 0 No; 1 Absent: Hunt**

#### **Pulled off Consent by Supervisor Johnston:**

- He supports extension but doesn't think it's the time to pull back from this construction stimulus.
- He's contacted the contractor's association and has Tim Flynn is in right now Mammoth willing to speak.
- Problem is: we said we're going to waive up to \$100,000 worth of permit fees, broke it down \$50,000 for plan checks and \$50,000 for permit fees. We should keep waiving permit fees even though the \$50,000 has run out.
- This has been a good proposal; he wants this back on a future agenda to reconsider this, to set the permit fee part.

#### **Tim Flynn (Mammoth Lakes Contractor's Association President):**

- Agrees with Supervisor Johnston that this isn't the time to pull back on the stimulus project: going to take at least three years for this to work.
- In order to get a real calculation of how this is working, now is not the time to pull back.

#### **Supervisor Hansen:**

- He agrees with Supervisor Johnston.

#### **Supervisor Hazard:**

- He thinks it can be revisited at mid-year budget.
- This was a pilot program to find out what issues are by restructuring a future program.

#### **Supervisor Bauer:**

- Could be repercussions if they start waiving permit fees again now after they've already turned people away.

#### **Marshall Rudolph:**

- He will let Tom Perry know this needs to come back to the Board by December.

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 8a) Veteran's Day Proclamation - Proclamation recognizing November 11, 2011, as Veteran's Day, and honoring the contributions of current and former members of the United States Armed Forces.

**M11-273** **Action:** Approve proclamation.

**Bauer moved; Hansen seconded**

**Vote: 4 Yes;0 No; 1 absent: Hunt**

- 8b)** Appointment of three members to the standing six-member pool(s) of available Personnel Appeals Board members with respect to the Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) and Deputy Probation Officers (DPO) bargaining units. (Note: the other members of the pool will be appointed by the bargaining units.)

**M11-274** **Action:** Pursuant to Section 540(A) of the County Personnel System applicable to County employees whose positions are represented by the Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) and Deputy Probation Officers (DPO) bargaining units, appoint Brian Muir, Rita Sherman, and Julie Tiede as members of the six-member standing pool of available Personnel Appeals Board members with respect to each bargaining unit (i.e., the same three individuals will be available members in both pools).

**Bauer moved; Hansen seconded**

**Vote: 4 Yes; 0 No; 1 absent: Hunt**

**Pulled from Consent Agenda by Supervisor Hansen:**

- Wanted clarification.
- What is role of three county people?

**Jim Arkens:**

- Explained the current rules on choosing these panels.
- This will be a standing pool. Management will pick one, Union will pick one and a flip of the coin will determine the third.

**Marshall Rudolph:**

- Should have the last three members of the pool from Jerry Frederick later this week.

## 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 OF THE BOARD

- 9a)** California Department of Fish and Game - Letter addressed to Brian Muir, Mono County Treasurer-Tax Collector, informing the County that the Department of Fish and Game will not be making in-lieu fee payments this fiscal year for wildlife areas.

**Brian Muir:**

- Money the state owes us.
- Explained fee process.
- There is legislation; the problem is they don't appropriate the money when they do their budgets.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- He thinks we should do something at our end about them not paying.
- He doesn't want to take too hard of a line on this.
- Likes the suggestion to trade off these fees in some way.
- Fees: what we are supposed to pay to them vs. what they owe us; some type of offset.

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- People are leaving dedicated property to Fish and Game for them to take over.
- We should object to any land given to Fish and Game until further notice.
- We have from now until February to bring items to the legislation.
- Supervisor Johnson to work with Marshall's office.

**Supervisor Bauer:**

- Need to find a legislature willing to work on these issues.
- We need to make it "legal" to be able to trade off on these types of things.

**Marshall Rudolph:**

- These are different types of fees being discussed; we can't legally just stop paying fees.
- Better course is to work through RCRC or CSAC.
- We can start with an email or a phone call with the idea of this. They usually will do some exploration at their end. He will take the lead.
- If he has something to report in December he will.

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***The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.***

**FINANCE**

- 10a) Forest Service Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center (Mike Schlafmann, Deputy District Ranger) - Consider request for funding support from the Forest Service Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center.

**Action:** None.

**Brian Muir:**

- He's had correspondence with Mike Schlafmann; not sure why he is not here. Schlafmann was instructed his item could come up around 10:30 a.m.
- Brian is not sure why we would pay for something like this? He can bring it back depending on their availability.

**Supervisor Hansen:**

- Is Schlafmann still around?
- He's for helping with this program but not funding it all together.
- It's worth a \$1000 of the county's money.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Postpone until next meeting?
- It's a safety issue, not a non-profit issue so it IS important.
- Take up at next meeting? We need someone here.

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- Somewhat confusing, this is NOT a non-profit request. Why would we give money to the Forest Service?
- This is second request to have them come speak to us.
- He thinks if it was important to the Avalanche Center people, they would be here. They need to put it on the agenda, not us.

**Supervisor Bauer:**

- Agrees with Supervisor Hazard but is concerned that this is a public safety issue. Asked Jeff Walters his opinion.
- It is a valuable service but that is separate from how it gets paid for.
- Give our share's worth and walk away?

**Jeff Walters:**

- These are usually back country storm issues.
- Probably wouldn't miss it per se, but he does consider all aspects and resources available to him when making decisions.

- 10b) Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Law (AB1090) (Brian Muir) - Presentation by the Finance Director regarding Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement Law (AB1090).

**Action:** None.

**Brian Muir:**

- Explained this program. In February 2009, this program ended.
- Legislation was introduced and has since been signed which reinstated the program.
- He can do the work if the Board authorizes it, the problem is that we will tie up around \$1 million – we could also lose ½ of that money.

**Supervisor Bauer:**

- It's the highjack of the legislation.
- It's our job to do the right thing for the county.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Has personal experience with this; he's in support of the State doing it, not the county.

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- Pushing costs back on the county; gracious enough to allow us to raise multiple taxes. Not going to go over well. The County shouldn't have to run this program.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

- 11a) 2011-12 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Agreements (Lynda Salcido, Public Health Director, Dr. Richard Johnson, Public Health Officer) - In October 2003, the Board of Supervisors approved the first Public Health Preparedness and Response to Bioterrorism plan for FY 2002/3 (minute order 02-219). This program has been funded ever since by Federal CDC money, with 70% of the total funds being passed to the

locals through the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). The following agreements are being funded this year: (1) Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program (PHEP) - \$107,001 (was \$108,965 during 2010-11); (2) State General Fund (GF) Pandemic Influenza Planning - \$60,458 (was \$60,458 during 2010-11); (3) Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) - \$139,141 (was \$139,884 during 2010-11). This agreement provides funds for Public Health to address planning, preparedness, response, mitigation, and recovery for all hazards and events that potentially impact the health of the public. The Work Plans are attached.

- M11-275**     **Action:** (1) Approve and authorize the Chair's signature on the NON-SUPPLANTATION CERTIFICATION FORM for the AGREEMENT outlined below, and (2) Authorize the Public Health Director to sign the 2011-12 CDC Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP), State General Fund (GF) Pandemic Influenza, HHS Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Funding AGREEMENT and CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING, and any additional contract amendments.  
**Johnston moved; Bauer seconded**  
**Vote: 4 yes; 0 No; 1 absent: Hunt**

**Dr. Johnson (Powerpoint presentation; detailed copy kept in file folder for today's meeting):**

- Asking for Approval on several certification forms; here to explain how this money gets spent.
- Funding History.
- SB 769.
- PH Preparedness Funds.
- HPP and PHEP Capabilities.
- Deliverables completed.
- Deliverables in process.
- Local Networking/Advocating.
- Regional Networking/Advocating.
- 2011 Statewide Medical and Health Exercise: November 9, 2011, potential players. Target capabilities (37): after action report/improvement plan.
- MCI, FTS, GAACS.
- EMS Field Treatment Sites.
- California: the State of Disaster (discussion of various disasters).
- Health Hazard Risk Assessment.
- Enhanced Mono County specific local response.
- Real Events/Benefits.
- Situational Awareness; Public Health Mono-Gram; Emergency Operations Manual; MHOAC; Function specific topics.
- All disasters are local.
- Social media important as we move forward.
- Community Resilience.

**Supervisor Comments:**

- Acronyms – these are confusing. Would be better not to use them; it might

- bridge communication.
- Supervisors appreciate his reports and information.
- Asked general questions about what was provided at previous flu clinics.
- Animal control vaccine clinics and flu clinics are two of the most beneficial things we do in the county right now.

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 12a) Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve (Supervisor Hansen) - Supervisor Hansen will provide an update from the joint legislative hearing he attended on November 1, 2011, regarding the Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve.

**Action:** None.

### **Supervisor Hansen:**

- On the 1<sup>st</sup>, he went to Sacramento. Reviewed what he learned in Sacramento.
- \$1.3 billion in the hole for Parks maintenance.
- \$22 million in savings for closing parks isn't going to go that far.
- He was prepared to speak. There wasn't anyone there giving solutions to the problem.
- Mr. Herms from State Parks was put on the spot. Term "iconic" thrown around.
- Not a dead issue; not sure when we'll know something.
- There have been some people from State Parks invited to the RPAC tomorrow night.
- Would like this on agenda one more time. Maybe next Tuesday (and after RPAC) can decide whether or not to form a subcommittee. Item should include an update on RPAC and possibility of subcommittee.

### **Supervisor Johnston:**

- Did they react to our letter at all?
- He doesn't have a problem with the item being on the agenda again.
- Ok as informational item next week.

### **Supervisor Hazard:**

- Ok to be on agenda again; should be last item on the agenda.
- Issues: state park closures and then our local issue of Mono Lake. State hasn't gotten down to that detail.
- They do have a copy of our letter?

### **Supervisor Bauer:**

- Ok for one more time. We've covered our responsibility.
- Asked Marshall to please get the Board something in writing explaining committee rules.

### **Geoff McQuilken:**

- He was at the November 1<sup>st</sup> hearing; Supervisor Hansen gave a good recap.
- Bill Herms was questioned a lot; Geoff handed out copies handed of additional material. Mono Lake is on a list of potential parks to take off the closure list, which is some progress.

### **Marshall Rudolph:**

- Asked for clarification as to what the item next week should say.
- Asked for subcommittee clarification. Is this necessary?

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

*No one spoke.*

**PUBLIC WORKS - ENGINEERING DIVISION**

13a) Walker Community Center Area Master Plan (Larry Young (Ward-Young Architects)) - Proposed resolution approving the Walker Community Center Area Master Plan as the final product for CDBG Grant 09-PTAG-6505.

**R11-82** **Action:** 1. Approve and Authorize the Chairman's signature on Resolution #R11-82 "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Mono County Approving the Walker Community Center Area Master Plan as the Final Product for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 09-PTAG-6505".

**Bauer moved; Hansen seconded**

**Vote: 4 yes; 0 No; 1 absent: Hunt.**

**Mary Booher:**

- Larry Young is here from Ward-Young Architects who will speak in a moment.
- The Walker Community Center WAS approved for a CDBG Grant; this has gone through a lot of steps.
- Next phase: Ward-Young has put in some operating/maintenance costs and other general costs. This is a long term plan.
- Public hearing required today. Action today is to accept it on face value (as it is).
- She is passing around a sign-up sheet to satisfy grant requirements.
- This is the preferred alternative selected by the Board.
- She is going to reword the resolution in front of the Board and bring it back in a few minutes for action.

**Public Hearing Opened: 1:27 p.m.**

**Dave Murray (Walker, CA):**

- Feels there has been a lot of delay tactics in this project.
- It has been 7 weeks since all required materials have been turned into the building department. He's still waiting for some action.
- A 30 x 30 outside slab being considered "part of the building" is ridiculous.
- Was recently told that Kelly Garcia had retired and that there was no coordinator to handle this. It's been three more weeks.
- 8 months ago, the Board, County Counsel, CAO, Public Works all made verbal agreement that since this would be volunteer work on a county building that the county would pick up liability issues. Told now that will not happen by Risk Management. He has a certificate of insurance to cover anyone who might work on it.
- Project budget: \$46,659 – much less than amount the county approved. All he's asking is for the Board to direct them to get this project started.
- They have no point of contact right now.

- Outside slab issue didn't have a code section attached to it.

**Supervisor Hansen:**

- Feels like Dave is mostly correct in his summation.
- He thinks we need to move forward. Ask either County Counsel or Risk Management whether or not the insurance is valid? Who is going to direct it?
- This needs to get back on track.
- Suggests Garret Higerd, Tom Perry, and Dave get together and meet about this. Needs to be dealt with once and for all; thanked everyone for coming.

**Jim Arkens:**

- Has appointed Garrett Higerd to take over this project.
- Would like to talk to Board about this and to Garrett.

**Supervisor Bauer:**

- Please leave a copy of insurance with Rita Sherman, Risk Manager.
- There are a lot of things the Board doesn't have much control over; they get ridden pretty hard by the State.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- He's glad that this project is in the works.
- Not only good improvement for the community, but it's community-based. He wants staff to follow through and get it done.

**Public Hearing Closed: 1:46 p.m.**

**Larry Young (Ward-Young Architects):**

- He is the master planner for this project.
- Discussed action previously approved by the Board; that action gave them basis to design preliminary plan.
- Requirements before the Board satisfy the CDBG grant.

**Supervisor Hansen:**

- Reminder that this is a long term project.
- We did get this grant funding; we have to plan for the future.
- Suggests Marshall to write out a general disclaimer; this is Bridgeport, CA.
- We need to be optimistic.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Asked about the dates on the resolutions.

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- He can't support master plan – not sure it can be followed. Doesn't believe there will be funding in the foreseeable future.
- He goes back and forth on the expansion of the community center.
- The CDBG Grant program is being cut in every direction.
- It's a great plan, but the world has changed during the planning process.
- Does support staff moving forward with the slab (expansion) needing to be poured at the community center.
- He is going to vote against accepting the master plan on its face.
- Two issues: expansion of community center and the master plan. He supports the expansion, not the master plan.
- He's ok with the resolution being reworded and brought back for action.

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 14a) "Memory Lane" - A display of Christmas Decorations in Memory of Deceased Loved Ones (Supervisor Hansen) - Several Bridgeport residents have approached Supervisor Hansen requesting permission to display various Christmas decorations, in memory of deceased loved ones, on the courthouse lawn during the holiday season. This item is a formal request to obtain approval from the Board for these residents to do this. This item is being sponsored by Supervisor Hansen.

**Action:** None.

**Supervisor Hansen:**

- He was approached several months ago by several Bridgeport residents. They are interested in a Christmas display in memory of deceased loved ones.
- He thinks there are one or two people wishing to speak; they are all willing to follow guidelines.
- He thinks we should support this; we can deal with any problems as they come up.

**Rita Sherman:**

- She doesn't really know what's being planned. She needs more information.
- What about a large tree with individual decorations memorializing deceased loved ones?

**Joe Blanchard:**

- Echoes what Rita said; concerned about safety overall.

**Josie Annett (Bridgeport resident):**

- They'd like to put up trees in memory of deceased loved ones.
- They'd like to hook up to electricity in the building (on a timer).
- There will not be clutter.
- This would be a lane up to the front door.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- What size tree; he likes the idea of trees.

**Supervisor Bauer:**

- How do we control this? We really need to set some perimeters?
- In South County there were tense moments dealing with cemeteries – got very emotional.

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- Only support local community? Can other communities put their displays out there?
- Regrets this came up so close to Christmas.
- Needs to be standardized.
- We need to draw something up; bring back to first meeting in December.

**Marshall Rudolph:**

- Hard to analyze from a legal perspective until he knows what the concept is.
- If the board supports a concept, then the county staff needs to put together a policy; there's a first amendment issue here.

- We need to make sure we don't get into some type of constitutional hot water.
- It just needs to be written down.

**Bob Peters:**

- This has broad support in the community.
- The Bridgeport Inn can be the property area if necessary.
- Wants to Board to support this and come up with some guidelines quickly.

**Tim Fesko:**

- Five trees each side; ten total.
- Total of 6 feet tall.

**Jim Arkens:**

- He's for the standardization idea and for the beautification of the courthouse, etc.
- Authorize Staff to enter into discussion with this group to accommodate them.

ADJOURNMENT 3:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

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DUANE "HAP" HAZARD  
CHAIR

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SHANNON KENDALL  
SR. DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

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