



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

Regular Meetings: The First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified at far right.

Regular Meeting

MEETING LOCATION
County Courthouse,
Bridgeport, CA 93517

December 6, 2011

9:02 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Hazard.
Supervisors Present: Bauer, Hansen, Hazard and Johnston.
Supervisors Absent: Hunt.

Afternoon session –
Supervisors Present: Bauer, Hansen and Johnston.
Absent: Hazard and Hunt.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Hansen.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
No One Spoke.

Closed Session: 9:04 a.m.
Break: 10:25 a.m.
Reconvene: 10:33 a.m.
Lunch: 12:23 p.m.
Reconvene: 1:25 p.m.
Adjourn: 2:55 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION
There was nothing to report out of closed session.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 1a) Closed Session--CAO Performance Evaluation - 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.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M11-280 Action: Approve minutes of the regular meeting held on November 8, 2011, as amended below.

Bauer moved; Hansen seconded

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

Supervisor Johnston:

- Under board report – please add that he attended same meeting that Supervisor Bauer attended (first road management meeting).

3) BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Bauer:

- Mentioned that she noticed an interesting item on Inyo's agenda for today titled "What to do in Response to Mono County's refusal to fund IMAAA".
- Yosemite Gateway Partnership – Bob Peters came together with Dana Stroud with ideas; just got an email yesterday and it's gone down the tubes.
- CSAC annual conference: attended meeting on smart grid and how we are not really set up for it at the moment; Rural Caucus voted in a couple board members. Liability piece, our county should have some education on this. (Brian Muir to address in January).

Supervisor Hansen:

- 11/17 – Bridgeport RPAC; trails, resolution about moving third meeting, dog/noise ordinance discussions.
- 11/21 – Fisheries Commission meeting, would like to have a workshop with Board to discuss Conway Ranch and its future.
- 11/29 – Tourism and Film Commission Open House; Alicia was there showing county website; showed new Mono Lake film.
- Antelope Valley RPAC.
- Yesterday, Great Basin and LTC meetings.

Supervisor Hazard:

- Leaving at noon today for meeting; will try to get to his board report prior to then.
- 11/22 – attend meeting regarding Mammoth airport; were able to have some various discussions.
- 11/28 – to San Francisco for CSAC; discussion about realignment and funding being cost neutral; dues increase issue to be decided, needs Marshall to research and bring back to 12/20 meeting. Marshall Rudolph: if legal issues apply, they apply to ALL counties. It's a statewide issue. Issue is not so much gift of public funds but rather use of public funds to oppose ballot measures.
- CSAC: while he was there he was contacted by Congressman McKeon's office regarding land exchange at Mammoth Mountain, needed support letter so he had one drafted and sent to them.
- CSAC: Department of General Services, State of California: they have a

discount travel contract available to the County, could give us access to various travel at discounted services. Brian and Jim to follow up on this.

- Headed home on Friday after CSAC and dealt with a lot of wind damage calls.
- Leaving this afternoon for RCRC – meeting with Legislative Analysis Office regarding the ERAF money for schools.
- Spoke yesterday with Kristin Olsen's office – still working on legislative issues for our county; he will try to stop by late this afternoon.
- Agenda item – speed surveys: supports report but would like information to go out to communities before any new posting goes up, etc.

Supervisor Hunt:

- Absent.

Supervisor Johnston:

- Air Pollution Control District Meeting – they are going to put gravel on the lake bed - 40,000 truckloads. CAPP Project discussion earlier; DWP doesn't want to do some work ordered by the Air Pollution Control District.
- LTC yesterday – looked at overall work program, significantly revised with more detail (approved to go forward); also discussed MOU with Inyo and Kern County; moving forward with a revision in the way gas tax is calculated – from a cents per gallon to a percentage per gallon. Maybe to legislature? Send out requests to other LTCs.
- CSAC annual meeting attended; Jerry Brown attended and had interesting comments; got a recommendation for finishing his supervisorial credential.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- 4) CAO Report regarding Board Assignments (Jim Arkens)
Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO)
regarding his activities.

Jim Arkens:

- Weekly meeting concerning the Walker Community Center. Progress is being made.
- Reported to the Board about PSO negotiations, ongoing.
- Continued with Status meetings.
- Met with representatives of Bridgeport Tribe regarding working with the county in the future.
- Met with reporter from Mammoth Times – talked about several issues going on in the county.
- Attended CSAC annual meeting; enjoyed time with the board members.
- Fitch & Associates phone conference with medics – went well, will be a good evaluation for the program.
- Brian, Julie, James and himself attended a lunch at Walker Senior Center endorsing support for the seniors. The services are important.
- Just finalized purchase of Bridgeport house.
- Tomorrow is C-4 meeting in Lee Vining at 8:00 a.m.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES

(PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES EACH)

Tom Perry:

Update to Walker Community Center addition:

- Review comments were sent to Dave Murray two weeks ago.
- Site plan to be completed.
- There are a lot of documents that have been completed or are being completed.
- Clarification from State Fire Marshal needed; he provided insight on several factors. Fire barrier needed.

- Once all interpretation is received from Fire Marshall the project can proceed and a time frame can be pinned down.
- Supervisor Hansen: thanked him; the Walker citizens are very happy to have someone responding to them, even if they aren't completely happy with requirements.

Dan Lyster:

- Will have a meeting with Caltrans regarding Conway Ranch prior to the Christmas break. Marshall has some dates to pass on.

Brian Muir:

- Determined that some of the addresses are incorrect on the tax bills (for situs). They are aware of the problem. Should not create issues other than it needs to be corrected and that will occur gradually as they come across the errors.

Jeff Walters:

- All bids for vehicles were won by Eastern Sierra Motors in Bishop. They won this by the local vendor's preference clause, shows this is working. Numbers are right within the range they should be.
- Supervisor Johnston: airport road – looks better than it did, still issues with horizontal cracks. Can another layer be put down? Need to bring back to another meeting. Jeff will bring airport road issues back as a future agenda item as there will be additional money needed to complete this.

Marshall Rudolph:

- Explained that Supervisor Hunt wanted to participate today at teleconference location; Marshall explained it needed to be part of agenda wording prior to him doing that. This will be included in next weeks' agenda, assuming it is alright with the Board.
- Supervisor Johnston: concerned about LTC meeting, same issues.
- Supervisor Hazard: asked ARC to make those adjustments to agenda; notified clerk that he would not be available for ARC meeting tomorrow.

Scott Burns:

- Scenic By-way, Regional Trails plan, authorized years ago.
- They recently presented this plan to the Tourism commission; they are contemplating it.
- Bring back as an agenda item for board discussion.

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.)

PUBLIC WORKS - ENGINEERING DIVISION

- 5a) Appreciation Letter to LADWP for Assistance with Rock Removal on Owens Gorge Road - In the summer of 2011, LADWP assisted with rock removal for safety improvements to Owens Gorge Road. This is a letter to thank them for their efforts.

- M11-281** **Action:** Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign letter to LADWP, commending and thanking them for their assistance with rock removal on Owens Gorge Road in the summer of 2011.

Johnston moved; Bauer seconded
Vote: 4 yes; 0 No; 1 absent: Hunt

COUNTY COUNSEL

6a) Chapter 11.08 Update - Proposed ordinance amending Chapter 11.08 of the Mono County Code pertaining to restrictions on the use of highways by certain vehicles.

ORD11-14 Action: Adopt proposed ordinance # ORD11-14, amending Chapter 11.08 of the Mono County Code pertaining to restrictions on the use of highways by certain vehicles.

Johnston moved; Bauer seconded
Vote: 4 yes; 0 No; 1 absent: Hunt

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

7a) Corrections Standards Authority Letter - Letter from the Corrections Standards Authority (Calif. Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation) regarding the Mammoth Lakes County Courthouse Facility, Penal Code 6031. This letter was addressed to Sheriff Rick Scholl but copied to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. This is informational only.

7b) Ombudsman/Advocacy Services of Inyo-Mono Thank You - Letter dated November 8, 2011 from Kathryn Williams, Executive Director of the Ombudsman/Advocacy Services of Inyo-Mono expressing gratitude for the Board's continued support of their program.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

8a) Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District's Clean Air Projects Program (Lisa Isaacs, CAPP Administrator) - The Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District has a new 'Clean Air Projects Program (CAPP). Lisa Isaacs, the CAPP Administrator, will present information about this new program to the Board. This item is being sponsored by Supervisor Johnston.

Action: None.

Lisa Isaacs, CAPP Administrator:

- Appreciates the opportunity to address the Board.

- Explained the Clean Air Projects Program.
- Looking for projects that directly and measurably reduce air pollution in the District.
- A request for proposal will be released to the public at the end of this week; awards selections to be announced in early May.
- Their intent is to stretch this money as far as possible; looking for projects where there may be shared costs. Also looking for partnership projects and projects that would purchase local materials, etc.
- Address for anyone wanting access to RFP: www.capp.gbuapcd.org
- capp@gbuapcd.org to email Lisa; telephone: (760) 914-0388.
- Her best scenario is taking the \$5 million dollars and planning \$15 million in projects (through partnering, etc.).

Supervisor Hansen:

- Defense of North County air districts – doesn't want the Owens area to overshadow the Mono Basin.
- Questioned IMACA's purchasing. Is it local?

Supervisor Johnston:

- Yesterday the GBUAPCD Board approved a portion of these funds as block grants.
- Would like a team of players (our best creative thinkers) from the County to get together and brainstorm on some potential projects. Brian to relay that to others.
- He'd like to volunteer to be on the Great Basin selection committee.

Supervisor Bauer:

- Asked about the money that is earmarked already (Lisa explained projects currently being planned).
- How will grants be administered? (Lisa will ensure money being spent on what was applied for.)
- Has there been a formal discussion on how money is split? (Yes, distinction has been made but not approved yet).
- \$50,000 shortage on one of the YARTS busses – Supervisor Hansen had an idea that maybe GBUAPCD could partner with them on this shortage.

Supervisor Hazard:

- He's thrilled to see a funding source.
- Cost sharing – desirable but a lot of the smaller districts don't have the ability to do this.
- Reminder about funding sources available through San Joaquin.

PUBLIC WORKS - ROAD DIVISION

- 9a) Bridge Preventative Maintenance Program Presentation (Jeff Walters and a Quincy Engineering Representative) - Public Works contracted with Quincy Engineering to perform inspections and analysis on bridges throughout Mono County. There were a total of twenty three county bridges inspected by Quincy over the last year. A presentation by Quincy Engineering will discuss the results of their inspections and financial estimates of potential repairs and/or replacements. A copy of the Bridge Inspection Reports and Cover Letter are included as Exhibits 1 and 2 respectively to this agenda item.

Action: None.

Jeff Walters:

- Back in 2010 Public Works contracted with Quincy Engineering for Bridge Inspections.
- Two representatives from Quincy are here today to discuss these inspections.
- Showed board a map of United States outlining bridge inspections; we're in the same boat as everyone else.
- Bridge replacements can end up looking very much like the original, keeping its historical, iconic appearance.

Tim Osterkamp, Project Manager (Powerpoint presentation):

- Here to present a bit of background information.

Mono County Bridge Observation:

- Site visits – 10/2010 and 09/2011.
- 23 Bridge Structures Field Inspected.
- Project Purpose and Scope.
- Bridge Locations – Overview.
- Detailed specific bridges inspected and potential repairs/replacements for the future.
- Bridge finding summary. Overall they are in good to fair condition; nothing requires immediate attention.
- Funding alternatives discussed.
- Bridge priority list.
- Questions?

Supervisor Johnston:

- Asked questions about bridge span.

Supervisor Hazard:

- Was not happy with the media coverage of this item; asked if anyone had spoken to the media prior to today?
- Asked Scott Burns if he was planning on RPAC discussion for these potential bridge replacements.
- What about roads that are going to be rehabbed that include some of these bridges? We need to incorporate all the work.

Supervisor Bauer:

- Thanked them for coming.
- Asked for bridge priority list to be sent electronically to them.

Garrett Higerd:

- Will keep on top of road improvement as they might relate and overlap with potential bridge repairs.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Additional Departments: County Clerk

10a)

Human Resources - Linda Romero (Jim Arkens, Lynda Roberts) - Proposed Resolution R11-__ approving an employment agreement with Linda Romero and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment.

R11-85 **Action:** Approve proposed resolution # R11-85, approving an employment agreement with Linda Romero and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment.

Bauer moved; Hansen seconded

Vote: 3 Yes; 1 No: Johnston; 1 absent: Hunt

Jim Arkens:

- Linda Romero's contract is up for renewal.
- Two year contract.
- Lynda Roberts is here.

Lynda Roberts:

- Linda is very integral to the "heavy lifting" of managing the office, especially elections.

Supervisor Bauer:

- Thanked Brian for the financial information being included with these contracts; very helpful.

Supervisor Johnston:

- He has same issue with this contract as with all others that have previously come in front of the board.
- It's the contract phrasing: only allows for increase in salary, not a decrease.
- He cannot support the contract with the wording that is currently in it.

Additional Departments: Mental Health

10b) Human Resources - Mental Health (Jim Arkens, Ann Gimpel) - Proposed Resolution R11-___, approving an employment agreement with Richard Bonneau and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment. The position is a part-time, unbenefitted Alcohol and Drug Counselor.

Item pulled **Action:** Item pulled.

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OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

11a) County, Town, Water District GIS MOU (Clay Neely) - Mono County and the Town of Mammoth Lakes have shared the cost of the ESRI GIS software for several years. The cost of the software is increasing from \$15,760.06 to \$25,000per year for a ELA (Enterprise License Agreement) for three years. The Water District in Mammoth also uses the same software. The attached MOU is for the three agencies to share in the cost of the ESRI software. With three agencies sharing the new cost, the County's share increases by \$453 per year.

M11-282 **Action:** Approve County entry into proposed MOU and authorize Jim

Arkens to execute said MOU on behalf of the County.

Johnston moved; Hansen seconded

Vote: 3 Yes; 0 No; 2 absent: Hazard and Hunt

Clay Neely:

- Sharing cost with three agencies – our cost per year would increase by \$453; if not it would be about a \$7,000 increase.
- Questions?

Supervisor Bauer:

- Asked Nate about his “shared” position, how that works.

Supervisor Hansen:

- Are we safe from out of the country hackers?

Nate Greenberg:

- He works 50% for County and 50% for Town.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

12a)

University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) (Serena Dennis, Acting County Director and 4-H Program Representative) - Informational update on the Inyo and Mono Counties University of California Cooperative Extension, also known as the Farm Advisor's Office. Jim Arkens, County Administrative Officer, sponsored this agenda item.

Action: None.

Serena Dennis (powerpoint, copy kept in today's meeting folder):

Inyo-Mono-UC Cooperative Extension Programs (Agriculture and Natural Resources):

- Cooperative Extension
- Inyo-Mono
- ANR Strategic Initiatives
- County Advisor
- County Structures
- Mono County 4-H Youth Development Program
- 4-H Community Clubs
- Mono County Summer Science Camp
- 4-H National Science Experiment
- UCCE Master Gardner Program
- Inyo & Mono Counties Master Gardner Program
- Inyo & Mono Master Gardner Projects & Impacts
- 2012 and Beyond
- Questions?
- She will give recommendations by January 2012; she has been asked to stay on until June.

Supervisor Hansen:

- He was surprised to sit in on Master Gardner program panel. Very qualified people apply for this.
- We have a lot of agriculture here; we need to support it as much as possible.

Supervisor Johnston:

- He has a history of 4-H; he was a Silver Star 4-H person.
- 4-H led him to UC Davis where he ended up going to school.
- He thinks a 4-H program needs to be started in Mammoth; parents need better education as to what 4-H is.

Supervisor Bauer:

- She'd like to see the new Advisor be somebody that could help facilitate small water systems.
- How will the hiring process be handled?

PUBLIC WORKS - ROAD DIVISION

13a)

Mono County Speed Survey Results Presentation (Jeff Walters and a representative from Omni-Means) - The California Vehicle Code requires that Mono County perform speed surveys on county roads every five years. Unless recent speed surveys have been performed radar enforcement is not possible. Public Works contracted with Omni-Means to perform speed surveys on many county roads. The results of these surveys and the recommended speed limits on these roads will be discussed with the Board during this presentation and are also included as an attachment to this agenda item.

Action: None.

Jeff Walters:

- Discussion of the results of various speed surveys in Mono County.
- You need to do speed surveys during "normal" conditions; it's an average.
- Before surveys were done, he received information from CHP officers, etc. and they are looking for conscientious speeds on rural roads.
- Speed limit signs need to be posted for continuity; so that everyone is on the same page.
- Bring to RPACS? Then agendaize again for final recommendation on posting and the speed limits.
- Yellow cautionary signs can be changed without a survey.
- Introduced representative from Omni-Means, Paul Miller.

Paul Miller, Omni-Means (powerpoint presentation, copy kept in today's meeting folder):

Engineering and Traffic Surveys:

- Survey Locations
- Background Methodology
- Data Collection
- Data Collection Procedures
- Collision History
- Field Survey Results
- Average Speed
- 85th Percentile
- Pace
- Engineering Analysis
- Went over specific survey locations

Supervisor Johnston:

- Doesn't understand why Topaz Lane would be 45 mph; no one travels the road. It's a wide open, straight county road.
- What are chances of getting a speed limit of 70 mph on Highway 395 from Mammoth through Inyo County?
- The public should probably look at this information and weigh in.
- Asked question about curve signs, some of which don't seem adequate.

Supervisor Bauer:

- We need to have full board discussion as to whether or not we actually post these speed limit signs.
- She doesn't think today is the day to discuss the posting of the speed limits.
- Why do we want to post signs?

Supervisor Hansen:

- Agrees that we should err on the side of caution; these are rural roads.

ADJOURNMENT 2:55 P.M.

ATTEST (up until lunch):

DUANE "HAP" HAZARD
CHAIR

SHANNON KENDALL
SR. DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

ATTEST (after lunch):

VIKKI BAUER
VICE-CHAIR

SHANNON KENDALL
SR. DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

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