



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

December 21, 2010

9:10 AM Meeting Called to Order by Supervisor Byng Hunt, Chair

Pledge of Allegiance led by Marshall Rudolph, County Counsel

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Bauer

1. Congress is back in session to discuss a continuing resolution; no work is being done on the appropriation bills at this time.
2. Attended the YARTS meeting last week. Discussed Mono County's priorities and working documents for a short-range transit plan. Will bring forward an agenda item on January 11th.
3. Completed efforts for the June Lake Angel Tree.
4. Went out of town for the weekend.
5. Reviewed the Planning Commission minutes for tonight's meeting.
6. The NACo Rural Action Caucus has a new chair.
7. Will agendize an item for the third meeting in January pertaining to redistricting issues. The commission is in place and will start to hold public meetings. Bauer wants to ensure the County's interests are served.

Supervisor Farnetti

1. Attended the MCPE negotiations last Wednesday.
2. Attended the Town-County Liaison meeting. 1) Discussed the solid waste issue and created a work plan that will include the solid waste task force and representatives from the Town and County. 2) Rusty Gregory talked about airline service coming into Mammoth. Advance bookings are ahead of last year, and November was stronger than expected; summer service performed better than expected. The Mountain is planning to propose a three-way split in the cost (\$215,000 each).
 - Supervisor Hazard asked for a full disclosure about air service prior to bringing this issue before the Board.

Supervisor Hansen

1. Attended the RCRC conference. Discussed water issues and issues about diesel engines, which could affect the County. Met with Bob Haueter to discuss issues

- pertaining to Mono County; ongoing issues will probably have to be re-introduced.
2. Toured the Rock Creek project last Friday; believes the Board needs to proceed with the meeting tonight.

Supervisor Hazard

1. Attended the RCRC conference. 1) The District 5 Ranger for the Forest Service intends to improve the relationship with local governments. 2) Met with several people, including Assembly Member, Kristin Olsen; staff in the Governor's Office (and attended a tree planting ceremony in honor of the Governor); met with; Ken Cooley and Ted Gaines, candidates in the Senate District 1 race (believes Mono County will be well served by either candidate). Hazard is the RCRC vice chair of the legislative committee for the upcoming year.
2. Met with Bob Haueter in Mammoth; Haueter provided an update about issues in Washington, D.C.
3. AT&T service is now operating in Benton, but is still a problem in Chalfant. Will continue to work with AT&T to solve the problem.
4. There were a number of snow-related problems in District 2 with this recent storm; the snow crews have done the best job possible under the circumstances. Recent issues have shown there is a need for a secondary access road in the Swall Meadows community.
5. A group of people in Swall Meadows and Paradise would like the Board to cancel tonight's meeting due to weather and the upcoming holidays. Hazard believes it is important to continue in order to have the full Board present
6. Digital 395 was approved a few months ago, and people continue to ask what difference this will make to the County. In addition to high-quality internet access, positive impacts will probably become evident as the project moves forward.

Supervisor Hunt

1. Attended labor negotiations in Bridgeport. Reviewed notes and clarifications, and set a schedule for meetings in January to continue ongoing discussions.
2. Attended the Town-County Liaison meeting. Solid waste is a priority; working group meetings are scheduled for January and February. Also discussed funding for the school resource officer.
3. The Hot Creek appeal was heard before justices in Sacramento; the result seems much more positive this time for the Town. The decision should be issued in 90 days.
4. Air service funding will be a big issue. The County's participation this year was \$45,000; the new request will be for \$215,000.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

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

David Wilbrecht

1. Continuing negotiations with DPO and MCPE.
2. Holiday luncheons were well done and had good attendance.
3. Attended the Town-County Liaison meeting.
4. Continuing to hold status meetings with department heads.
5. There have been problems this week at Sierra Center Mall with propane fumes coming into offices. Employees in the Health Department and Social Services have been unable to work. The landlord is working on clearing snow away from the vents.

**Urgency
Item**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A matter concerning electrical power to the Conway Ranch that requires Board consideration prior to the end of the year.

M10-259

Action: Determine that there is a need to take immediate action with respect to the proposed agenda item, that the need for action came to the County's attention subsequent to the agenda being posted and, therefore, that the Board add the item to the agenda.

Hansen/Hazard, 5-0

M10-260

Action: 1) Approve the contract and authorize the Chair of the Board to sign it on behalf of the County. 2) Identify the Fish and Game Fine Fund as the source of funding for the project in the amount of \$14,261.03, and the Conway Ranch Grazing Fund as a secondary source of funding. 3) Acknowledge that the Conway Ranch Foundation will match up to \$15,000.

Hazard/Farnetti, 5-0

Tim Alpers, Conway Ranch, provided the following information:

- Late last Friday, received a notice and contract from Southern California Edison (SCE) regarding the installation of power on Conway Ranch.
- Conway Ranch Foundation has approached SCE in the past about bringing power onto the property, but the project has been cost prohibitive.
- Until the end of December, SCE can offer a deep discount (\$6,000-7,000) as directed by the IRS, thus significantly lowering the cost.
- Since Conway Ranch Foundation cannot afford the entire cost, Alpers asked the County to partner with the Foundation and contribute \$14,261.03 to assist with the power installation. Conway Ranch Foundation will match the County's contribution.
- The environmental work has been waived since the Ranch has a master plan in place.
- There is an existing power line that crosses the property in order to provide power to 5 homes.
- Electricity will help meet the goal of having a complete hatchery. Work will begin next spring.

Supervisor Farnetti: Suggested using funds from the Fish and Game Fine Fund or the Conway Ranch Grazing revenue rather than using general funds.

Marshall Rudolph, County Counsel: For several weeks the County has been expecting a letter from Caltrans about development on Conway Ranch, so it is unknown what their position will be about installing power. The grants don't address the issue of power, which is an ancillary service for the fisheries (an approved use).

David Wilbrecht, CAO: The Board needs to move forward and the County can address the issue with Caltrans if it comes up. The proposed project is a proper use of the property.

Supervisor Hansen: This source of water could be used in an emergency.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M10-261

A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 7, 2010.

Bauer/Hazard, 5-0

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 9:31 a.m.
Break: 10:05 a.m.
Reconvened: 10:13 a.m.
Adjourn: 11:23 a.m.

The Board had nothing to report from Closed Session.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 3a) 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

Jeff Walters, Public Works: Status report about the recent snow event and impact in South County; the road crew has been working hard. 1) Avalanche danger is high. 2) Planning to re-open Lower Rock Creek Road today. 3) Crowley Lake Drive at McGee will remain closed for now due to avalanche danger. 4) There have been flooding problems in some areas, and trees and power lines have been knocked down. 5) The storm has been downgraded for the next few days. 6) The density of the snow has caused problems. 7) Distributed a copy of the snow removal priorities. 8) Brett McCurry reported on the hours his crews have been working and the equipment problems they have encountered.

- Board Members acknowledged the crews' good work.

Brian Muir, Finance Department: Reported on the current property tax collections. Distributed a copy of the Current Secured Property Tax Statistics as of December 15th.

Lynda Roberts, Clerk's Office: 1) The County received its reimbursement of \$59,500 from the State for the May 2009 special election. 2) There is a possibility that Governor-elect Jerry Brown may call for a special election in May or June. 3) Outlined measures taken to prepare for the possibility of winter weather conditions on Election Day (January 4, 2011).

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) **Birchim Community Services District** - Reappointment of Rocky Scholl to the Birchim Community Services District Board. His term expired on November 30,

2010, and he is interested in serving another term.

- M10-262** **Action:** Reappoint Rocky Scholl to the Board of Directors of the Birchim Community Services District.
Hazard/Bauer, 5-0

SOCIAL SERVICES

- 5a) **Contract for Subscription to Safe Measures, Data Reporting Service -**
Proposed contract with National Council on Crime and Delinquency pertaining to purchasing a 2 year subscription to the Child Protective Services management information system, Safe Measures.

- M10-263** **Action:** Approve County entry into proposed contract and authorize David Wilbrecht, CAO to execute said contract on behalf of the County.
Hazard/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

- 6a) Birchim Community Services District Resignation Letter - Information from the Birchim Community Services District about the mid-term resignation of Barbara Faessel, and appointment of her replacement, Patricia Corto.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- 7a) **Human Resources - County Administrative Officer** (Jim Arkens, David Wilbrecht) - Proposed resolution approving an employment agreement with David Wilbrecht (County Administrator) and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment.

- R10-88** **Action:** Adopt Resolution R10-88 approving an employment agreement with David Wilbrecht (County Administrator) and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment.
Bauer/Farnetti, 5-0

Brian Muir, Finance Department: Before the Board is renewal of the employment contract with David Wilbrecht, CAO. The Board has reviewed his performance and asked for this contract to come forward.

Supervisor Hunt: Wilbrecht had a very favorable evaluation, and the Board appreciates his hard work.

7b) **Human Resources - County Counsel** (Jim Arkens, Marshall Rudolph) - Proposed resolution approving an employment agreement with Marshall Rudolph (County Counsel) and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment.

R10-89 Action: Adopt Resolution R10-89 approving an employment agreement with Marshall Rudolph (County Counsel) and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment.
Farnetti/Bauer, 5-0

Brian Muir, Finance Department: Before the Board is renewal of the employment contract with Marshall Rudolph, County Counsel. The Board has reviewed his performance and asked for Human Resources to prepare this contract.

Supervisor Hunt: Rudolph had a very favorable evaluation, and the Board appreciates his hard work.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

8a) **Personnel Appeals Board** (Lynda Roberts) - Appointment of a member of the Personnel Appeals Board to hear an appeal by an employee. This involves an employee who is a resident of Supervisorial District 2.

M10-264 Action: Appoint Supervisor Hazard to sit on a Personnel Appeals Board.
Bauer/Hansen, 5-0

Supervisor Hazard volunteered to serve on the Personnel Appeals Board.

COUNTY COUNSEL

9a) **Resolution of Appreciation for Assistant County Counsel Mark Magit** (Marshall Rudolph) - Proposed resolution of appreciation for Mark Magit, Assistant County Counsel.

No Motion Action: Approve Resolution of Appreciation for Mark Magit, Assistant County Counsel.

Marshall Rudolph, County Counsel, read the resolution and said this echoes everyone's feelings.

Mark Magit: It has been a great honor to serve in the County Counsel's Office, serve the Board, and work with other County employees.

Supervisor Hunt: Looks forward to Magit's service as Superior Court Judge.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

10a) **Resolution of Appreciation for Supervisor Tom Farnetti, District**

1 (Supervisor Hunt, Board Chair) - Resolution of Appreciation recognizing the years of dedicated service provided by Supervisor Tom Farnetti, District 1.

No Motion **Action:** Approve Resolution of Appreciation honoring Supervisor Tom Farnetti, District 1.

Supervisor Hunt read the resolution and presented it to Supervisor Farnetti.

Supervisor Farnetti: Said he has enjoyed working with the other Board Members and with the County employees. The Board has built a good foundation for the County. He acknowledged that this has been an excellent Board and the County has hard-working employees. The Board has had differences but has tried to find solutions that are best for the constituents and the County. He expressed feelings of sadness about leaving the Board, and will miss the association with the other Board Members. Larry Johnston will bring a lot to the Board.

ADJOURN: 11:23 a.m.

ATTEST:

BYNG HUNT, CHAIR

LYNDA ROBERTS
CLERK OF THE BOARD

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