



**DRAFT 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
 Mammoth Lakes BOS
 Meeting Room, 3rd Fl. Sierra
 Center Mall, 452 Old
 Mammoth Rd., Mammoth
 Lakes, CA 93546

January 17, 2012

Flash Drive	Mammoth Portable Recorder
Minute Orders	M12-10 to M12-16
Resolutions	R12-04 to R12-08
Ordinance	Ord12-01 NOT USED

9:00 AM

Meeting Called to Order by Vikki Bauer, Chair

- **Supervisors Present:** Supervisors Bauer, Hansen, Hazard, and Johnston
- **Supervisors Absent:** Hunt

Pledge of Allegiance led by Rick Phelps, High Sierra Energy Foundation

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- **Rick Phelps**, High Sierra Energy Foundation, recognized the presence of their new board members. Gave an update about the success of the Eastern Sierra Energy Initiative, a partnership between Bishop, Mammoth Lakes and Southern California Edison (SCE). High Sierra Energy Foundation works with SCE on the small business direct install program (energy efficient lighting); 50 businesses in Mono County, not including Mammoth Lakes, have saved 425,000 kilowatt hours, which equates to \$64,000 annual savings. Southern California Edison is also working on other strategic energy initiatives.
 - Jesse Langley, SCE Sustainability Programs, reiterated the importance of the local partnership with Mono County.
 - Dan Brady, SCE Local Public Affairs, presented a resolution of appreciation to Mono County.
- **Katie Bellomo**, Attorney at Law, presented a letter regarding Consent Agenda Item 6a (appointments to the Personnel Appeals Board) and a potential conflict of interest.
 - Supervisor Bauer, Chair, pointed out that comments pertaining to this item should be made at the appropriate time during the meeting.
- **Leigh Gaasch**, Mammoth Lakes resident: 1) Thanked the Board for a recent agenda item that gave an overview of services provided by the County. 2) Thanked the Board for their willingness to help with trash issues in Mammoth Lakes. 3) Thanked the

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Board for holding their third meeting each month in Mammoth Lakes; the Board treats the public with respect.

Closed Session: 9:16 a.m.
Break: 10:30 a.m.
Reconvened: 10:37 a.m.
Lunch: 11:58 a.m.
Reconvened: 1:05 p.m.
Adjourned: 4:03 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board had nothing to report from Closed Session.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 1a) 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

M12-10

A. Approve minutes of the regular meeting held on January 3, 2012, as corrected.

Hansen moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent (Hunt)

- Supervisor Bauer: Board Member Reports, bullet point #1, "Our request..." should be "YARTS' request..."
- Supervisor Hansen: Item 9a, Hansen comments, bullet point #2, change to read, "Suggested that the County give the road to the Town so they can maintain it to their standards."
- Supervisor Johnston: Item 11a, motion, delete "taken off table" and change to "Supervisor Hunt withdrew his second".

- 3) BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Bauer:

1. Attended the June Lake Chamber of Commerce meeting.
2. Participated in the agenda review meeting.
3. Toured the geothermal facility.
4. Attended the Mono Basin RPAC meeting.
5. Will agendize an item for February 7 pertaining to Mammoth Mountain Ski Area.
6. Participated in a phone call with Fitch on Friday regarding the paramedic program.

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7. Participated in a phone call on Friday with the USDA rural action caucus and the White House; numerous cuts have been made to USDA rural development/farm offices, but Mono County won't be impacted.
8. Set up an Eastside Gateway meeting and a route management meeting.
9. Since Representative Jerry Lewis retired, many others have stepped forward as candidates for the Congressional race.
10. Over the weekend a food truck vendor in June Lake waited for the state inspector, and was told he didn't need the state inspector. Louis Molina solved the problem by giving the vendor a short-term temporary vendor permit.
11. The mid-year budget review is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22.

Supervisor Hansen:

1. Attended the Mono Basin RPAC meeting.
2. Toured the geothermal facility.

Supervisor Hazard:

1. January 10: Attended the ERAF hearing in Sacramento; motion passed 5-0 and the issue will move to the Budget and Finance Committee. Governor put \$4.4 million in the budget to make counties whole this year. In the future, the county auditor would create a projection of lost revenue based upon a formula. Regarding AB109 and EMS ALS issues, RCRC is creating two groups to work on the issues; Hazard will be part of both working groups. He will continue as vice chair for RCRC.
2. January 12: Attended a meeting with Praxis; Digital 395 is moving forward. Construction will potentially start in May. Also attended the Planning Commission meeting in Crowley; the cell tower project passed with a couple of requirements. Crowley may have service by late summer/early fall.
3. January 13: Attended a geothermal heat exchange class presented by Tom Perry, Building Department. Hazard suggested asking the Planning/Building Department to hold a home-builder class for the general public to talk about heat exchange installation. There may be potential to move this technology into County buildings. When considering rebates and energy savings, the payback for a residential property is only 4-5 years.
4. January 16: Received information about Meb Keflezighi's recognition party on January 17 in Mammoth. Hazard sent this information out to his email list.

Supervisor Hunt:

1. Absent.

Supervisor Johnston:

1. Attended the Planning Commission meeting. Regarding the cell tower, the Commission opted for a Mono pole because of Department of Fish & Game requirements for a raptor-proof structure. Approximately six people attended the meeting and spoke in favor of the project.
2. Attended the geothermal heat source introductory program. The system costs a lot of money (\$30,000-\$40,000 for a home); however, there are tax incentives available to homeowners. It may be possible to install this heating source in County buildings under the CAP program.
3. May visit RPAC meetings next month in order to observe.

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:

1. Attended the MAG meeting in Mammoth Lakes; the topic was about the Baldridge

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- award that was created to recognize excellence in agencies.
2. Attended a meeting about the tri-county fair; they lost \$200,000 due to state funding cuts, and also lost other state subsidies. The representative may want to make a presentation to all agencies involved in order to explore possible funding support. Harkens encouraged him to recruit more bookings in order to subsidize the fair.
 3. Participated in the DSO negotiations.
 4. Worked on personnel issues.
 5. Held department head status meetings.
 6. Will have Coffee with the CAO next Monday and Tuesday to give everyone the opportunity to ask questions.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES

- **Dan Lyster**, Economic Development: Attended the Long Beach travel and convention show over the weekend. Mono County and other Yosemite Gateway communities set up booths in the Yosemite pavilion; this collective display won best of show.
 - Alicia Vennos, Economic Development: 1) Distributed copies of the 2012 Visitor Guide and 2012 calendar, which were distributed at the show in Long Beach. 2) Meb Keflezighi of Mammoth Lakes won the Houston Marathon and will represent the USA at the upcoming Olympics in London.
- **Marshall Rudolph**, County Counsel: The County received no response from other agencies about purchasing the Davidson House; the next step will be to solicit bids. The house is currently locked up and not being used; however, there is some concern about squatters.

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.)

Supervisor Hansen pulled Item #6a.

ELECTIONS

- 5a) Election Invoice for Mammoth Unified School District - An invoice for costs associated with Mammoth Unified School District's special election held November 8, 2011.

M12-11 **Action:** Approve the invoice addressed to Mammoth Unified School District for the costs associated with the November 8, 2011, Special School Election.
Hazard moved; Hansen seconded
Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent (Hunt)

HUMAN RESOURCES

- 6a) Personnel Appeal Board Appointment - Appointments to the Personnel Appeals Board for three pending personnel appeals.

M12-12 **Action:** Appoint Ralph Obenberger to act as a Personnel Appeals Board Member for three pending discipline matters.
Hazard moved; Bauer seconded
Vote: 3 yes; 1 no (Johnston); 1 absent (Hunt)

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Board Comments

- Supervisor Hansen: Ms. Bellomo's letter, which she presented during public comments earlier in the meeting, makes a valid point.
- Supervisor Bauer, Chair: Noted for the record that each Board Member received a copy of Ms. Bellomo's letter.
- Supervisor Johnston: Noted for the record that Ms. Bellomo spoke earlier during public comments.

John Vallejo, Deputy County Counsel: The undersheriff did not have a role in the departmental investigation; therefore, in his opinion there is no conflict of interest.

The Board deferred this issue to the last item of the day in order to have time to review Ms. Bellomo's letter.

Marshall Rudolph, County Counsel, discussed two points: 1) Since personnel appeals are quasi-judicial proceedings, the County Counsel's Office separates attorneys' functions in order to satisfy due process. This means tasks are worked on independently (i.e. John Vallejo represents department heads, and Stacey Simon is counsel to the Personnel Appeals Board). Since the issue raised in Ms. Bellomo's letter impacts both Vallejo and Simon, they both independently researched the alleged conflict of interest with appointment of Ralph Obenberger to the hearing panel. Both Vallejo and Simon found in their independent reviews that there is not a conflict of interest if Obenberger is appointed. 2) On a related matter, under the new personnel rules the Board of Supervisors pick members for the standing pool, and also pick a member or members from the standing pool to serve on particular hearing panels. However, the Board does not need to be involved with appointing members to particular panels; the Board can delegate this authority to the CAO, which would be consistent with the Union's process of selecting panel members. Changing this part of the process may require the County to meet and confer with the Union.

Board Comments

- Supervisor Hazard: Can support having the CAO pick panel members from the Board-appointed pool. Believes Ralph Obenberger is a good choice for the hearing panel in question.
- Supervisor Johnston: Does not like the perception of conflict with people who are appointed to boards. Bellomo raises good questions, and Obenberger's appointment seems to have the appearance of a conflict of interest.
- Supervisor Hansen: Evidence is the most important part of the hearing. Bellomo raised good points; however, it is not the duty of the Board to object to the way the process is being handled under the new personnel rules. Supports moving forward.
- Supervisor Bauer: The Union makes a choice from their pool and the County makes a choice from their pool. Neither side can tell the other side which member to select. The purpose of the pool is to eliminate the potential delay when panel members can't agree on a third member. The new rules do not have a procedure for challenging choices; the Board will not challenge the Union's choice, and the Union should not challenge the County's choice.

John Vallejo, Deputy County Counsel: As written, the personnel rules ensure due process. The Union has conveyed verbally that Supervisor Hansen will be the member they select for two of the three hearings; the Board has no say in who the other party selects. Also, there is no legal conflict if the Board appoints Obenberger. Stacey Simon, Assistant County Counsel: Her research found no finding of bias in this question; the party challenging would have to provide

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actual facts and evidence.

Regarding delegating authority to the CAO to select members for specific hearing panels, the Board asked County Counsel to agendize this as a separate item.

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) No Correspondence Received

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 8a) Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access (John Wentworth, MLTPA CEO and Board President) - John Wentworth will present an update detailing the current state of the Mammoth Lakes Trail System (MLTS); recent developments and future actions related to the system, such as the adoption of the Trail System Master Plan; and data reflecting MLTPA's efforts as a contractor to the Town of Mammoth Lakes in support of this system. Supervisors Hunt and Johnston sponsored this agenda item.

Action: None, informational only.

John Wentworth, MLTPA: PowerPoint update about the Mammoth Lakes Trail System.

- The Mammoth Lakes Trails Master Plan (adopted by the Town on October 19) supports the entire system. This is the master development plan for the trail system.
- Since September 2011, working on a partnership with the Town and Forest Service to move the project forward.
- The trail system will provide a variety of fulfilling recreational opportunities for the public.
- The inaugural documents of authority will culminate in a proposal to the Forest Service so all facilities are under one rubric.
- MLTPA has documented and inventoried all physical assets; currently working on intellectual property rights (photographs, maps, digital assets) for way-finding panels and websites.
- Worked with the Town on governance of the system; there is a coordinating committee to oversee establishing priorities, reviewing funding sources and accomplishing work.
- Researched trail systems nationally and internationally to determine how other areas manage trail systems.
- Discussed the various program areas with the Town and Forest Service.
- MLTPA wrote a Measure R application on behalf of the Town; the Town Council will review the application at tomorrow night's meeting.
- Work will culminate in a plan for managing, building, implementing, and marketing the system (to be reviewed at the February 1 Town Council meeting).
- Work done so far will assist with integration of trail systems in the County and integration with various recreational opportunities.
- Showed photos of different types of way-finding signs; Mammoth will soon get 100

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- signs.
- Currently building a website for the Town's trail system; can work with the Town/County tourism to link to sites.
- Lessons learned can be exported to the County.

Board Comments

- Supervisor Johnston: Many trails were built in the 1990s under a different plan; the signage hasn't been maintained and trails have cracks and potholes. The Town will need to address funding for maintenance.
 - Wentworth: The Town has deferred maintenance issues, but Measure R funds can be used to maintain projects built with Measure R funds. The coordinating committee's first charge is to review maintenance needs of current facilities and develop a plan.
- Supervisor Hazard: Appreciates the work done thus far by MLTPA; it is reaching a point where the system can be expanded to County trails.
- Supervisor Bauer: Asked for clarification about the special use permit.
 - Wentworth: Currently working on a single use permit with the Forest Service under which special permits can be issued for individual projects. A special use permit will obligate an entity, such as the Town, to maintain an asset, but Measure R funds can be used for new projects.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Additional Departments: Mono County Child Abuse Prevention Council

- 9a) Program proposal submitted by the Mono County Child Abuse Prevention Council pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code section 18967. (Julie Tiede) - Request by the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Mono County for approval to fund two programs from the County Children's Trust Fund in Fiscal Year 2011-2012 for an amount not to jointly exceed five thousand, five hundred dollars (\$5,500.00).

M12-13 **Action:** Approval of expending funds from the County Children's Trust Fund in Fiscal Year 2011-2012 in an amount not to exceed five thousand, five hundred dollars (\$5,500.00) for two programs as recommended by the Mono County Child Abuse Prevention Council.

Hazard moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent (Hunt)

Julie Tiede, Social Services: The County Children's Trust Fund, funded through various sources, is to be used for child abuse prevention and intervention. Use of funds requires approval by the Child Abuse Prevention Council and Board of Supervisors. The Child Abuse Prevention Council approved two projects: strengthening families, and dental sealant program (initially targeted in Mammoth with potential to expand into the County). Strengthening families is a model of five protective factors within families. A team of people from five agencies will attend three training sessions in Sacramento in order to create a collaborative network in Mono County to build and implement a program. The goal is to move children away from foster care.

Board Comments

- Supervisor Bauer: Appreciates seeing the meeting minutes of the Child Abuse Prevention Council.

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- Supervisor Johnston: Asked how dental sealants relate to child abuse.
 - Tiede: Dental issues can be severe and create serious medical issues. This program is considered intervention and prevention.
 - Mary Stanley, Social Services: Dental issues are cause for concern in child welfare. Sealants will be done free of charge at schools, and will be open to all children. Dental issues will be noted on a student's record.
- Supervisor Hazard: Would like an aggressive outreach effort so parents sign up for the service. If the amount requested today proves to be too low, bring back another request for additional funds.

HUMAN RESOURCES

10a) Employment Contract for Lisa Vetter (Jim Arkens) - Proposed resolution approving a contract with Lisa Vetter as Deputy Probation Officer II, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment.

R12-04 **Action:** Approve Resolution #R12-04, approving a contract with Lisa Vetter as Deputy Probation Officer II, and prescribing the compensation, appointment and conditions of said employment. Authorize the Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Hazard moved; Hansen seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent (Hunt)

Jim Arkens, CAO/HR Director: Vetter is a former County probation officer; she left employment in order to raise her family. Due to recent vacancies, the Probation Office needs additional help. This is part-time, temporary position, and funding is in the budget.

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OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING DIVISION

Additional Departments: Economic Development

11a) Resolution approving the submittal of an application to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for the Eastern Sierra Biomass Utilization Project (Wendy Sugimura) - Proposed resolution approving application for grant funds for the Eastern Sierra Biomass Utilization Project under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84).

R12-05 **Action:** Adopt Resolution #R12-05 approving application for grant funds for the Eastern Sierra Biomass Utilization Project under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84).

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Johnston moved; Hazard seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent (Hunt)

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Department: Provided information on November 15 about the Eastside Biomass Team and efforts to utilize biomass materials. Submitted a pre-application to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for a grant, and the project was deemed eligible. Sugimura asked the Board to approve the full application for a grant to conduct a feasibility study to determine whether or not the project should move forward.

Board Comments

- All Supervisors voiced their support for this project and the feasibility study.

Additional Departments: Public Works

11b) Resolution approving the submittal of applications to the Clean Air Project Program (Wendy Sugimura) - Proposed resolution approving applications for grant funds under the Clean Air Projects Program administered by the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District.

R12-06 **Action:** Adopt Resolution #R12-06, approving applications for grant funds under the Clean Air Projects Program administered by the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District; include project list as modified.

Johnston moved; Hazard seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent (Hunt)

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Department: At the December 6 Board of Supervisors meeting, Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District gave a presentation about the availability of \$5 million for clean air projects that would reduce or indirectly reduce air pollutants. Sugimura's staff report outlines potential projects; the front runners are those that would render direct reduction in air pollutants. Staff will develop applications for the projects selected by the Board. Sugimura provided an overview of projects:

- Heavy diesel fleet replacement of equipment: \$108,000 to replace 9 engines; filters would cost extra. The County is required to replace the engines by 2020 to be in compliance.
- Replace street sweepers and water trucks with PM10 certified street sweepers. This equipment is required in the area of Mammoth Lakes and also Airport Road; uncertain about whether or not the equipment is required in the entire air basin.
- Elimination of propane use in County buildings (Annex I and Annex II). Propane has associated emissions which would be eliminated. An additional benefit would be reduction of utilities cost. Research is needed to determine which buildings would provide the most reduction in air emissions.
- Fleet conversion to natural gas: Reduction in cost of gasoline, and reduction in air emissions.
 - Supervisor Johnston: Provided copies of information and talked about the benefits of natural gas. Natural gas would have to be transported in, but it is safer than propane. A Clean Cities advisor will provide more information and assess whether or not they can justify installing compressed natural gas fueling stations; Inyo County is interested in partnering with Mono County. Matching grants are available from the federal government.
- Solar panels installed on Memorial Hall, and Annex I and II in Bridgeport. This would reduce electrical consumption and coal burning outside the air district, which is an indirect benefit. The project needs more research.

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- Road shop exhaust removal: Under this project, the County would install filtration systems that would attach to vehicles to vent exhaust outside so shop doors could remain closed when performing repairs and maintenance; this would reduce heating costs. Total cost is about \$100,000.
- Removal of the Old Hospital building in Bridgeport: The heating is inefficient and costly. The old building would be replaced with a smaller, more efficient building. This project would remove air emissions.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of the various projects:

- Concern about replacing engines in aging vehicles. Older equipment needs to be replaced.
- All the projects are worthwhile and should be done whether or not grant funding is awarded.
- Consider projects that affect clean air the most, such as reducing vehicle emissions.
- Wood stove replacement would be a valuable project.
- Closing the Old Hospital and relocating Animal Control is a priority.
- Regarding fleet conversion to natural gas, the YARTS busses are supposed to be CNG, but CNG vehicles will not climb hills safely.

Sugimura: If a project looks viable (such as projects to replace propane in County buildings and install solar panels) and staff can get the necessary information in time, staff can submit grant applications; otherwise, they won't pursue grants at this time for some of the projects.

The Board identified the following projects for submittal of applications to the Clean Air Projects Program: 1) partial replacement of the heavy duty diesel equipment fleet, 2) road shop exhaust removal systems, 3) elimination of propane use in County buildings, 4) fleet conversion to LNG/CNG and fueling station infrastructure, 5) solar panels at the Bridgeport government campus, and 6) removal of old hospital and relocation of animal shelter.

11c) Inyo-Mono Integrated Regional Water Management (Tony Dublino) -
Presentation by Tony Dublino regarding recent activities of the Inyo-Mono
IRWM group.

Action: None (informational only).

Tony Dublino, Community Development Department: Gave an update about activities of the IRWM group.

- Received \$1 million in funding last summer; project proponents are working with a fiscal agent.
- The group discussed planning grants last fall; these studies can be used in the plan.
- Distributed copies of a spreadsheet showing how various projects were ranked. The ranking will be approved at the January 25 meeting.
- Discussed the MOU and reviewed the definition of a quorum; the group will try to increase participation at meetings to maintain the current definition of a quorum.
- During the upcoming round of grants, the County could submit applications and bring funding to Mono County.
- Funding has been allocated to pay for overhead costs to coordinate the IRWM. DWR set aside planning money to improve the actual plan.

Supervisor Johnston: Asked Dublino to bring back some ideas for specific project proposals.

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PUBLIC WORKS - ENGINEERING DIVISION

Additional Departments: Finance, Community Development

- 12a) Resolution approving the submittal of applications to the Storm Water Grant Program (Garrett Higerd) - Receive staff report on potentially submitting an application for a grant funded by Proposition 84 (the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006). The proposed project would include planning and design for drainage improvements in June Lake.

R12-07 **Action:** Adopt Resolution #R12-07 approving the submittal of applications to the Storm Water Grant Program.

Hazard moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent (Hunt)

Garrett Higerd, Public Works: Matching grants are available to local agencies for the reduction and prevention of storm water contamination to rivers, lakes, and streams; 10% is allocated for planning and monitoring of storm water projects. Work was started in June Lake to address drainage and storm water issues. Approximately \$80,000 in prior funding could be used towards the grant match in order to get more funding for a comprehensive project. However, it is difficult to administer these types of grants due to lack of staff resources.

Supervisor Bauer: The June Lake PUD may be interested in helping administer a grant.

COUNTY COUNSEL

Additional Departments: CAO

- 13a) Grand Jury Report (Marshall Rudolph, Jim Arkens) - Consider proposed Board response to 2010-11 final grand jury report.

M12-14 **Action:** Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign said response to 2010-11 final grand jury report, with revisions as specified by the Board.

Johnston moved; Hansen seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent (Hunt)

Marshall Rudolph, County Counsel: The Board is required to provide a response to the Grand Jury within 90 days of publication of the report. The Board responds on behalf of departments/agencies under control of the Board; elected department heads respond for their departments. The penal code requires a standardized type of response. Rudolph worked with the CAO on the proposed response, and worked with Public Works on a particular matter. The Sheriff responded to a matter concerning his department. Rudolph distributed and reviewed a revised copy of the proposed response.

The Board revised the proposed response by eliminating wording pertaining to the Sheriff's response, and by replacing the last paragraph on the last page with a thank you to the Grand Jury for their public service.

SHERIFF CORONER

- 14a) Sergeant Allocated Positions (Sheriff Richard C. Scholl) - Receive report regarding allocation and use of sergeant positions in the Sheriff's Department.

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M12-15 **Action:** Authorize the Sheriff to backfill the one Sergeant vacancy due to a recent resignation.

Hazard moved; Johnston seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent (Hunt)

Sheriff Scholl: Reviewed the staff report and emphasized the need to backfill the position. He reviewed data gathered about span of control and immensity of tasks for supervisors in his department. Last year he gave up a lieutenant's position, and work has now been absorbed by other officers. Responsibilities are increasing and his department needs adequate supervision. He asked for Board approval.

Board Comments

- Supervisor Hansen: Supports the position, which is allocated and budgeted.
- Supervisor Bauer: Do the sergeants participate in patrol duty?
 - Sheriff: The sergeants do participate in patrol duty, but he would like them to be out in the community more often; OES is keeping one of the sergeants in the office. The size of County also creates issues.
- Supervisor Johnston: The department eliminated the lieutenant position, but the work has not been eliminated and the number of incidents has increased. For example, the Sheriff's office provides backup for the Town of Mammoth Lakes. Johnston supports having sufficient supervisory personnel to accomplish the necessary work.
- Supervisor Hazard: The OES position needs to be moved out of the Sheriff's department; ancillary functions that interfere with primary duties should be eliminated. Supports the request.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

15a) Resolution Ratifying and Approving Expansion of YARTS Board (Supervisor Vikki Bauer) - Resolution ratifying and approving, on behalf of Mono County, proposed expansion of the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Board of Commissioners from three to six members.

R12-08 **Action:** Approve Resolution #R12-08 ratifying the expansion of the YARTS JPA
M12-16 Board of Commissioners from three to six members. Authorize the Chair to execute a revised JPA Agreement upon approval by at least one other JPA member county. Appoint Supervisor Hansen as the additional member.

Johnston moved; Bauer seconded

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 absent (Hunt)

Supervisor Bauer: YARTS needs this resolution in order to move forward with changes that have been discussed previously by the Board of Supervisors.

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ATTEST:

VIKKI BAUER
CHAIR

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CLERK OF THE BOARD

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