



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

November 6, 2012

9:01 AM Meeting called to Order by Chairwoman Bauer.

*Supervisors Present: Bauer, Hansen, Hazard, Hunt and Johnston.  
Supervisors Absent: None.*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Hansen.

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

*No one spoke.*

*Closed Session: 9:02 a.m.*

*Break: 10:41 a.m.*

*Reconvene: 10:50 a.m.*

*Lunch/Closed Session: 12:11 p.m.*

*Reconvene: 1:45 p.m.*

*Closed Session: 5:32 p.m.*

*Adjourn: 6:00 p.m.*

**CLOSED SESSION**

*There was nothing to report out of either closed session.*

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- 1a) Closed Session - 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.
- 1b) Closed Session - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: U.S. v. Walker River Irrigation District et al.
- 1c) Closed Session - 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. Facts and circumstances: dispute related to Conway Ranch grant compliance.

- 1d) Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: Richard Luman v. Mono County Personnel Appeals Board et al.
- 1e) Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: M. McGovern worker's compensation case.
- 1f) Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: J. Madrid worker's compensation and personnel appeals cases.
- 1g) Closed Session - Conference with Real Property Negotiators - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Government Code section 54956.8. Property: 71 Davison Street, Mammoth Lakes, CA. Agency negotiators: Jim Arkens, Brian Muir, Marshall Rudolph, and Robin Roberts. Negotiating parties: Mono County and Aleksandar Cvetkovic. Under negotiation: terms of payment.
- 1h) Closed Session - Performance Evaluation - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Counsel.
- 1i) 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**

### **Laura (The Sheet):**

- Discussion regarding delivery locations of paper.
- Supervisor Bauer to sponsor item on upcoming agenda to discuss this.
- Marshall Rudolph: Full contract vs. partial contract – there seems to be confusion.

## **2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**M12-231 Action:** Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 9,

2012.

**Hunt moved; Hansen seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**M12-232** **Action:** Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 16, 2012.

**Hansen moved; Johnston seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

3) **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Supervisor Bauer:**

- Deferred due to time constraints.

**Supervisor Hansen:**

- Deferred due to time constraints.

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- Deferred due to time constraints.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- Deferred due to time constraints.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Deferred due to time constraints.

**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:**

- Deferred due to time constraints.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES**

(PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES EACH)

**Louis Molina (Environmental Health):**

- AB 1616 – allows certain types of food to be prepared in your own kitchen.
- Direct sales type operations with Health Department review vs. indirect sales where people could sell to restaurants and store. Discussions ongoing as to what's allowable.
- Coalition working on this at the local level. Goes into effect January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Supervisor Hazard: asked question about marijuana products (Louis: not one of the foods that would be allowable).

**Stacey Simon:**

- Giving update for Scott Burns.
- Explained how the November 13<sup>th</sup> appeals need to be heard.

**Garrett Higerd:**

**Bryant Field:**

- Has been reopened for full use for three weeks. Contractor did a very good job; would like the Board to take a field trip out there.
- There are a few punch list items being finished.
- Will be working on new airport improvement plan; additional projects are being identified; he has received a call regarding the feasibility of constructing and leasing a hangar at Bryant Field.
- Supervisor Johnston: thanked Garrett for his recent work on various projects; noticed there is still no snow stakes on the airport road? (Jeff Walters: will be installed early next week or late next week.)

Rock Creek Road Project:

- Received the 30% design of the Project Plans – FHWA has been working on this to rehabilitate the road. A portion is in Inyo.
- Looked into applying for a rubberized asphalt grant for various roads; the size of the project would fit but the problem with this grant is that it only covers certain costs – we'd need \$750,000 to repave the road.

**Jeff Walters:**

- Results of Recent Auction of Surplus Equipment – on October 13<sup>th</sup> held by TNT.
- Five vehicles, three snowmobiles and various other equipment - over \$37,000. Mono County received a check for over \$35,000.

**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.)

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING DIVISION**

5a) Bridgeport RPAC - Appointment of two members to the Regional Planning Advisory Committee for Bridgeport Valley.

**M12-233** **Action:** Appoint Mike Booher and Erinn Wells to the Bridgeport Valley Regional Planning Advisory Committee with terms expiring in January 2014.

**Hazard moved; Hunt seconded**

**Vote: 4 yes; 1 no: Johnston**

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Pulled item from consent agenda for discussion.
- Understands that one of the people up for appointment is a county employee, he does not support this.
- He feels it creates the potential for conflict as staff to the RPAC.

**Supervisor Hansen:**

- He thinks that there is no conflict; he supports all new members.

**Supervisor Bauer:**

- Becoming a county employee should not alter your citizenship in the community; they should be able to do both.

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- Not a discussion limited to RPACS; he's thankful that county employees WANT to participate.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- He agrees with Supervisor Hazard; employees can excuse themselves if there is a conflict.

**AMBULANCE PARAMEDICS**

6a) Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) Appointment - Appoint Ales Tomaier to the Mono County EMCC for a term of two years, replacing Bob Rooks as the representative of the Mono County Fire Chief's Association.

**M12-234** **Action:** Appoint Ales Tomaier to the Mono County EMCC for a term of two years, replacing Bob Rooks as the representative of the Mono County Fire Chief's Association.

**Hunt moved; Hansen seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

## 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) Bridgeport RPAC Letter of Appreciation - Letter of appreciation from Benny Romero of the Bridgeport RPAC thanking Hank Cole for his service throughout the years.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Pulled item from agenda for discussion.
- Hit and miss on recognition of these folks.
- There should be something coming from the Board to show their appreciation.
- It's in the Planning Department's realm to figure it out.
- It's his suggestion that we have a protocol for ALL commissions.

**Supervisor Hansen:**

- Most of the time someone on the RPACS wants to handle this, he thinks it's appropriate as-is.
- Is there one person in Planning or Community Development that should really be responsible for this?

**Supervisor Bauer:**

- She thinks that each RPAC should handle their own way of recognizing members.
- The RPACS are independent.

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- Has a difficult time believing that the Planning Dept. staff has a role in this.

- 7b) Brian Muir Letter of Resignation - Correspondence from Brian Muir dated October 29, 2012 resigning from his position and thanking the citizens of Mono County for allowing him to serve as their first Finance Director.

**Supervisor Bauer:**

- Thanked Brian; he has made a big difference in Mono County.

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*The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.*

### FINANCE

- 8a) Quarterly Investment Report (Brian Muir) - Receive quarterly investment report for the period ending September 30, 2012.

**Action:** None.

**Brian Muir:**

- Gave explanation of item.
- Went over various details of report.
- He is going to provide suggestions to the Board.

### SOCIAL SERVICES

Additional Departments: Human Resources

- 9a) Approval to Fill Vacant Position (Julie M. Tiede) - Request for approval to

fill vacant Social Worker III position.

**M12-235** **Action:** Approve the Department of Social Services' filling of the vacant Social Worker III position.

**Hunt moved; Hansen seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**Julie Tiede:**

- She's specifically asking to hire a level III – there are currently two new social workers, she needs an additional one with some experience.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

Additional Departments: Probation

10a) Authorization to Fill FTS IV - Probation (Jim Arkens, Karin Humiston) - Presentation by Jim Arkens/Karin Humiston regarding filling a FTS IV position with the upcoming retirement in the department.

**M12-236** **Action:** Authorize Human Resources to recruit for a FTS IV in Probation. Provide any desired direction to staff.

**Hazard moved; Johnston seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**Jim Arkens:**

- Paula is getting ready to retire.
- This position needs to be refilled.

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- Is the fiscal impact listed reflecting her salary specifically? (Jim: no, just FTS IV, not hers specifically.)

**Brian Muir:**

- This is just to hire for the position in general.

## AMBULANCE PARAMEDICS

11a) Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (Lynda Salcido, Interim EMS Chief, Stacey Simon, County Counsel) - Proposed new Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with San Bernardino and Inyo Counties pertaining to the Joint Powers Agency known as the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency ("ICEMA"), established by JPA in 1975 and continued by revised JPA in 1988.

**M12-237** **Action:** Approve County entry into proposed Joint Powers Agreement and authorize Board Chair to execute said Agreement on behalf of the County. Provide any desired direction to staff.

**Hunt moved; Hansen seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**Lynda Salcido:**

- This is to sign a revised JPA with the ICEMA group.
- She gave a brief history.
- No substantive changes.
- Discussion about REMSA monies.

**Stacey Simon:**

- Inyo has already approved it; there is one slight shift: the duties not currently being performed were discussed.

- The funding for Hospital Preparedness is no longer coming to the county.

## SHERIFF CORONER

- 12a) Mono County Emergency Operations Plan (Sheriff Richard C. Scholl / Sgt. Jeff Beard) - The Mono County Emergency Operations Plan was revised per the guidelines set forth by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA). The plan was written with input from all co-operators with a review process by the co-operators and CalEMA. The current plan was revised to include sections: Access and Functional Needs; Animal Care and Shelter; and Incident Command System (ICS) during any event.

To view a copy of the Mono County Emergency Operations Plan (which is too large to attach to the agenda item), please go to our website: [www.monocounty.ca.gov](http://www.monocounty.ca.gov) and visit the Board of Supervisor's page. Once there, find the November 6, 2012 meeting date and there you will find a link to the plan.

Recommended Action: None.

### **Ralph Obenberger:**

- Asking for approval of the new Emergency Operations Plan; has been in the works for two years. Sgt. Beard worked on this, arranging for an "in-state" person to be involved in the preparation.
- Believes that county government is more responsible than we might think.
- Has to have this plan in place to reach mandates. Perhaps after action plan from East coast can be reviewed later.
- Will bring back as consent item after Supervisor Hazard has read a hard copy.

### **Supervisor Johnston:**

- From disaster on East Coast; are things happening there being addressed here as a what-if? Do we have sufficient resources in place?
- He thinks maybe we need another look over proposed plan.
- He thinks we need to be a little more proactive in light of what's happened.

### **Supervisor Bauer:**

- She appreciates the work that has gone into this.
- Our shelters are helpful and even though we have them there is a limit to what we can control.
- We need more money for Local CERTS.
- What guidelines do you have to set up the writing of this plan? (Sgt. Beard went over guidelines, requirements)

### **Supervisor Hansen:**

- We can't depend on the government for assistance.
- We can't even compare ourselves to New York.
- We need to look out for ourselves and be prepared. It points to people being more self-sufficient.

### **Supervisor Hazard:**

- He is not going to approve this; he has not had a hard copy to consult.
- Relationship between this Board and our Incident Command needs improvement with roles clearly defined.
- It's not about things you plan and prepare for, it's everything else; sometimes we have to do the best we can.
- He's asking that it be deferred until it can be further reviewed.

- Suggested an Incident Command training once new Board is seated.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- He had no trouble reviewing it online.
- We have to rely on our own individual ability to add things as we go.
- He's supportive of this.
- He thinks it's not only government's responsibility but also ours.

**Sgt. Jeff Beard:**

- In terms of electricity, that is private enterprise's responsibility.
- In terms of county, it is our responsibility. For example, fuel has been handled in the past. At community centers, we have generators.
- This is a planning tool, not a step by step policy.
- There will be a lot of information coming out about the East Coast tragedy.
- EOP should be reviewed every year.
- Deadline: must need to be approved by next grant cycle which is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

13a) CSAC Appointments (Shannon Kendall) - Selection from the Board of Supervisors of a member and alternate to serve on the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Board of Directors for 2013.

**M12-238** **Action:** Elect Supervisor Johnston to serve on the CSAC Board of Directors for the 2013 Association year beginning November 27, 2012. Elect Supervisor Hazard to serve as an alternate on the CSAC Board of Directors for the 2013 Association year beginning November 27, 2012.

**Hansen moved; Hunt seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- Suggested that this be put off a week.

**Supervisor Bauer:**

- Personal choice is to do interim appointments now.
- She's not comfortable appointing supervisor elect people to this position.

Additional Departments: CAO, County Counsel, Assessor, Sheriff

13b) Response to 2012 Grand Jury Report (Jim Arkens, Marshall Rudolph) - Board of Supervisors' response to 2012 final grand jury report.

**M12-239** **Action:** Approve and authorize Chair to sign said response, with such revisions as the Board may deem appropriate (if any).

**Hunt moved; Hansen seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**Marshall Rudolph:**

- Explained the nature of the Grand Jury Response.
- Usually the Assessor would take part in the response pertaining to her department; she is so new that it is appropriate for the Board to respond to this portion.
- Discussed jail response.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Suggested change to letter.

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

*No one spoke.*

**RISK MANAGEMENT**

Additional Departments: Public Works Road

- 14a) Twin Lakes Mudslide (Rita Sherman, Jeff Walters) - Receive staff report regarding Twin Lakes mudslide.

**Action:** None.

**Rita Sherman:**

- Gave brief history.
- There has been a lot of work done by private contractor since this agenda item was created.
- Back in 1997, they did a Forest Service agreement with county that helped get culvert bypass. The county only helped secure the funds; it's not the county's liability.
- It IS a public access road; we need to keep road open.
- Match requirement for this type of project is 25%.

**Jeff Walters:**

- Contractor Jeff Hansen completed the work on October 26, 2012.
- There is still considerable material within the diversion. The work Jeff did will suffice for most rain/snow melt-off events.
- This may buy the homeowner's time to come up with a more permanent solution.
- It is his understanding that the Forest Service is not responsible, the homeowner's are.
- County's cost: \$25,000 to move debris.

**Supervisor Hansen:**

- Asked about the back-up documentation going back to 1997.

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- Before we do any significant work we better make sure we have all the correct liabilities in place.
- We need to get this resolved with the Forest Service and homeowners.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- It is the Forest Service's property; they should handle it.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**LAWRENCE SCHWARTZ:**

- Agreement currently in place with Forest service only includes three homeowners.
- Agrees that the Forest Service should step up but they are standing behind this agreement.
- Not only a threat to properties but a safety issue.
- Had to get permit through Forest Service to have Construction Specialty come in and do work. They hold Construction Specialty harmless should this happen again.
- Thanked Public Works for the effort of clearing the road.
- Discussed causes of mudslides, possible solutions. He had heard an amount of \$25,000 to fix?

- NRCS didn't think there was any money to fix.

**RUBEN BRASSER:**

- 1963-64 they had a major mudslide.
- He is one of the three homeowners that signed the agreement with Forest Service.

**FURTHER BOARD DISCUSSION:**

**Supervisor Hansen:**

- In the same boat as years previously.
- We should protect the people; they are residents/taxpayers.
- What was done in 1997 failed; the county does have some liability.
- Have Public Works do additional research on this? Thinks County needs to step up.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- He thinks we should formally ask the Forest Service to fix this.
- County Counsel to assist us with this?

**Supervisor Bauer:**

- Can we advocate for homeowners to get the Forest Service to step up?
- She appreciates the positive attitude of all homeowners.
- Some initiative needs to be taking.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- Definitely in our interest to protect our road.

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- We need to be careful about knowing what our role is.

**PUBLIC WORKS - FACILITIES DIVISION**

Additional Departments: Community Development, Public Works Road, Building Official, Environmental Health

15a) Old Sheriff Substation (Rita Sherman) - Discussion on the options at the Old Sheriff Substation.

**Action:** Discontinue spending staff time on converting the Old Sheriff's Substation into living quarters.

**Bauer/Hazard**

**Vote: 2 yes: Bauer, Hazard 3 no: Johnston, Hansen and Hunt.**

**Motion fails.**

**Rita Sherman:**

- This is a discussion about options; involves several different departments and everyone is here today.
- Waiting to get bids done from Facilities.
- We have had to do double duty on this project because of misrepresentation.
- LADWP has issue with the use of the property? Not sure what that entails.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- We are at the same place where we started.
- Today we should have an estimate of the costs. How do we go out to bid without estimated costs? Steve Kabala was finally hired to do plans.
- He thinks this needs to be moved on to a different department in order to get something accomplished.
- When might this project be able to be done?
- The berm project should be put into the capital project fund; can be postponed for now.
- Thinks the Housing Fund should be used which would not impact the general

fund at all.

- If you want to unnecessarily spend public funds, you tear the building down. It's a perfectly good building. Government can help this use exist. That's what we should do at no cost to the public.

**Supervisor Bauer:**

- We don't have agreement to have a tenant in there. The consensus was that we would look to see what it would cost to have a tenant in there.
- How much does Tom Perry anticipate this will cost?
- Still of the opinion that we should not be providing housing for Mr. Ouimet and dogs.

**Supervisor Hansen:**

- Asked why the berm was relevant?
- Not sure how to proceed.
- To stop now would be a total waste of time. We should go one more step.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- Perceived time frame of lease?
- Doing something with it before lease expires?
- Because of time situation and costs involved, might be time to look at Plan B. Allowing dog sled business to remain there but not having access to old building.
- He agrees we should see this go one step further.

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- He was opposed to having this on the agenda.
- The building is a wreck, the water is contaminated.
- Once we create public housing, certain standards need to be met.
- Not interested in converting the substation; needs to come down.

**Louis Molina (Environmental Health):**

- Issues with water are complicated; this water is unregulated.
- Historically we had systems test for high arsenic but again, this is an unregulated system – doesn't need to meet criteria.
- Hit and miss on bacterial issues.

**Steven Kabala:**

- Completed building plan checklist.
- Should be in Bridgeport by Thursday.

**Tom Perry:**

- Received Kabala's initial plan two weeks ago; followed by a discussion with him. They seem to be on the same page, plans seem reasonable.
- He's looking for the corrected plan.
- Who's going to do the work? The county? Will it be subbed out? It could be \$50,000 - \$60,000 if it were subbed out.

**Joe Blanchard:**

- Waiting on plans to be able to compare apples to apples.
- The plans need to be actually approved to move forward.

**Marshall Rudolph:**

- Reminded the board that there may be an informal bidding process to go through.
- He thinks you would have to adjust the use permit for something like this.

**John Vallejo:**

- If we are providing a dwelling unit we have to make sure it complies with many codes, with respect to our liabilities.
- Recently, the lease was extended until this coming July. If board directs, we can draw up a new lease.
- Mr. Ouimet wants a place he can take care of the dogs.

**Jim Ouimet:**

- He denies chasing people out of there; claims he's been cooperative.

**Jeff Walters:**

- Discussion of handout; building options and berm discussion; cost estimates.

**Brian Muir:**

- Add berm to mid-year budget discussions? (Consensus: yes.)

**Scott Burns:**

- Issue of berm is not presently in use permit; could be considered an enhancement. We have some flexibility in the current use permit that gives CAO some discretion; will have to go through the process.

**PUBLIC WORKS - ROAD DIVISION**

16a) Eastern Sierra Unified School District - Request for Snow Removal Services at Edna Beaman Elementary (Jeff Walters) - The Eastern Sierra Unified School District (ESUSD) is requesting Mono County Public Works provide snow removal services this winter on the access roads and parking area at the Edna Beaman Elementary School in Benton. ESUSD also would appreciate any fee waiver should the Board authorize Public Works to perform this service.

**M12-240** **Action:** Provide snow removal services this winter at the Edna Beaman Elementary School in Benton and waive any fees associated with it.

**Johnston moved; Hazard seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**Jeff Walters:**

- Explained item.
- Don Clark is here from the School District.
- Any waiver of fees would be appreciated by the school district.
- This plowing would be done first thing in the morning, prior to kids and teachers showing up.

**Supervisor Hansen:**

- There isn't anyone local competing for this job?

**Don Clark:**

- They tried to find someone locally who had capability or advertised services. No one stepped forward.
- They are concerned that if it snows they won't have access to lot.

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- We should provide the service; it shouldn't tax us too much.
- Any fees associated with this should be waived.

16b) Pending Vacancy in Road Division - Maintenance Worker in Road Area 4/5 (Jeff Walters) - Due to a pending retirement of a Public Works Road Maintenance Worker III in Road Area 4/5 a vacancy would impact this division's service capabilities. Public Works is requesting authorization to begin recruitment to fill this upcoming vacancy.

**M12-241** **Action:** Authorize Public Works to begin recruitment to fill a pending vacancy, a Road Maintenance Worker II/III in Road Area 4/5.

**Hunt moved; Hansen seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**Jeff Walters:**

- Mike Rhodes is leaving the county; there will be a vacancy with road staff down in the Walker area.
- Goal is to fill that position to maintain the level of service we currently have.
- All budgeted in current budget.

## PUBLIC WORKS - ENGINEERING DIVISION

Additional Departments: County Counsel

- 17a) Change Order Authority for the Aspen Road Culvert Replacement Project (Garrett Higerd) - In performing this project the County and Contractor have encountered unforeseen circumstances impacting the manner and cost of project completion. A detailed update will be provided orally by Mr. Higerd at the Board meeting.

**M12-242** **Action:** Authorize the Public Works Director to approve and issue change orders in an amount not to exceed \$13,125.00 per change order with respect to the Aspen Road Culvert Replacement Project, provided such change orders do not substantially alter the scope of work, exceed budgeted authority, and are approved as to form and legality by County Counsel. (Note: this authorization shall supersede prior change-order authorization in Minute Order M12-217.)

**Hazard moved; Johnston seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**Garrett Higerd:**

- Project is well underway. Had to close road last night to continue work.
- Expects road to be open later this afternoon.
- We've had things pop up with project; explained the need to issue change orders (could be an additional \$5,000).

**Supervisor Hansen:**

- No matter how big an operation you are, you're bound to have problems when you start digging stuff up.

## PUBLIC WORKS - SOLID WASTE DIVISION

- 18a) Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Budget Discussion (Tony Dublino) - This item is in response to direction provided by the Board at the August Budget Hearings. The presentation will describe current challenges and offer potential solutions to the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund budget shortfall through cost cutting measures and means to generate additional revenue by increasing tipping fees and/or parcel fees. The presentation will also include a discussion and proposal for providing adequate outreach and education to inform citizens of any upcoming changes. Pending further direction from the Board, staff may develop a formal recommendation for consideration by the Solid Waste Task Force, with potential adoption by the Board in December.

**Action:** None.

**Tony Dublino:**

- Will try to keep it brief; does not plan to go over each document submitted with the packet.
- \$450,000 loan previously requested; he was asked to come up with solutions as

to how to make this budget solvent.

- He has a much better understanding of the budget.
- Discussed various strategies/approaches for the future.
- Privatization is not even on the table.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- Still wants to treat this as an enterprise fund.
- Suggests about a 20% increase in tipping fees; doesn't think a parcel fee should be considered.
- County is still absorbing the A87 costs on this?
- We shouldn't forgive any debt. It should have been dealt with in a fee increase three years ago.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- Also against parcel fees.
- Agrees with education process.

**Supervisor Hansen:**

- What about closing the Benton station five days instead of just two?
- People up north think the \$5 minimum is ridiculous; it shouldn't be raised.
- Recycling? Cut into fund seven more?

**Brian Muir:**

- A87 – Direct charge for a service, not a support service.
- We can't eliminate the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund.
- To what extent does the General Fund subsidize this? You can forgive some or all of this by making a contribution. Maybe the Board needs to consider this?

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- How about a proposal to see what it would take to privatize this thing?

**Supervisor Bauer:**

- Dump and Solid Waste Fund are two different things; giving it to somebody else doesn't make sense.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING DIVISION**

19a) Update on Bridgeport Main Street Revitalization Project (Wendy Sugimura) - Presentation by Wendy Sugimura regarding the results of the Bridgeport Main Street Design Fair.

**M12-243** **Action:** Authorize the Board Chair to sign the attached letter of appreciation to Caltrans District 9 for integrating the new striping plan into the current overlay project.

**Hunt moved; Johnston seconded**

**Vote: 5 yes; 0 no**

**Wendy Sugimura (powerpoint, copy on file with today's meeting folder):**

Bridgeport Main Street Revitalization Project: Design Fair Results:

- There was a lot of community participation.
- Vision.
- Values.
- What to do on Main Street.
- General Priorities.
- Perspectives.
- Asking the Board Chair to sign a letter of recognition to CalTrans.

**Supervisor Bauer:**

- CPT was having a discussion of a possible inter-agency building in Bridgeport.

**Supervisor Hansen:**

- Thanked Wendy and staff for efforts.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

- Would like this incorporated into Facilities Plan.

**Supervisor Johnston:**

- He thinks the facilities plan needs to be moved along so that if commitments are needed in capital projects we can address those.
- He doesn't think the purchase of Busters property is a priority.

**Scott Burns:**

- As we update General Plan and support with CEQA documents, Facilities Plans are being addressed.
- Echoed opinion that if it weren't for Wendy, this project wouldn't be near as far as it is.
- Carve out the Bridgeport Facilities Plan – expedite that? Is that what the Board wants?

**Jim Arkens:**

- Jail locations, etc. are somewhat mandated.
- If new jail is ever built in Bridgeport, there was an interest in having a court room built in that new jail.
- Gary Boyd of Mammoth Hospital thinks the purchase of Busters building would be a good thing to have for clinic and other related county departments.

- 19b) Inyo-Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Group (IRWVG) Update (Heather deBethizy) - Update on activities of the Inyo-Mono IRWMP, including the updated IRWM Plan and Round 2 Implementation proposal ranking.

**Action:** None.

**Heather deBethizy (powerpoint):**

- Handed out copy of upcoming agenda; outlined various decision points.
- Discussion about a new Mission Statement.
- Objectives discussed.
- Table of Contents.
- She recommends not stopping process regardless of list.
- She's starting some outreach with departments for future projects.

**Supervisors:**

- Asked various questions about project list and ranking.

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Additional Departments: Information Technology

- 20a) Digital 395 & Telemedicine (Supervisor "Hap" Hazard) - This workshop will be led by Supervisor Hazard during which time he will present a PowerPoint on Telemedicine, and how Digital 395 will improve such capacity in our region.

**Action:** None.

**Supervisor Hazard (powerpoint presentation, on file in today's meeting folder):**

- Telemedicine: The Cutting Edge of Healthcare for Rural Communities.
- Telehealth Today.
- History of Telemedicine.
- Telemedicine.
- Elements of a Distributed, Technology-Enabled Health Care System.
- Care at Home and in the Community.

- E-Mail Communication with Patients by Physicians.
- Chronic Disease.
- Care Management Process with the Health Buddy System.
- Remote Care: Convergence of Sensors and Jewelry.
- Outpatient Telemedicine.
- Synchronous Outpatient Telemedicine.
- S&F Ophthalmology and Dermatology.
- Tele-radiology – MMH/NIH
- Emergency Medical System.
- Hospital Based Telemedicine.
- Emergency & Inpatient Telemedicine.
- Tele-ICU.
- Tele-Surgery.
- Pediatric Critical Care.
- Remote Fetal Monitoring.
- Video-Interpreting Services.
- Telemedicine in Clinical Trials.
- Telehealth in Correctional Health.
- Correctional Telehealth.
- Examples of Telemedicine Services.
- Partnerships.
- Planning and Preparation.
- Mobile Video Station Examples.
- Looking Ahead.
- Telehealth in Disaster Preparedness.
- Death Reduction with Telemedicine.
- Technical Components.
- Needs Assessment.

ADJOURNMENT 6:00 p.m.

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