



**MEETING MINUTES  
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL  
COUNTY OF MONO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

MEETING LOCATION Suite Z, 2nd Floor Minaret Mall, 437 Old Mammoth Rd., Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

**Special Meeting  
July 18, 2017**

1:04 PM Meeting called to order by Board Chair Corless.

*Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Peters, and Stump.*

*Councilmembers Present: Colin Fernie, Shields Richardson, Bill Sauser, Mayor Pro Tem Cleland Hoff, and Mayor John Wentworth.*

*Supervisors Absent: Johnston.*

*Break: 2:39 PM*

*Reconvene: 2:49 PM*

*Adjourn: 4:34 PM*

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Wentworth.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Introduced Board, Council, and Staff.
- Noted Supervisor Johnston absent – asked to keep him in thoughts.

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

No one spoke.

**2. AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Outdoor Recreation--Opportunities for Collaboration and Enhancement**

Departments: Board of Supervisors and Town Council

(Mayor John Wentworth and Supervisor Stacy Corless) - Presentation by Mayor John Wentworth and Supervisor Stacy Corless regarding opportunities for

collaboration and enhancement of outdoor recreation in Mono County. Related background information can be located at the following link: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ra8fb3mhmovb1m3/AAA7IzX4MdTy4FwT2P-LAo1la?dl=0>

**Action:** Move to form a task force to explore recreational opportunities in Mono County as stated in the item documentation, and in terms of the four members, Supervisors Corless and Peters, Mayor Wentworth, and Councilmember Sauser, plus Danna Stroud, and move ahead with the anticipation that the Board work closely with and meet the budget requirements currently incorporated in the cycle with Mono County.

**Gardner moved; Peters seconded.**

**Vote: 4 Yes; 0 No; Absent: Johnston**

**M17-154**

**Mayor Wentworth:**

- Went through presentation.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Clarified that this item was to form an Ad Hoc committee in order to make specific recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.
- To be treated as a Brown Act committee, with a very specific function.

**Leslie Chapman, CAO, Mono County:**

- There are heavy duty time constraints. Mono County is in the middle of budget discussions.

**Lynn Baulton, Chair Sierra Range Club:**

- Carving out a piece of Mono County budget or create a budget? Are you going to consider a Measure R sort of thing? How do you pick what your budget will be?

**Jeremy Marshall, Humboldt-Toiyabe Bridgeport District Ranger:**

- Supports these efforts. Bring forth the untapped market. This is part of larger efforts between Bridgeport and Carson districts. The budget goes down every year.

**Danna Stroud, Sierra Nevada Conservancy:**

- Happy to provide support and participation in this effort.

**B. Termination of the Mono County Narcotic's Enforcement Program**

Departments: District Attorney

(Tim Kendall) - Explanation as to why the Narcotic Enforcement Program will no longer be utilized.

**Action:** None. Information Only.

**Tim Kendall, Mono County District Attorney:**

- Gave presentation.
- Most of 132 cases (arrests) were prosecuted, most in drug court, the ones handled in that manner were in custody. Some were diverted for other reasons.
- Does not know the details of the marijuana OD, was told by staff that there were ODs that resulted in a hospital visit.
- The reason the program is unsustainable is that it takes two officers focused on the task. Doing activities that involve narcotics with one officer poses a tremendous safety issue.
- Currently, the DA's focus is on helping those that need help, it's not putting them in jail. Probably only 2% of people voluntarily ask for help.

**Robin Roberts, Behavioral Health Director, Mono County:**

- Continued presentation.

- Our department has identified someone to lead a special project. Hoping that it will create something that will get more people to come to Behavior Health and won't have to come through law enforcement.

**Mayor Pro Tem Hoff:**

- 132 arrests last year, where did they go? 27 people in jail in Bridgeport?
- Someone OD'd on marijuana?
- Supportive of anything and has ideas, would love to work in any capacity.

**Councilman Sauser:**

- The program is doing good, and continues to do good.
- Distressed that the Sheriff will not come forward without the Town police coming forward.

**Mayor Wentworth:**

- Would appreciate if the DA made himself available to see how the Town can invest in this program. Shares the concern that the Town is just hearing about this now.
- The town has been trying to get out of a hole in regards to the bankruptcy. The Town has been looking at law enforcement issues in a bubble. The DA has a very willing partner with the Town to look to what steps need to be taken.

**Supervisor Gardner:**

- Not in agreement with the DA stopping the program. Would hope that the Board could give direction to staff to support what Mayor Wentworth said, and staff could come back to the Board with an alternative. The most compelling thing is that without a program, the county can't get people into treatment. What is more important than saving someone's life?

### **C. Civic Center Update**

Departments: County Administrative Office

(Tony Dublino) - Presentation by Tony Dublino on current status of Civic Center project from the County side. Discuss 'deal points' of proposed Agreement between Town and County enabling the orderly development and operations of the envisioned Civic Center.

**Action:** Direct staff to prepare final Agreement establishing process and cost responsibilities for developing a Civic Center on the Town's portion of the McFlex property, including direction on essential deal points, and bring Agreement back to Town Council and Board of Supervisors for consideration.

**Tony Dublino, Assistant CAO, Mono County:**

- Went through staff report.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- This would be a good chance to clarify ownership.

**Pam Kobylarz, Assistant to the Town Manager, TOML:**

- Will speak to the item on tomorrow night's Town agenda.

**Councilman Fernie:**

- It is premature to make comments on this issue until it is grappled with as a council.

### **D. Transfer of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant Funds from Lee Vining Airport to Mammoth Yosemite Airport**

Departments: Public Works

(Garrett Higerd) - Update on status of FAA Entitlement Funds and the Lee Vining Airport Lease.

**Action:** Approve Agreement for Transfer of Entitlements and authorize the County Engineer to execute said agreement on behalf of the County.

**Gardner moved; Peters seconded.**

**Vote: 4 Yes; 0 No; Absent: Johnston**

**M17-155**

**Garrett Higerd, County Engineer, Mono County:**

- Went through staff report.

**Councilman Sauser:**

- County doesn't have any shovel-ready projects. So County is giving it to Town as a 0% interest loan? Is that enough money to buy the land for the airport? Doesn't want to give neither County nor Town any legal issues.

**Grady Dutton, Public Works Director, TOML:**

- The FAA does look on this favorably. Effective because it keeps the money regional. Does not know the financial impact of this decision since he does not know how the Town will be able to return it.

**Leslie Chapman:**

- This is money that is going to be lost. As of today, the county needs to get this transferred to the Town so it is not lost. As long as there is an overall commitment to work towards that Lee Vining airport, which is a down-the-road decision.

**Mayor Wentworth:**

- Doesn't want to issue monies from the general fund.

## **E. Cooperative Programs and Services Updates**

Departments: Various

(Various) - Updates from various Town and County departments regarding joint programs and services.

Hear and comment on various cooperative programs and services including:

### **Community Conversation update (Board Chair Corless and Mayor Wentworth)**

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Community Conversation May 31 at Mammoth Brewing / The Eatery.
- Included updates about recreation, technology, and air service, then moved into a discussion of projects lined up for the Town and the County.
- Asked participants about what types of projects they want to see in their community, and then broke into smaller groups for a more in-depth discussion guided by four questions: what's great about all of this; what scares you about all of this; what do you need to know; and what did we miss?
- The meeting wrapped up with the questions "What do we want to look like this summer?" and "What do we want to look like in 20 years?"

**Councilman Fernie:**

- Heard a lot of feedback that people appreciated a different environment to interact with elected officials.

### **Cannabis update (Christy Milovich, Michael Draper, and Wendy Sugimura)**

**Christy Milovich, Assistant County Counsel, Mono County:**

- Since staff last updated the board, the trailer bill passed, now have Senate Bill 94, the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA).

- Waiting for new regulations, should be out in August.
- Community Development Department is in second round of outreach.
- At the meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be no staff update.
- The State will start licensing January 1, so the county has to have regulation by then, even if it includes continuing the moratorium.
- The onus is on the county to prove it has an ordinance of regulation, which is part of the new regulation.

### **Election update (Shannon Kendall)**

#### **Shannon Kendall, Clerk-Recorder, Mono County:**

- Provided update of election process.
- Plans to have two temporary election workers in the office, saturate the public with voter outreach; make presentations to RPACs; update website to include voter specific information, and coordinate more closely with the Town Clerk.

### **TOT enforcement update (Rob Patterson and Janet Dutcher)**

#### **Janet Dutcher, Finance Director, Mono County:**

- Talked about the Enforcement efforts Mono County has in place.

#### **Rob Patterson, Administrative / Finance Director, TOML:**

- TOML has an active enforcement process.
- Need to enhance approach using some sort of online search engine.
- Collecting tax and not remitting to the town is also fraud - add a 25% penalty.

#### **Leslie Chapman:**

- Made recommendation to go ahead with a short-term contract with host compliance, but keep talking about something that is better accommodating.

#### **Tim Kendall:**

- Failure to pay TOT can be tax fraud. As a last resort, county code and town ordinances can be enforced.

### **FLAP Grant (Grady Dutton)**

#### **Dan Holler, Town Manager, TOML:**

- Grant has been submitted.

#### **Grady Dutton:**

- Early August, should get a letter late August saying if the town has been selected or not.

### **Housing needs survey update (Sandra Moberly, Scott Burns, and Megan Mahaffey)**

#### **Sandra Moberly, Planning Manager, TOML:**

- Discussed the needs assessment survey.

### **Building Official update (Tony Dublino and Dan Holler)**

#### **Dan Holler, Town Manager, TOML:**

- Hired Tom Perry from the County, position hasn't been filled in the County. Have spoken with Scott Burns, share some services.

### **Assemblyman Bigelow visit in August (Dan Holler and Leslie Chapman)**

#### **Dan Holler:**

- Assemblyman Bigelow will spend some time in Bridgeport August 10-11 – he will be looking at the jail and court services, sheriff, probation, and also do a tour of the biomass plant.
- August 11 he will focus on the town area here in Mammoth Lakes.
- Has not heard of any public meetings being arranged yet.

**Leslie Chapman:**

- Luncheon at Bridgeport Inn at noon.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Asked if anyone had arranged a public meeting in Mammoth.

**Forest Plan Revision (Mayor Wentworth)**

**Mayor Wentworth:**

- Final draft of Forest plan in October.
- Level of damage this winter, may need to think about a letter of representation to the federal representative asking what the plan is to get some federal dollars to help fix this sort of stuff?

**Dan Holler:**

- Working with NaCo looking at recreation as a stronger piece on a national platform.

**F. Future Town / County Agenda Items**

Departments: County Administrative Office

Agenda items for future joint Town/County meetings.

**Action:** Identify possible agenda items for future joint Town/County meetings.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Try to get one more meeting in before the end of the year. Should have a conversation about animal control.

**ADJOURNED at 4:34 PM**

**ATTEST**

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**STACY CORLESS**  
**CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

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**SCHEEREEN DEDMAN**  
**SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK**