



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

Regular Meetings: First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified below.
Teleconference Only - No Physical Location

**Regular Meeting
January 19, 2021**

9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Kreitz.

Supervisors Present: Corless, Duggan, Gardner, Kreitz, and Peters (all attended via teleconference).

Supervisors Absent: None.

The Mono County Board of Supervisors stream most of their meetings live on the internet and archives them afterward. To search for a meeting from June 2, 2015 forward, please go to the following link: <http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/meetings>.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Peters.

Supervisor Peters:

- "The biggest communication problem is we do not listen to understand, we listen to reply." – Unnamed

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Bob Lawton, CAO:

- Meetings on budget development, administration budget
- Assistant CAO briefing, CAO Office Workplan

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Three agenda items coming to the Board on 2/9: Presenting mid-year budget review and adjustment, unveiling budget calendar for 2021-2022, and holding a workshop on fiscal policies

5. 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.)

A. Board Minutes - December 15, 2020

Departments: Clerk of the Board

Approval of the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 15, 2020.

Action: Approve the Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 15, 2020.

Corless motion; Peters seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

A. Letter to Governor Newsom re: County Regional Assignments

Letter from the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County to Governor Newsom requesting that Mono County be removed from the Southern California Region.

Public Comment:

- Ron Day

B. Letters from Mill Creek Water Right Holders in Response to Mono County Board of Supervisors Letter Sent on November 10, 2020

Letters from Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), Bureau of Land Management, and Inyo National Forest in response to a letter from the Mono County Board of Supervisors to Mill Creek water right holders sent on November 10, 2020.

C. Filing Notice of State Video Franchise Renewal for Suddenlink Communications d/b/a NPG Cable, LLC (Franchise #0040)

In accordance with California's Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act ("DIVCA"), General Order 169 and Decision 14-08-057 Amending General Order 169 to Implement the Franchise Renewal Provisions of the

Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act of 2006, Suddenlink Communications d/b/a NPG Cable, LLC hereby notifies the Board of Supervisors of the state video franchise renewal application it has filed for the region with the State of California.

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- County staff has been speaking with Town of Mammoth Lakes staff about preparing joint letter to Suddenlink expressing concerns

Moved to Item 7B.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Dr. Tom Boo, Mono County Health Officer) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including reports from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Unified Command (UC), and the various branches of the EOC, including Community Support and Economic Recovery, Joint Information Center (JIC), and Public Health.

Action: None.

Dr. Tom Boo, Mono County Health Officer, Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director:

- PPT presentation (can be found under Supporting Documents on the meeting webpage) – pandemic trends: local, regional, state, Vaccination update, testing update, case investigation and contact tracing (CICT), school guidance, newly recognized virus strain

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Appropriated money in disaster fund to cover cost of responding through EOC for pandemic, at least 75% of the cost to the County should be reimbursed by FEMA, money leftover that can be reappropriated immediately depending on Board policy

Kathy Peterson, Social Services Director:

- Update on assistance programs/resources available

Public Comment:

- Jamie Schectman
- Sarah Walsh

Break: 11:21 AM

Reconvened: 11:27 AM

Moved to Item 7E.

B. Mountain View Fire Update

(Justin Nalder, EOC Director) - Update on the Mountain View Fire in Walker, California.

Action: None.

Justin Nalder, EOC Director:

- Right of Entry forms
- Debris cleanup process to start 2/2
- Intermediate housing needs – 26 families identified, working with City of Los Angeles to acquire trailers
- Met with tribal leaders and representatives from FEMA

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Assistance provided by Liberty Utilities does not interfere with the recovery that the County seeks related to other damages resulting from the fire
- The City of Los Angeles wants indemnification from a government agency if there were issues to arise from the provision of the trailers

Supervisor Peters:

- Donation center update
- Relief fund update

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Clarified form to be submitted to Planning Division for trailer placement on property
- Noted that while the County has waived fees for building and planning permits for Mountain View Fire recovery, fire district mitigation fees will go into effect one year from when the structure was destroyed

C. Emergency Guardrail Replacement - Justification for Continued Emergency

Departments: Public Works - Roads

(Kevin Julian, Road Operations Superintendent) - Update on the Emergency Guardrail replacement project on Eastside Lane and North River Lane and finding of continued emergency.

Action:

1. As established by Public Contract Code Chapter 2.5, "Emergency Contracting Procedures," review the emergency action taken on Jan 5, 2021 and make a finding, based on substantial evidence set forth in this staff report and at the meeting, that the emergency continues to exist as to Eastside Lane and North River Lane, and that continuation of action to replace the damaged guardrail on both roads is necessary to respond to the emergency. [4/5th Vote Required.]
2. Delegate to the Mono County Road Operations Superintendent the authority to continue to procure the necessary equipment, services, and supplies for the emergency guardrail replacement on Eastside Lane and North River Lane, without giving notice for bids to let contracts, including executing any agreements or contracts for the construction or repair of the damaged/destroyed guardrails. [4/5th Vote Required.]

Peters motion; Corless seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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Kevin Julian, Road Operations Superintendent:

- Presented item

Justin Nalder, EOC Director:

- Recognized Kevin Julian and Stephanie Trujillo for work on this item

D. State Route 120 Freeway Rescission Recommendation

Departments: Community Development

(Bentley Regehr, Planning Analyst) - Proposed resolution to recommend rescission of the 1961 and 1964 State Route 120 freeway agreements between Mono County and the State of California.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution R21-12, Recommending Rescission of the State Route 120 Freeway Agreements.

Gardner motion; Duggan seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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Bentley Regehr, Planning Analyst:

- Presented item

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Clarified this is only a recommendation by Board of Supervisors to California Transportation Commission, who will make the final decision.

Moved to Item 7A.

E. Behavioral Health Update on Permanent Supportive Housing Project and Approval of Letter of Commitment for Tax Credit Application

Departments: Behavioral Health

(Amanda Greenberg, Program Manager, Robin Roberts, Behavioral Health Director) - Presentation by Amanda Greenberg regarding Mono County Behavioral Health's Permanent Supportive Housing Project, including updates on No Place Like Home (NPLH) grant application and letter of the County's commitment of MHSA and NPLH funding for Pacific West Communities' tax credit application.

Action: Approve and authorize County Administrative Officer to sign Letter of Commitment for the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC)

Corless motion; Gardner seconded.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

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Amanda Greenberg, Program Manager:

- Presented item

F. Mono County 2020-2021 Interactive Budget Book and Progress Toward Distinguished Budget Award from Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)

Departments: Finance

(Megan Mahaffey, Accountant) - In an effort to move Mono County toward a budget presentation worthy of distinction by the Government Finance Officers Association we have selected an interactive on-line budget book

format. The new interactive format improves transparency and allows for easier engagement and better governance.

Action: None.

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Introduced item

Megan Mahaffey, Accountant II:

- Presented interactive budget book

Public Comment:

- Good Citizen

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 12:23 PM

Reconvened: 1:03 PM

Nothing to report out of Closed Session.

A. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.

B. Closed Session - Initiation of Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: One.

C. Closed Session - Existing Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: Claim for damages filed by Arlene Wright against Mono County.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL RECONVENE NO EARLIER THAN 1:00 P.M.

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

11. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. Status of Child Welfare and Child Protective Services (CPS)

Departments: Social Services

(Michelle Raust, DSS Program Manager) - Presentation by Michelle Raust regarding the status of Child Protective Services (CPS) during the COVID-19 pandemic including System Improvement Plan progress, recent outcomes, and inter-agency systems of care updates.

Action: None.

Michelle Raust, DSS Program Manager:

- Presentation: Covid-19: Impact on Child Protective Services (CPS) in Mono County, recent outcomes for CPS-involved children and families, progress on the 2018-2023 System Improvement Plan (SIP), introduce AB 2083 mandate to develop a Children's System of Care (CSOC) and memorandum of understanding between child-serving systems

Break: 2:00 PM

Reconvened: 2:12 PM

B. 2021 Supervisorial Redistricting Process Workshop

Departments: IT and County Counsel

(Nate Greenberg, IT Director, Assistant County Counsel Milovich) - Presentation by staff on the required process and procedure for redrawing supervisorial district boundaries.

Action: Proceed with a Board driven 2021 redistricting process with no advisory commission.

Kreitz motion; Corless seconded.

Corless: Y

Duggan: Y

Gardner: N

Kreitz: Y

Peters: N

Vote: 3 yes, 2 no

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Peters substitute motion to wait 30 days to allow community outreach to occur. No second.

Assistant County Counsel Milovich, Nate Greenberg, IT Director:

- Presentation
- Recommended next steps

12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Supervisor Corless:

- 1/13: RCRC meeting and reception: updates on state legislation, wildfire prevention
- 1/14: Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience project meeting, meetings with members of the Board of Forestry and RCRC
- 1/15: NACo Public Lands Steering Committee
- Request to send letter of support to governor re: inclusion of wildfire prevention funding in budget (\$1billion in proposed budget).

Supervisor Duggan:

- 01/13/21 – RCRC Installation of Officers/Leadership Awards
 - I attended the RCRC virtual reception and the installation of the new chair, our own Supervisor Corless. There was recognition of outgoing officers along with appointment of new ones. There was recognition of retiring Congressman Paul Cook.
 - There was a panel discussion with agency leaders on California's Comprehensive Wildfire Prevention and Response.
- 01/14/21 - Owens Valley Groundwater Authority
 - I participated in the OVGGA Board meeting and reaffirmed Mono County's commitment to remaining in the organization to complete the Groundwater Sustainability Plan and to assure the Board Mono County's interests are properly represented and our voices will be heard.
 - There was a presentation by the consultants who are preparing the GSP that updates the information collected to date.
 - There was a PowerPoint presentation of a proposed Tri-Valley Well Vulnerability Assessment. This will be discussed and reviewed at upcoming TVGA meetings and I will relay the TVGA's feedback to the OVGGA.
- 01/15/21 – TOML Business Roundtable Discussion
 - I tuned in to the Town's Business Roundtable Discussion to keep in touch with the pulse of the community. Although Mammoth Lakes is not part of District 2, many District 2 residents own and operate businesses in Mammoth and the ripple affect is often felt county-wide.
 - There is a vacancy on the Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board of Directors. It is a Restaurant industry seat and has been publicly noticed. More information is available at www.visitmammoth.com
- The bulk of my time this week was dedicated to corresponding directly with people in the County wanting to get signed up for COVID-19 vaccinations. Again, I must thank Public Health Director Bryan Wheeler and his staff for their quick response to me and the public regarding their questions. The community feedback has been positive.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Last Wednesday Jan. 13 I participated in the RCRC installation of our own Supervisor Stacy Corless as Chair of that organization. I appreciated the panel of officials that spoke about forest health management and fire-related issues.
- Also last Wednesday I attended the Mono Basin RPAC meeting. Topics discussed included updates from USFS, SCE work in Lee Vining, and COVID.
- Last Thursday Jan. 14 I participated in a meeting of the Yosemite Gateway Partners. There was an interesting presentation about fire scar rehabilitation, mostly concerning the Creek Fire. Yosemite officials have not decided yet about whether they will use a reservation system this year. The park is open, but only for day use with minimal services.

- Also, on Thursday I attended a meeting of the Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project. This project will provide substantial fuel reduction potential for our County.
- Finally, on Friday the 15th I participated in a meeting of the NACO Public Lands Policy Committee. We heard updates about the new Biden Administration and the status of possible legislation.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- On January 13th I participated in a meeting with Caltrans District 9 staff, and Mono County and Town of Mammoth Lakes LTC staff to discuss the Overall Work Program. Reporting, timeliness and staffing were the main areas of discussion.
- I watched the RCRC Installation of Officers the evening of January 13th - Congratulation, Supervisor Corless on your appointment to RCRC 2021 Chair!
- Friday, January 15 there were three CCRH committee meetings I attended - Disaster Recovery/Prevention, Legislative, and Finance. Disaster Committee discussed the CCRH priority legislation for a disaster bridge loan program similar to what other states, such as New Jersey have implemented after the Hurricane Sandy. Legislative Committee discussed Atkins SB5 Housing Bond Act allocation of funding and is requesting more funds for ownership under the CalHome program. The Finance Committee review the organization's investment policy and made modifications to allow for invest in CDFIs and recommend the Board invest \$1.5 million for the next 12 months into the RCAC CDFI.

Supervisor Peters:

- 1/12: Attended Bridgeport RPAC - Caltrans made presentation, Bodie Road potential for winter park; Mountain View Fire relief fund meeting
- 1/13: Attended Mammoth Chamber Executive Committee meeting to talk about COVID response and work through CSAC, RCRC all-day meeting reception welcoming RCRC Chair, Supervisor Corless
- 1/14: Attended Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce meeting
- 1/15: Attended NACo Rural Action Caucus meeting, WIR monthly meeting, visited Mountain View Fire area and donation center, met with Jeff Simpson over several issues
- ESUSD back in session today

ADJOURNED AT 4:02 PM

ATTEST

**JENNIFER KREITZ
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**QUEENIE BARNARD
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**