



**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.

Meeting Location: Board Chambers, 2nd Fl., County Courthouse, 278 Main St., Bridgeport, CA 93517

**Regular Meeting
May 2, 2023**

9:02 AM Meeting called to order by Chair Duggan.

Supervisors Present: Duggan, Gardner, Kreitz, Peters, and Salcido. (All attended in person, teleconference, or via zoom).

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 Salcido.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Briana Brown, Bridgeport Chambers:

- Requested to pull Item #5f from consent for a discussion.

Javier Caltenco, Public Affairs Specialist U.S. Small Business Administration:

- Provided an update regarding the declaration and deadlines for the Economic Injury Disaster Loan for residents and businesses.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Proclamation Designating the Month of May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness Month

Departments: Behavioral Health

(Robin K. Roberts, Behavior Health Director) - Each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental illness. In designating May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness Month, Mono County joins the national movement to raise awareness about mental health and to provide education and reduce stigma

around mental health. Mono County Behavioral Health has planned activities and events to recognize Mental Health Awareness Month.

Action: Approved the Proclamation designating May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness Month.

Peters moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M23-079

Robin K. Roberts, Behavior Health Director:

- Presented item.

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Mary Booher, Interim County Administrative Officer:

- Attended the Budget Workshop meeting on Monday.
- Response to Public Comment (Briana Brown, Bridgeport Chambers) to pull item #5f; Requested that staff meet with the Bridgeport Chambers Representatives and bring back a workshop.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Sheriff Braun:

- Swearing in of new Undersheriff Clint Dohmen.

Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent:

- Dump day this weekend (Saturday, May 6) in Benton at the transfer station everything is free and in Chalfant on Sunday, May 26.
- Big Stuff Amnesty Month is in the works for possibly June and July 2023.

Scheereen Dedman, JEDI Coordinator:

- Update on JEDI monthly meetings.

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Update on Adaptive Management Working Group Planning meeting with City of Los Angeles Department Of Water And Power (LADWP) and the Executive Oversight Committee meeting.
- April 20, 2023, Planning Commission meeting update.
- Update on the modification of Cannabis Operation Permit 23-001/Sierra High.
- Update on the resolution of allowing storage of a vacant RV overnight.

Justin Caporusso, Caporusso Communications:

- Update on PIO Team JIC/JIS Workshop sponsored by the CA Department of Public Health.

Chris Mokracek, Emergency Management Director:

- Update on meeting with Senator Padilla's staff - requested that they reach out to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
- Update on the flooding in Bridgeport and June Lake areas and requests for sandbags and barrier walls.

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. Budget Adjustment - County Service Area (CSA) #1

Departments: CAO

Budget Adjustment for County Service Area (CSA) #1 to allow for potential repairs of tennis courts as weather permits.

Action: Approved budget adjustment included in the attached appropriation transfer request (requires 4/5 vote).

Kreitz moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M23-080

B. Mutual Aid Agreement between East Fork Fire Department and Mono County Emergency Medical Services

Departments: Emergency Medical Services

Mutual Aid Agreement with Eastfork Fire Department (EFFD) to assist with the 911 service in Mono County when County EMS services are out of the area with other 911 calls. This service will also be provided to EFFD when their units are out of their area by Mono County EMS.

Action: Approved the recommended agreement.

Kreitz moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M23-081

C. California Mutual Aid Agreement between Region I and Region VI

Departments: Emergency Medical Services

This is a Mutual Aid Agreement between Region I (Los Angeles, Orange, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties) and Region VI (Imperial, Inyo, Mono, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties) of the RDMHC (Regional Disaster Medical Health Coordination). This agreement allows for resource coordination and requests between the two regions to provide mutual aid during disasters or other incidents requiring the need of outside resources.

Action: Approved and authorized the Chair to sign the recommended agreement.

Kreitz moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M23-082

D. Review of Local Declarations of Emergency for 2023 Winter Storms

Departments: CAO, Office of Emergency Services

Review of local declarations of emergency related to 2023 severe winter storms proclaimed on January 10 and February 28, by the Mono County Emergency Services Director and ratified by the Board of Supervisors on January 17 and March 7, respectively (last review date: March 7, 2023).

Action: (1) Found that conditions justifying the two emergency declarations made by Mono County as a result of severe winter storms continue to exist and the emergency declarations should remain in place; and (2) Directed staff to agendize a subsequent review of the emergency declarations within 60 days as required by Government Code section 8630.

Kreitz moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M23-083

E. Regional Surface Transportation Program Road Funding Agreement FY 2022-2023

Departments: Public Works

Annual Funding Agreement through the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP).

Action: Approved and authorized Chair's signature on the Annual Funding Agreement through the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP).

Kreitz moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M23-084

F. Maintained Mileage - FY 2023-2024

Departments: Public Works

Proposed resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors specifying additions and/or exclusions to the maintained mileage within the county road system and establishing maintained mileage for fiscal year 2023-2024.

Action: Adopted proposed resolution R23-029, specifying additions and/or exclusions to the maintained mileage within the county road system and establishing maintained mileage for fiscal year 2023-2024.

Peters moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R23-029

Supervisor Peters:

- Pulled from Consent for discussion on designating certain roads for Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use.

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Suggested having discussion on designating certain roads for Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use be agenda for further discussion.

Directed staff to bring back a workshop on designating certain roads for Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use.

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - NONE

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Inyo National Forest Seasonal Fire Outlook Briefing

Departments: Clerk of the Board

(Lesley Yen, Inyo National Forest Supervisor; Larry Pingel, Interagency Fire Management Officer) - Presentation by Leslie Yen and Larry Pingel from Inyo National Forest regarding seasonal fire outlook.

Action: None.

Lesley Yen, Inyo National Forest Supervisor:

- Introduced item.

Larry Pingel, Interagency Fire Management Officer:

- Presented item.

Break 10:37 AM

Reconvened: 10:48 AM

B. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal of a Planning Commission Decision Denying a General Plan Amendment that would allow for Transient Rental Uses on a Parcel in Bridgeport

Departments: Community Development

(Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director) - Appeal of the Planning Commission decision to deny General Plan Amendment (GPA) 22-03, a proposed change of land use designation from Multi-Family Residential-Moderate (MFR-M) to Mixed Use (MU), and Use Permit 22-011, in support of a transient rental use.

Action: Conducted Public Hearing, and tentatively grant the appeal, thereby reversing the Planning Commission's denial of the General Plan Amendment GPA 22-03 and directed staff to return to the Board at the next available meeting with appropriate documents reversing the denial and making the required findings in support of the General Plan Amendment, to be placed on the consent agenda. Provided direction to staff to process the Use Permit 22-011 for the application for a transient rental under Director Review procedures.

Peters moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 3 Yes, 2 No

M23-086

Mary Booher, Interim County Administrative Officer:

- Recused herself from item.

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Presented item.

Public Hearing Opened: 11:16 AM

Chris Nicolas, Appellant:

- Provided background and receipts of correspondence.

Nick Criss, Compliance Officer:

- Clarified the business license was issued in error.

Public Hearing Closed: 11:45 AM

Vote:

Chair Duggan: Y

Supervisor Gardner: N

Supervisor Kreitz: N

Supervisor Peters: Y

Supervisor Salcido: Y

Break: 12:02 PM

Reconvened: 12:17 PM

C. PUBLIC HEARING: County Fees

Departments: Finance, CAO

(Janet Dutcher, Director of Finance) - Public hearing regarding changes to County fees.

Action: Conducted public hearing. Approved proposed Resolution R23-030, adopting fees for certain County permits and other services, and authorizing the Finance Director to compile and maintain one or more lists of County fees, removing Benton Crossing from fee list.

Peters moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R23-030

Janet Dutcher, Director of Finance:

- Presented item.

Public Hearing Opened: 12:21 PM

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Requested clarity on why Benton Crossing is currently on the fees list.

Justin Nalder, Solid Waste Superintendent:

- Clarified Benton Crossing will be deleted from future lists.

Mary Booher, Interim County Administrative Officer:

- Clarified fees on page 4 of exhibit.

Greg Cooke:

- Fee increases on organic, clean wood waste, and the stump fees have had a negative impact on his business.

Public Hearing Closed: 12:59 PM

D. Discussion and Direction regarding Dog Leash Laws in Mono City

Departments: Clerk of the Board

(Chair Duggan) - On January 17, 2023, the Board reviewed a letter from a Mono City resident regarding dog leash laws in Mono City. Chapter 9.44 of the Mono County Code (included as an exhibit) imposes leash laws in specified regions of Mono County, not including Mono City. The Chair requested that the issue of a leash law in Mono City be agendized at a future meeting for Board discussion and possible direction to staff.

Action: None.

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Recused herself from item.

Chair Duggan:

- Introduced item.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Provided background.
- In support of a dog leash law.

Supervisor Peters:

- In support of a dog leash law.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- In support of a dog leash law.

Dave Marquart, resident:

- In support of a dog leash law.

Ken Bone-Rundle, resident:

- In support of a dog leash law.

Lia Webb, resident:

- Opposed of a dog leash law.

Cory Duro, resident:

- Opposed to a dog leash law.

Lily Patel, resident:

- In support of a dog leash law.

Connie Henderson, resident:

- In support of a dog leash law.

E. Mono County Jail Facility Replacement Project - Update

Departments: Sheriff, Public Works, Finance

(Sheriff Ingrid Braun; Paul Roten, Public Works Director; Janet Dutcher, Finance Director) - Update about the activities taking place on the Mono County Jail Facility Replacement Project, including a review of the project's budget to actual results through February 28, 2023.

Action: None.

Paul Roten, Public Works Director:

- Introduced item.

Mike Davey, LIONAKIS Principal:

- Presented item.

Mary Booher, Interim County Administrative Officer:

- Presented item.

Sheriff Braun:

- Discussed jail funding and deficiencies of the current jail.

Directed staff to provide the Board with a quarterly update.

F. Loans to Local Utility Districts for Emergency Response

Departments: CAO

(Mary Booher, Interim County Administrative Officer) - Bridge loans to special districts in Mono County providing utility services that were impacted by severe winter storms and runoff to enable those districts to commence repairs prior to the receipt of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement.

Action: Adopted proposed Resolution R23-031, approving a budget adjustment appropriating \$2.5 million to be used as loans to special districts for utility (including water and sewer) in Mono County, for emergency response and repairs and authorizing the Interim County Administrative Officer to negotiate and execute loan terms and conditions within specified parameters and return to the Board once the loans are finalized (4/5 vote required).

Kreitz moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R23-031

Mary Booher, Interim County Administrative Officer:

- Introduced item.
- Discussed reimbursement process.

Jeff Simpson, Bridgeport Public Utility District President:

- Presented item.

Jessica Rockwell, Bridgeport Public Utility District Board Member:

- Update on the new pumps and grinders that were ordered.

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Clarified that this is a broad loan program that can be utilized for any district who has an emergency need.

G. Budget Adjustment for the Purchase of Loaders

Departments: Public Works

(Paul Roten, Public Works Director) - Budget adjustment to cover the costs to purchase five loaders to replace existing non-operational equipment.

Action: Approved budget adjustment (4/5 vote required).

Peters moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

M23-087

Paul Roten, Public Works Director:

- Presented item.

Break: 2:27 PM

Reconvened: 2:37 PM

H. Department Overview - Public Works

Departments: Public Works

(Paul Roten, Public Works Director) - Presentation by Paul Roten regarding responsibilities and activities of the Public Works Department.

Action: None.

Mary Booher, Interim County Administrative Officer:

- Introduced item.

Paul Roten, Public Works Director:

- Presented item.

I. Legislative Update

Departments: CAO

(Mary Booher, Interim County Administrative Officer) - Presentation by Mary Booher, Interim County Administrative Officer regarding the following legislative activities: Congressionally Directed Funding requests.

Action: None.

Mary Booher, Interim County Administrative Officer:

- Presented item.

Moved to Board Reports.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 3:14 PM

Reconvened: 4:34 PM

Nothing to report out of Closed Session.

Moved to Adjournment.

A. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Mary Booher, Stacey Simon, Janet Dutcher, Jack Conry, and Oliver Yee. 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 Correctional Deputy Sheriffs' Association. Unrepresented employees: All.

B. Closed Session - Exposure to Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: one.

C. Closed Session - Public Employment

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer recruitment.

D. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation

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

9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Chair Duggan:

- Spoke at the Caltrans memorial.

Supervisor Gardner:

- On Wednesday April 19 I chaired the quarterly meeting of the Mono County First 5 Commission. We approved several contracts, reviewed the First 5 Annual Evaluation, and the proposed 2023-24 Budget, and discussed potential childcare initiatives.
- Also, on April 19 I participated in the monthly meeting of the Mono Basin Fire Safe Council. We discussed planning for cleaning the fire breaks around Mono City and other wildfire prevention activities.
- On Thursday April 20 I participated in a meeting of the Mono Basin Partners. Topics at the meeting included reports from each of the task forces working on various projects in anticipation of the summer season in the Basin.
- On Friday April 21 I participated in the regular meeting of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments. Topics at that meeting included a briefing on the status of the Inyo Mono Broadband Coalition, a presentation on Regional Wildfire Resiliency Planning, updates

on the Community Economic Resiliency Fund and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, and an update from the Mono Inyo Airport Working Group.

- Also, on Friday the 21st I met with Supervisor Kreitz and others for the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Housing Subcommittee. We discussed selected opportunities for housing projects in the County.
- On Monday April 24 I joined the Local Agency Formation Commission meeting as a member of the public. The Commission reviewed their budget for 2023-24 and heard updates about pending projects.
- On Tuesday April 25 I participated with several others in an exercise in Mammoth to get input for planning the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy program.
- On Thursday April 27 I chaired the quarterly meeting of the Collaborative Planning Team. Topics at that meeting included winter storm and flooding updates, Caltrans reports on the progress of the Wildlife Corridor Project, and the Climate Change Workshop.
- Finally, yesterday I participated in the monthly meeting of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership. Topics at that meeting included storm and flooding updates, and various reports about several Federal, State, and regional grant and other initiatives.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- No report.

Supervisor Peters:

- Last Friday at 1pm Meeting regarding Highway 108 opening
- Attended the 4th of July fundraiser dinner in Bridgeport.
- Attended WIR meeting.

Supervisor Salcido:

- Friday, April 21: ESCOG Updates on initiatives and projects.
- Thursday, April 24: Collaborative Planning Team.
- Monday, May 1, 2023: ESSRP - Review of projects and initiatives out of ESSRP.

Moved to Closed Session.

ADJOURNED at 4:35 PM.

ATTEST

**RHONDA DUGGAN
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

DANIELLE PATRICK

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