



**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
December 12, 2023**

9:05 AM Meeting called to order by Chair Duggan.

Supervisors Present: Duggan, Gardner, Kreitz, Salcido, and Peters. (All members were present in-person or participated via teleconference in compliance with rules established by the Ralph M. Brown Act).

Supervisors Absent: None.

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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Peters.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

2. RECOGNITIONS - NONE

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer:

- Bridgeport Post Office update.
- Update on the phone call campaign.

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Clarifies qualification of the need and when to add an urgent item.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Inquired about the phone call campaign.
- Discussed the report from Colorado mountain towns regarding USPS and the issues with mail delivery in mountain towns similar to Mono County.

B. Urgency Item Addition to Agenda – Discussion and direction regarding the urgent situation with the Bridgeport Post Office at 11:30 AM:

The Board determined that there is a need to take immediate action with respect to the proposed agenda item, that the need for action came to the County's attention subsequent to the agenda being posted and therefore, that the Board add the item to the agenda. *Authority Govt. Code §54954.2(b)(2). Note that urgency items may only be added to the agendas of regular meetings, not special meetings.*

Salcido moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

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4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development:

- Update on the Tri-Valley Ground Water Model Grant.
- Discussed a grant opportunity through the State Department of Water Resources.

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. California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Governing Body Resolution for purposes of Grant Program Administration

Departments: Emergency Management

California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) requires the Board of Supervisors to appoint by resolution specific staff to execute on behalf of the County all actions related to obtaining federal financial assistance for any existing or future grant programs specified within the resolution. Some minor, technical issues were identified with the County's current resolution and this item would correct those issues without altering the designees.

Action: Adopted Resolution R23-109, Appointing specific staff to execute on behalf of the County all actions related to obtaining federal financial assistance for any existing or future grant programs specified within the resolution. Some minor, technical issues were identified with the County's current resolution and this item would correct those issues without altering the designees.

Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R23-109

B. Agreements with Mono County Office of Education and Office of Child Abuse and Prevention/California Children's Trust Fund

Departments: Health and Human Services (HHS)

Proposed contracts with Mono County Office of Education pertaining to Office of Child Abuse and Prevention (OCAP) funds.

Action: Approved, and authorized Chair to enter into agreements with Mono County Office of Education for (1) coordination of the Mono County Child Abuse Prevention Council, and (2) coordination of the California Alternative Payment Program child care service for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026 and a not-to-exceed amount of \$99,000 (as to the Child Abuse Prevention Council contract) and \$248,710 (as to the California Alternative Payment Program contract).

Kreitz moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

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Supervisor Kreitz:

- Requested to discuss item.

Michelle Raust, Program Manager, Child, and Adult Services:

- Discussed the current alternative payment program and that there is a waitlist (currently 40 children on waitlist).
- Discussed the application process.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Requested Board support on a Childcare Workshop in the spring.

C. Appointment to the Mammoth Lakes Mosquito Abatement District

Departments: Clerk of the Board

In May of 2023, one seat on the Mammoth Lakes Mosquito Abatement District (MLMAD) Board was vacated. There were no applications initially submitted. In September of 2023, one application was submitted.

Action: Appointed David Smith to a seat on the Mammoth Lakes Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees, with a term expiring May 15, 2026.

Kreitz moved; Gardner 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. G.C. Products Grant Support Letter

Letter of support for the G. C. Forest Products Wood Pellet Mill application to the USDA Forest Service Wood Innovations Grant (WIG) Program.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Child Support Services Department Presentation

Departments: Child Support Services

(Amy Weurdig, Eastern Sierra Child Support Services Regional Director) - Presentation from the Eastern Sierra Department of Child Support Services.

Action: None.

Amy Weurdig, Eastern Sierra Child Support Services Regional Director:

- Presented item.

Samantha Rottner, Eastern Sierra Child Support Services:

- Presented item.

B. Whitebark Presentation on Regional Wildfire Resiliency

Departments: Board of Supervisors, Sponsored by Supervisor Gardner

(Janet Hatfield, Whitebark Forest Resilience Program Manager) - Presentation by Whitebark Institute on Regional Wildfire Resilience work beyond the Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP).

Action: None.

Janet Hatfield, Whitebark Forest Resilience Program Manager:

- Presented item.

Laura Beardlsey, Whitebark Executive Director:

- Introduced herself.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Discussion on tribal engagement and challenges regarding staffing shortages.

Nathan Sill, United States Forest Service:

- Clarifies tribal consultation.

Supervisor Salcido:

- Discussion on the best way to support the program.

Break: 10:42 AM

Reconvened: 10:52 AM

C. Eastern Sierra Green Business Program Update

Departments: County Administrative Office

(Pam Close Bold, High Sierra Energy Executive Director and Jess Blackwell, High Sierra Energy) - The High Sierra Energy Foundation implements the Eastern Sierra Green Business Program, a comprehensive environmentally focused business certification program. Initially, we ran the program only in Mammoth Lakes for the first two years and later expanded to the entire region. Even with

limited funding, the Covid pandemic, impacts from wildfires and last year's historic winter, nearly 100 businesses in the region have become certified or are somewhere in-between in their certification process. The Eastern Sierra program is one of only a few programs within California Green Business Network that is not funded by its municipalities, historically relying instead on funding from the CalEPA -- however due to state budget deficit, this funding is no longer available. We are seeking funding to ensure the program can thrive and continue to serve our communities across Mono and Inyo counties. Investing in a green business program is not just an environmental responsibility but a strategic move for the economic, social, and environmental well-being of Mono County, fostering a thriving and sustainable community.

Action: None.

Pam Close Bold, High Sierra Energy Executive Director:

- Provided background.

Jess Blackwell, High Sierra Energy:

- Presented item.

D. Postponement of Implementation of Senate Bill (SB) 43 – Criteria for Involuntary Commitment

Departments: Behavioral Health

(Robin K. Roberts, Behavioral Health Director) - SB 43 is scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2024. This new law expands the criteria for involuntary commitment under existing law to include situations where a person, as a result of a severe substance use disorder, a co-occurring mental health disorder and severe substance use disorder, or chronic alcoholism is unable to provide for their own personal safety or necessary medical care. There is a provision to delay enactment of SB 43 by two years with the adoption of a Board resolution making findings as to why the jurisdiction needs additional time to comply with the law. Mono County has no facilities available to provide the proper treatment to those who would meet this new criteria and staff is therefore recommending that implementation be delayed until January 1, 2026, as allowed by the law.

Action: Adopted Resolution R23-110, Delaying implementation of SB 43 in Mono County until January 1, 2026.

Peters moved; Salcido seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R23-110

Robin K. Roberts, Behavioral Health Director:

- Presented item.

Moved to item #7g.

E. Funding Opportunities for Affordable Housing and Other Projects

Departments: County Counsel

(Christopher Beck, Assistant County Counsel) - Provide the Board with an update regarding funding opportunities, including enhanced infrastructure financing districts (EIFDs), increase in transient occupancy tax (TOT), or other options, for affordable housing and other projects.

Action: None, item tabled until 1/9/24.

F. Pension Workshop

Departments: Finance

(Janet Dutcher, Finance Director; Dan Matusiewicz, GovInvest) - Presentation by GovInvest, Inc. updating the Board about CalPERS policy and investment strategies, current challenges, and how Mono County is doing, including projection of the unfunded accrued liability, its funded status, contribution requirements, and future budgetary impacts.

Action: None.

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director

- Introduced item and provided background.

Dan Matusiewicz, GovInvest:

- Presented item.

Moved to adjournment.

G. Employment Agreement with Tom Perry as part-time Building Official

Departments: Community Development

(Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director) - Proposed employment agreement with Tom Perry as part-time Building Official.

Action: Approved Resolution R23-111, Approving a contract with Tom Perry as Building Official, and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment. Authorize the Board Chair to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

Fiscal Impact: The estimated cost of this position for the remainder of the fiscal year is \$19,068, of which \$18,630 is salary and \$438 is payroll taxes. The total cost of salary for an entire fiscal year is approximately \$38,135, of which \$37,260 is salary and \$875 is payroll taxes. This is included in the Department's FY 2023/24 adopted budget.

Kreitz moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No

R23-111

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:

- Presented item.
- Announced code changes to come in the next California Build Code Cycle and that Tom Perry will be coming to the Board with a future item.

H. Resolution Declaring December 22, 2023, a County Holiday, and Closing County Offices on that Day

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Stacey Simon, County Counsel) - Proposed resolution closing County offices on December 22, 2023, and declaring that day a County Holiday.

Action: Adopted Resolution R23-112, Closing County offices on December 22, 2023, and declaring that day a County Holiday.

Salcido moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No,

R23-112

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Presented item.

I. Election Update

Departments: Elections

(Queenie Barnard, Clerk-Recorder-Registrar) - Update on the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election.

Action: None.

Queenie Barnard, Clerk-Recorder-Registrar:

- Presented item.

J. Urgency Item Addition to Agenda: Discussion and direction regarding the urgent situation with the Bridgeport Post Office at 11:30 AM.

Chair Duggan:

- Introduced item.

Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer:

- Discussed the media requests that the County has received.
- Update on the USPS communication with Justin Caporusso regarding the closure of the post office.

Chelyssa Horvat, District Director U.S. Congressman Kevin Kiley, CA-03:

- Provided an update on USPS operations.
- Dennis Reyes, Manager of USPS Operations:
 - Plans on visiting the Bridgeport Post Office to do a site visit.
- Will continue to assist with USPS and will provide the County with updates.

Supervisor Peters:

- Discussion on SCE visit.
- Update on the current maintenance that is occurring.
- Suggested getting a large tent to cover the current outdoor post office.
- Discussed the possibility of tax payments being delayed due to the post office challenges.

Chair Duggan:

- Will meet with Dennis Reyes for a site visit at the Bridgeport Post Office.
- Discussion on late payments and if there are any options for appealing late payments.

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Discussed late tax payments and electronic payments.

Gerald Frank, Treasurer/Tax Collector:

- Discussed the late payments regarding the local effects of post office challenges (post marks).
- Clarified the Waiver of Penalties form that is on the County Website and form will be considered case by case.

Supervisor Gardner:

- Discussion on eliminating mail payments and moving to electronic payments.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 11:53 AM

Reconvened: 12:31 PM

No action to report out of Closed Session.

A. Closed Session - Existing Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION.

Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: Villanueva v. Mammoth Unified School District, et al. (Case No: 22UCM99).

B. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Sandra Moberly, Mary Booher, Stacey Simon, Janet Dutcher, Jay Sloane, Christine Bouchard, 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.

C. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation

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

9. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. Memorandum of Understanding for Mono County Public Employees Bargaining Unit (MCPE)

Departments: CAO, HR, Finance, and County Counsel

(Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer) - Proposed resolution approving Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Stationary Local 39, AFL-CIO, the Exclusively Recognized Employee Organization representing the Mono County Public Employees (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2026).

Action: Adopted Resolution R23-113, Approving Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Stationary Local 39, AFL-CIO, the Exclusively Recognized Employee Organization representing the Mono County Public Employees (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2026).

Salcido moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 absent

R23-113

Sandra Moberly, County Administrative Officer:

- Presented item.

Mary Booher, Special Projects:

- Provided position updates from the matrix.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- Discussion on 3% - 5% for the deferred compensation on what group of employees this MOU effects.

Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:

- Clarifies the different bargaining processes.
- Discussed the platform that the Board and Management chose to pursue for all of Mono County's labor groups.

Stacey Simon, County Counsel:

- Clarifies the holiday schedule and the group of employees that the holiday schedule applies to.

Supervisor Peters:

- Absent for this item (meeting at Bridgeport Post Office).

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Chair Duggan:

- 12/6 –RCRC. GSFA & GSCA Board of Directors Meetings: I participated in Informational items including discussion of legislative updates and projects for consideration next year.
- 12/7 – RCRC ESJPA Board of Directors Meeting: I attended via zoom in the Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority meeting along with our newly designated 2nd Alternate Chad Senior.

- 12/11 – LTC: I chaired the monthly meeting of the Local Transportation Commission along with fellow Commissioners Kreitz and Peters. Thanks to our co Directors for their continued efforts to secure funding for our local projects and to Public Works for keeping our roadwork schedule on track despite constant challenges.
- As this is my last meeting of the 2023 as Board Chair, I want to say it has been my honor to work beside my colleagues and staff through a year that pushed many to their limits. Much was learned and accomplished, paving the way for improvement and completion of the tasks ahead. Thank you for your commitment to the County and your continued guidance and support.
- I also want to thank all of you that provided your prayers and support to me and my family on the passing of my father. We lost so many in our community this past year, and our hearts are heavy with loss and grief, while looking forward to healing days ahead. I would also like to ask we adjourn in the memory of my mother, Gina Shipley, who also left us last weekend. Their hearts are in the Eastern Sierra forever.
- Everyone, have a safe, joyful, and peaceful holiday time, hopefully with those you love. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- RCRC, GSFA & GSCA Board of Directors Meetings Highlights:
 1. https://www.rcrcnet.org/sites/default/files/useruploads/Meetings/Board_of_Directors/2023/December_6_2023/RCRC_BOD_Highlights_December_6_2023_FINAL.pdf
 2. https://www.rcrcnet.org/sites/default/files/useruploads/Meetings/Board_of_Directors/2023/December_6_2023/GSFA_BOD_Highlights_December_6_2023_FINAL.pdf
 3. https://www.rcrcnet.org/sites/default/files/useruploads/Meetings/Board_of_Directors/2023/December_6_2023/GSCA_BOD_Highlights_December_6_2023_FINAL.pdf

Supervisor Gardner:

- Last night I participated in the monthly meeting of the Mono Basin Housing Committee. We discussed the next steps for creating a Community Housing Trust and reviewed the progress completed during this year.

Supervisor Kreitz:

- December 6th- I attended the Mammoth Lakes Town Council meeting where the Council approved an additional allocation of funding for the Access Apartments in the amount of \$700K.
- December 8th – I participated in the California Coalition for Rural Housing Board meeting. The Board considered the policy priorities for the 2024 legislative cycle with these being the top three receiving the highest votes:
Advocate with coalition partners for placement and voter approval of \$10 billion housing bond on November 2024 State ballot that will include significant investments in rural, farmworker, and tribal housing.
- Push for language in the FY 24-25 State budget that fulfills the Governor’s pledge in his veto message for SB 18 and AB 371 to create a dedicated Tribal housing program and collaborate with Tribes to make reforms in existing programs through the budget process.
- Advocate for State legislation granting Right-of-First Refusal/Opportunity to Purchase to mobile home park residents as was recently passed in New York State.
- December 8th - I toured the expanded Mammoth Disposal transfer station. Kendra Knight can provide us with an update on new CRV state policies going into effect in January.
- December 11th – LTC meeting: Ad Hoc Multifamily housing smoking ordinance, Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care Eastern Sierra Community

Supervisor Peters:

- No report.

Supervisor Salcido:

- December 6th, I attended the Mono County Unified Command meeting where Sue...., the avalanche predictor who works with Mono County, recounted her thoughts on last winter and made some educated guesses about the current winter. She believes that this winter will be robust, even with the slow start.
- 12/7/23 – Mammoth Voices held their last meeting facilitated by Mickey Brown. Many thanks to Mickey for her years of providing this open forum of discussion to our County. Hoping for a continuance of this forum.
- 12/8/23 Attended the Local Government Subcommittee of the CA Jobs First initiative. Members expressed their interest in seeing that ideas identified so far are moved forward with the High Road Transition committee. Also, if the BOS would like to place an agenda item to review the local ideas to date and weigh in on them before submittal?
- December 11, there was an ad hoc multifamily housing smoking ordinance discussion on how to advance this initiative and Eric is working on a draft of the ordinance. Jennifer and I represent the BOS on this committee.
- December 11, a meeting of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board was held.

Break: 1:02 PM

Reconvened: 1:30 Pm


Chair Duggan:

- Provided an update on the Bridgeport Post Office.

Moved to Item #7f.

ADJOURNED at 2:24 PM in memory of Virginia “Gina” Shipley.

ATTEST


Rhonda Duggan (Jan 17, 2024 09:33 PST)

**RHONDA DUGGAN
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**


**DANIELLE PATRICK
SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD**