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## **Mono County Board Elects New Officers**

*Board of Supervisors elect Chair and Vice Chair for 2014*

**Mono County, Calif.** – On Tuesday, January 7th, the Mono County Board of Supervisors elected Supervisor Larry Johnston as Chair and Supervisor Tim Fesko as Vice Chair.

Mono County Board of Supervisors Chair Larry Johnston commended outgoing Chair Hunt for his service and commented, "As our Board looks forward into 2014, our organization is embracing the challenges and tremendous opportunities we face as we work to improve services for all Mono County residents and visitors."

Vice Chair Tim Fesko commented, "It is an honor to serve in this role and continue addressing Mono County's most pressing issues."

Outgoing Mono County Board of Supervisors Chair Byng Hunt commented, "I am enthusiastic about the continued efforts of this Board with the new leadership in place. Both Supervisor Johnston and Supervisor Fesko will serve our Board and constituents well. Thank you for your support over the past year and I look forward to working together in the upcoming year."

Both elections took effect immediately with Chair Johnston taking over responsibilities and leading the rest of the meeting after this action was taken.

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Mono County offers a rural setting with the most spectacular landscapes in the state. Situated between the crest of the Sierra Nevada mountains and the California/Nevada border, Mono County has a land area of 3,030 square miles, or just over 2 million acres, 94% of which is publicly owned. Much of this land is contained in the Inyo and Toiyabe National Forests. As a result, Mono County is home to vast scenic and recreational resources, and has unsurpassed access to wilderness and adventure. The county is home to, and named after Mono Lake, which is a large high-desert saline lake. Also located in the county is the historic gold rush town of Bodie, which during its heyday in the late 1800's was home to as many as 7,000 people, and is today maintained as a State Historic Park for the public to come and enjoy. The county seat is proudly located in Bridgeport.

Scenic Highway 395 weaves its way north-south through the heart of the county, effectively dividing the steep mountains to the west from the vast desert valley to the east. As it provides access to Yosemite National Park via Lee Vining, it passes beneath towering peaks, and past broad desert expanses.

