



**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  
September 13, 2022**

9:06 AM Call meeting to Order by Chair Gardner

*Supervisors Present: Corless, Duggan, Kreitz, Gardner and Peters. (All attended in person 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 by Supervisor Peters.

*“A budget is more than just a series of numbers on a page. It is an embodiment of our values”. - Barack Obama*

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

**In-person:**

**Leanne Herrick, Owner Coachwhip Café:**

- Read letter – Asking for assistance with a complaint that was brought to the count in bad faith by the KOA Meadow Cliff

**Chair Gardner:**

- Will ask CAO Lawton to check into this situation and follow-up.

Opportunity for the public to address the Board on items of public interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. (Speakers may be limited in speaking time dependent upon the press of business and number of persons wishing to address the Board.) Please refer to the Teleconference Information section to determine how to make public comment for this meeting via Zoom.

## 2. RECOGNITIONS

### A. Recognition of Nate Greenberg

Departments: CAO

10 minutes

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO) - Recognition of Nate Greenberg, former Mono County Information Technology Director.

**Action:** Approved proclamation in appreciation and recognition of Nate Greenberg

#### CAO Lawton:

- Presented Item

#### Nate Greenberg, IT Director:

- Appreciate the opportunity to be recognized and all the kind words that we shared – wishes his was in person
- Proud of the work his team has accomplished

*Supervisors and Staff recognized Nate and expressed their gratitude and well wishes:*

#### Supervisors:

Peters

Duggan

Kreitz

Corless

Gardner

#### Staff:

Scheereen Dedman, County Clerk

Stacey Simon, County Counsel

Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director

Justin Caporusso, Communications

Sheriff Ingrid Braun

Robin Roberts, Behavioral Health Director

Lynda Salcido, Supervisor Elect – 2023

**Kreitz motion. Peters seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M22-180**

**3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding work activities.

**Robert C. Lawton, CAO:**

- Held a Housing Meeting with Sanjay, Housing Opportunities Manager – want to come to the board with a workshop to develop an Affirmative Housing Policy. Beginning of November.
- Jail Project continues – would like a periodic briefing for the Board beginning in October about the status of the project
- Completion and occupancy date of Fall 2024 – in the process of specs for the demolition of the hospital
- Met with Vance Kavanaugh – Governance Workshops
- Christie Moore – will be in Eastern Sierra – would like to schedule a visit with the Board on October 18 to discuss funding for participation for CRIS radio and CSAC supporting Counties in increasing ability to compete for and manage grants

**Supervisor Peters:**

- Questioned the expected occupancy date – thought it was Fall of 2025

**4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS**

Receive brief oral report on emerging issues and/or activities.

**County Counsel Simon:**

- Provided update on SB 1489 – Mono County asked to be put on a list in which may appoint their Public Administrator rather than it be an elected position
- Was approved by both Houses of Legislature and is one the Governor's desk or signature
- Board has sent 3 separate letters of support
- Senator Borgeas' office asked to send a final letter to Governor Newsom urging him to sign the bill – Chair Gardner did sign the final letter – we are expecting Governor's signature then there will be slew of actions the County can take to establish an appointed Public Administrators Program.

**Wendy Sugimura, Community Development Director:**

- Provided update on current work in Community Development:
  1. Transition of Waste Services to Pumice Valley – working thru the various CEQUA issues
  2. Chalfant Cell Tower potential lease - working thru the various CEQUA issues

3. Private Project – D&S Waste – General Plan Amendment and Use Permit – Discussed CEQUA process and Public Review Period
4. Controversial Project – TIP Camp Project: Mono Basin – General Plan Amendment and specific plan for a small camping/free camping site – appreciates the public comment, public is being heard
5. Cannabis Cultivation Project – Tri-Valley: processed with Mitigation Negative Declaration under CEQUA, General Plan and Specific Plan (Planning Commission on 10/3) amendment -
6. All these projects will be coming to the Board
7. Compliance has been very busy – camping, squatting, RV use on properties not permitted
8. Local Agency Formation Commission – Readopted amendment to the Handbook and adopted the Budget in May, recently adopted an updated Fee Schedule
9. California Development Block Grant Technical Assistance Funding
10. Discussed Special Districts
11. Accessory Dwelling Unity Prescriptive Designs and the Garage Prescriptive Designs – wrapping up final details: checklist

**Paul Roten, Public Works Director:**

- Schedule correction on Jail Project – Discussed new projections on scheduling

**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.)

*Supervisor Corless – Item 5B – noticed a typo in the letter: actions instead of action's*

*Supervisor Kreitz – Item 5C – typo: decision not spelled out*

**Peters motion. Kreitz seconded.**

(With 2 amendments)

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**A. Board Minutes**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

1. Approval of the Board Minutes from May 25, 2022, Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors. 2. Approval of the Board Minutes from June 7, 14, and 21, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors. 3. Approval of the Board Minutes from the June 14, 2022, Economic Development Corporation Meeting.

**Action:** 1. Approved of the Board Minutes from May 25, 2022, Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors. 2. Approved of the Board Minutes from June 7, 14, and 21, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

3. Approved of the Board Minutes from the June 14, 2022, Economic Development Corporation Meeting.

**Peters motion. Kreitz seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M22-181**

**B. Letter to Inyo County Board of Supervisors Re: Renaming the Bishop Airport**

Departments: Board of Supervisors

A letter to the Inyo County Board of Supervisors regarding a citizen proposal to rename the Bishop Airport to the "Bishop-Dave McCoy Airport."

**Action:** Approved proposed letter.

*Supervisor Corless – Item 5B – noticed a typo in the letter: actions instead of action's*

**Peters motion. Kreitz seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M22-182**

**C. Letter to State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Requesting a Hearing on Mono Lake**

Departments: Board of Supervisors

Proposed letter to the California State Water Resources Control Board seeking a hearing on Mono Lake level, to include a discussion of air quality and related environmental issues.

**Action:** Approved and authorized the Chair to sign proposed letter.

*Supervisor Kreitz – Item 5C – typo: decision not spelled out*

**Peters motion. Kreitz seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M22-183**

**D. Mono County Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) Appointments**

Departments: EMS - EMCC

Per the EMCC By-Laws, each voting member shall be appointed to a two-year term by the Board of Supervisors effective October 25, 2022, through October 24, 2024.

**Action:** Appointed Ales Tomaier, Dr. Caryn Slack, Bryan Bullock, Jessica Wagner, and Allison Miller to two-year terms on the Mono County Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) effective October 25, 2022, through October

24, 2024.

**Peters motion. Kreitz seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M22-184**

**E. 2022-2027 Mental Health Plan (MHP) Performance Contract Renewal with California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)**

Departments: Behavioral Health

Proposed Performance Contract with California Department of Health Care Service

**Action:** Approved County entry into proposed contract and authorize Robin Roberts or other designated Behavioral Health Staff to execute said contract on behalf of the County.

**Peters motion. Kreitz seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M22-185**

**F. 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant – American Rescue Plan Act (EMPG-ARPA) Governing Board Resolution**

Departments: Emergency Management

Proposed resolution R22- 95authorizing the CAO and Director of Emergency Management to administer the 2021 EMPG-ARPA grant.

**Action:** Adopted proposed resolution R22-96 authorizing the CAO and Director of Emergency Management to administer the 2021 EMPG-ARPA grant.

**Peters motion. Kreitz seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**R22-96**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - NONE**

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

**7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING**

**A. PUBLIC HEARING: Mono County FY2022-23 Budget Hearing**

Departments: CAO

**PUBLIC HEARING: 9:30AM (30 minutes)**

(County Administrative Officer, Bob Lawton; County Budget Officer Megan Mahaffey, Assistant to the County Administrative Officer Cheyenne Stone; Assistant County Administrative Officer John Craig) - Public hearing and adoption of the 2022-23 Mono County Recommended Budget as presented or amended. The Mono County 2022-23 Recommended Budget is available on the Mono County Website: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/auditor/page/2022-2023-budget-portal>

**Action:** 1) Conducted public budget hearing. 2) Adopted resolution R22-97, A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Adopting the Final Mono County Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23 as presented or amended.

**Robert C. Lawton, CAO:**

- Introduced/Presented Item
- Thanked staff for their hard work on this item

**Supervisor Peters:**

- ARPA – we did not use any ARPA dollars to back feed lost revenue?
- Does this Budget include any anticipated salary increases? Based on the knowledge of what we're at with negotiations
- Reflected on last year – Budget was created and has maintained the highest level of services that Mono County has been able to provide both in customer service, response to the needs of visitors, residents, and EMS.

*Open Public Hearing 10:32 AM*

*Closed Public Hearing: 10:33 AM*

**Chair Gardner:**

- Discussed the large budget due to the Jail Project
- General Fund is balanced – this is important

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Thanked staff for the complete and excellent Budget
- Expressed her gratitude and importance of the Local Historical Societies and nonprofits/art programs – Thanked Liz and Jeff at Economic Development for overseeing the distribution of Grant Programs.
- Recreation Program – don't want us to lose focus on sustainability, requests a Board update

**Peters motion. Duggan seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**R22-97**

- B. A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Adopting a Revised Salary Matrix Applicable to At-Will Employee and Elected Department Heads to add Two Positions, Reclassify One Position, and Change the Title of One Position, and Superseding and Replacing R22-45**

Departments: CAO

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO) - A Resolution of the Mono County Board of Supervisors Adopting a Revised Salary Matrix Applicable to At-Will Employee and Elected Department Heads to add Two Positions, Reclassify One Position, and Change the Title of One Position, and Superseding and Replacing R22-45

**Action:** Adopted proposed resolution.

**Robert C. Lawton, CAO:**

- Presented Item

**Duggan motion. Peters seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**R22-98**

**C. Review and Adoption of Mono County Governance Documents**

Departments: CAO

(Robert C. Lawton, County Administrative Officer) - Presentation of proposed new Governance Documents for Mono County

**Action:** Approved adoption of Governance Documents.

**Robert C. Lawton, CAO:**

- Presented Item

**Chair Gardner:**

- Noted a blank page in graph

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Noted typographical errors within Presentation
- Reference outside training (SCAC) for new Supervisor

**Kreitz motion. Duggan seconded.**

*(With amendments - Noted a blank page in graph and noted typographical errors within Presentation – page 15 – 17)*

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M22-185**

*Break Session: 10:53 AM*

*Reconvened: 11:00 AM*

**D. Mono County FY2022-23 Allocation List**

Departments: CAO

(Robert Lawton, Mono County Administrative Officer) - Proposed resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Position Allocation List for positions classified in the Recommended Budget

**Action:** Adopted proposed resolution R22-99, Adopting a Schedule for Position Classifications in Conjunction with the Adoption of the 2022-2023 Budget.

**Robert C. Lawton, CAO:**

- Presented Item

**Duggan motion. Peters seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**R22-99**

**Moved to Item 9 – Board Reports**

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

*Closed Session: 11:17 AM*

*Reconvened: 11:28 AM*

- No reportable action

**A. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations**

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Bob Lawton, Stacey Simon, Janet Dutcher, John Craig, Patty Francisco, 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**

Departments: Clerk of the Board

**C. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation**

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

**9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

The Board may, if time permits, take Board Reports at any time during the meeting and not at a specific time.

**Supervisor Duggan:**

- 9/8 – Special IMACA Board Meeting – Kate Morley’s last day
- New Director – Kelly Barcelona
- 9/8 – attended LAFCO meeting – Director Wendy Sugimura presented extensive LAFCO Handbook and Bylaws of the Fee Schedule

**Supervisor Peters:**

- CSAC Board of Director Meeting – CDFW meeting discussed successful fish stocking and bears
- Trying to work with Danny Taylor, CDFW on information on nuisance bear
- Antelope Valley Chamber Meeting – ATV Jamboree – thanked the Sheriff, Highway Patrol, and Forest Service for assisting with Jamboree
- WIR – National Center for Public Lands Counties – Development “The Center”

**Supervisor Kreitz:**

- September 7 - Met as a member of a working group of the Eastern Sierra CoC on the HHAP I & II reallocation. Interviewed a candidate for the Navigator positions with MLH.
- September 8 - Participated in a meeting of LAFCO.
- September 9 - Participated in the California Coalition for Rural Housing (CCRH) board meeting.
- September 11 - Participated as a member of the Mammoth Lakes Chamber Awards Nominating Committee. Attended the CCRH legislative committee meeting.

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project Financial Advisory Committee Meeting: Got a project update--they have completed work in Reds Meadow and hope to treat almost 1000 acres in the project area this year. Presentation from Blue Forest Conservation on the concept of funding this and similar projects through forest resilience bonds.
- Eastern Sierra Council of Governments special meeting--approved challenge cost share agreement with the Inyo National Forest
- Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership meeting.
- Upcoming: Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force Sept 27 in Grass Valley, 30x30 Partnership meeting in Sacramento, virtual attendance available for both
- Looking to put together a community forum on wildlife with Dan Taylor, also suggest item for an upcoming board meeting
- Even more good news for Mammoth Lakes 395 wildlife crossing project--WCB proposing to award additional funds (almost \$3million) to planning/environmental review for the project

**Chair Gardner:**

- On Wednesday Sept. 7 I participated in the quarterly meeting of the Mono County First 5 Commission. We approved three new contracts, received updates about First 5 programs and budget, and had an interesting discussion about progress improving childcare opportunities both in Mammoth and the rest of the County. A key consideration for increasing childcare slots is increasing the compensation and benefits for childcare providers. We heard that the hospital had no problem recruiting employees for its new preschool because they offered an excellent compensation and benefit package.
- Also, on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> I participated in the monthly meeting of the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee. Topics at that meeting included gauging interest in pickleball courts, parking at the June Lake beach area, and the upcoming Jamfest held over the weekend.
- On Friday Sept. 9 I participated with Supervisor Corless in a brief meeting of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Board. We approved the continued remote meeting resolution and a Challenge Cost Share Agreement with the USFS Inyo National Forest. This agreement will provide up to \$150,000 to enable ESCOG to work with the Forest on cooperative projects.
- Finally, yesterday I participated with Supervisor Corless in the monthly meeting of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership. We met the new Acting Inyo National Forest Supervisor, Sarah Clawson, received updates on the status of several grant and other recreation-related opportunities, and had a presentation about the California State 30 X 30 program.

**Moved to Item 8 Closed Session**

**ADJOURN at 11:29 AM**



Bob Gardner (Nov 24, 2022 10:47 PST)

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**BOB GARDNER  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**



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**DANIELLE PATRICK**  
**SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK/ELECTIONS ASSISTANT**