



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

Meeting Location: Mono Lake Room, 1st Fl., County Civic Center, 1290 Tavern Rd., Mammoth Lakes, CA  
93546

**Special Meeting  
May 24, 2022**

9:08 AM Call meeting to Order By: Chair Gardner

*Supervisors Present: Corless, Duggan, Gardner, Kreitz, and Peters (all attended in person).*

*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

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

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.

- No public comment

**2. AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. FY2022-23 Budget Workshop**

Departments: CAO

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO; John Craig, Assistant CAO; Megan Mahaffey, Accountant III)

Presentation by Departments of their requested FY2022-23 Departmental Budget.

**Chair Gardner** introduced Social Services Director, Kathy Peterson

**Kathy Peterson, Social Services Director:**

- 3 Main Areas
  1. Health – Health Coverage, Medi- Cal enrollment, Cal-Fresh, and Covered California Program
  2. Security – Financial assistance thru Cal-Works/Welfare Program and new Housing Programs
  3. Safety – Child Welfare Services includes Child Protective Services, Adult Services, Mono County Senior Services.
- 2 New Housing Resources
  1. Home Safe Program – Direct housing support for people 60 and older
  2. Bringing Families Home Program – Direct housing support for those families in the Child Welfare System
- Social Services – Renamed Aide Tri-Valley (Victoria) area expanded from the site coordinator
- Medi- Cal enrollment and redetermination: No one should have lost health coverage during the pandemic.
- Disaster services – Cathy Young – Tri-County Voluntary Organizations Active and Disaster Coalition (VOAD) for Mono and Inyo Counties – Partnership with local and statewide nonprofit agencies
- Aid Programs
- General Relief
- County Children’s Trust Fund
- WRAP – Foster Care
- Workforce Investment Act – Two workforce asks
  1. Increase staff – Eligibility staff
  2. Create an at will Child and Adult Manager and promote the current Program Manager into this position
- 1991 Realignment
- 2011 Realignment
- Senior Program
- Public Guardian

**Supervisor Peters:**

- Asks about assistance that is STILL available for pandemic

**Kathy:** Depends on the circumstance. Suggests that people call into the Social Services office, and they can assist with what is available

**Supervisor Duggan:**

- Are you seeing any increase of people needing assistance aside from COVID issues, like inflation?

**Kathy:** She will provide report with current findings

**Chair Gardner:**

- Thanked Kathy for details in her budget

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Thanked Kathy and agreed with Chair Gardner, appreciated the details in budget

- Looking forward to the Housing Programs updates

**Chair Gardner** introduced District Attorney's Office – Tim Kendall, District Attorney

**Tim Kendall, District Attorney:**

- District Attorney – General Fund:
  1. Attorney Prosecution
  2. Investigation
  3. Victim Witness/Staff
- Budget is primarily crime driven – hard to estimate – crime trends
- Ask – additional travel, vehicle fuel, and in person training
- Ask - Need more storage
- Victim witness – remains the same
- Public Administrator
- DA Grant Programs (CalMMet) – remains the same
- DA Diversion Program
- Unfair Competition Fund

**Chair Gardner:**

- Thanked Tim for his service

**Tim** - Served the County for almost 30 years, “its been a joy and honor to have served the county”.

**Chair Gardner** introduced Tony Dublino, Public Works Director

**Tony Dublino, Public Works Director:**

- Road Fund – Status Quo Budget with minor adjustments
- Jobs
- Public Works/Engineering - Status Quo Budget with minor adjustments
  1. Long Valley Streets Project
  2. Completed Road Standards
  3. Design development plans for Bridgeport Jail Project
  4. Determined which of our roads needed attention
- State and Federal - Status Quo Budget with minor adjustments
- Airport - Status Quo Budget with minor adjustments, not necessarily a good status has been on decline since the Federal Funds was withdrawn
- Facilities –  
Accomplishments – Building up Grant Funded Opportunities
  1. Remodeled Social Services Building – into the Elections office
  2. Public Safety Power Shutoff
  3. Large Maintenance Projects with the freezing
  4. Advanced the Civic Center Project – Wrap up
- Roads
  1. Drainage Improvements – Paradise and Rock Creek
  2. Crack Sealing
  3. June Lake Pedestrian Safety Project
- Fleet – New processes since new staffing changes
- Cemeteries - Status Quo Budget with minor adjustments
- Campgrounds - Lundy Campground - Status Quo Budget with minor adjustments
- Public Safety Power Shutoff
- Solid Waste Enterprise Fund - budget for discussion

- Solid Waste Accelerated Closure Fund - Status Quo Budget with minor adjustments
- Solid Waste – Benton Crossing Landfill, final closure and post closure review has been submitted
- Pumice Valley – improvements, fee proposal
- Solid Waste Special Revenue Fund
- Conway - Status Quo Budget with minor adjustments
- Geothermal
- Motor Pool – budget for discussion
- Mitigate Impact of Private Road Creation
- Discussed ask for new positions: Public Works Staffing
  1. Matt Paruolo, Recreation Coordinator is moving to CAO Office
  2. Facilities – create an additional Supervisor Position
  3. Increase the pay range for lead Mechanic
  4. Increase the pay range for current Roads Operations Superintendent

**Supervisor Kreitz:**

- Needs clarification on utility increases specifically electric bill, suggested new pricing tier
- Is the “new” Supervisor going to get the work done or do we want more people doing the work verses adding labors? **Tony** – Ideally Public Works would benefit from a new supervisor and labors to do the work. The real need is at the top (Supervisor).

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Is there a budget request for Solid Waste Enterprise subsidy in this budget? **Tony** – there isn’t a request, but it shows as a deficit. **CAO Lawton** - it is a deficit, it’s a request in its own form. **Janet Dutcher** – General Fund transfers will be discussed later today.
- Would like CAO Lawton to discuss Full Carb Compliance
- Supports exploring some kind of financing over its lifetime, and look at what our obligations are

**CAO Lawton:**

- Administration is supportive of Full Carb Compliance – they acknowledge everything that public works has done to move toward that in an economical manner as possible.
- Discusses possible financial options

**Supervisor Duggan:**

- Vehicles moving into fleet management- have you offered vehicles to Special Districts? **Tony** – Yes, we did and there were no responses (only one response from someone trying to purchase as an individual)
- Facilities board chart – do you have any vacancies right now? **Tony** – currently only have one Supervisor instead of two. All vacancies have been filled

**Supervisor Peters:**

- Agrees with Supervisor Corless - Supports exploring some kind of financing over its lifetime, and look at what our obligations are
- Airports – Fuel still available in Bridgeport? **Tony** – currently not operational, needs some electronic work: there is no business case in fixing this. We need a credit card reader at the pumps
- **Tony** - Solid Waste Funds – discussed the deficit in years past/current and how uncertain the future looks. **Justin Nalder** – Looking forward anticipating a lot of changes. Hopeful with the adjustments: Tipping Fees Increase, Service Contracts Adjustments that will be brought before the board later this year. Our projection is that expenses will go down.
- **Justin Nalder:** Discussed Parcel Fee Collections

- **Supervisor Peters:** Discussed his concern with the deficit

**Chair Gardner:**

- Would an investment in an energy audit study that might identify opportunities for savings? **Tony** – Discussed the 2017 Energy Audit and that they have completed the recommendations.
- Green Waste Project – **Tony** clarifies
- 15-year chart (Carb) – had never seen that it was very helpful

**Kevin Julian, Roads Superintendent:**

- Discusses Carb Project/Targets
- Snow Removal – Carb

*Break: 10:30 AM*

*Reconvene: 10:53 AM*

**Chair Gardner:**

- Introduced County Counsel Simon

**Stacey Simon, County Counsel:**

**1. County Counsel Primary**

- Bulk of the funds are for Attorney Staff time
- Two new attorneys' due to attend trainings
  - 1) Emily Fox
  - 2) Christopher Beck

- Highlighted the different types of cases County Counsel assists the public with

**2. Mono County Law Library - Resource for the Public, Public Law Library, Books that trained lawyers use**

- Mono County Law Library – 2 Branches
  1. Bridgeport Library
  2. Mammoth Lakes Library
- Discussed Law Library Budget – Exactly the same as last year
- Law Librarian Christopher Platt and Mono County Library Director – allows for training
- Noted typo in County Counsel Narrative – 12 Civil not Civic Cases

**Chair Gardner:**

- How's the Legal Internship Program going? **Stacey Simon** – Scott Pease is from Berkley Law School, starting June 6. He will be working with the County for about 2 months. Proposing to carry this program forward next year

**3. Insurance – Presented by Jay Sloane, Risk Manager**

- Discussed the 10 different Insurance policies of the county
- Insurance Premiums – current status

**Supervisor Kreitz:**

- Employee Support Program - noticed some weaknesses within the program that she would like to see address, it would be great to work with Trindel to better suit employees with fees, accessibility to providers, number of visits allowed per month. Would like to do better for our county employees

**Stacey Simon, County Counsel:**

- Noted that Teleconference appointments are available

**Supervisor Duggan:**

- Dental part of Budget – needs clarity on dental claims- **Janet Dutcher** – provided clarity: our dental is self-funded; they used the Insurance ISF as vehicle for the dental program. Discussed the details, transparency, payments and premium of the Insurance ISF

**Chair Gardner:**

- Introduced Emergency Medical Services Chief Chris Mokracek

**Chief Chris Mokracek:**

- Presented Emergency Medical Services Budget
- Recognized staff for all their efforts during the last 2 years with COVID
- COVID created staffing issues – hence the overtime in budget which is pretty high
- Discussed the decrease in calls during COVID and now in the increase in calls/transport and how it impacts the department
- Ambulance Revenue - All staff become certified as Ambulance Billing Specialist
- Replacement of Ambulance 7 – Bridgeport
- Going to work with National Park Service and exchanging training – at no cost
- Back in November 2021 Medic 1 responded to a Mine rescue in North County - with the help of Antelope Valley Fire, Mono County Sheriff – need to be sure our staff is trained for these situations
- Requested budget changes –
  - 1) Reclassification of 2 EMT to Paramedic
  - 2) Looking to purchase 4 iPads - Operational use: patient care reporting, mapping software, ready net, can track hospital availability inside and outside our area, and can communicate in real time with Mammoth Hospital,
  - 3) Public Safety Applications
  - 4) Hazardous Materials Guidebooks
  - 5) Looking to Expand AED Program within County Facilities and replace batteries/patches in existing areas
- Overtime – filling vacancies, and are aware and trying to get uncontrol
- Typo – Reduce to \$4500 instead of \$10,000 – Membership Fees
- Contract Services
- Rents/Leases

**Chair Gardner:**

- What is the ratio of resident to non-resident in terms of calls? **Chief Mokracek** – 60/40, 40 percent being residents
- Fees had a time out due to COVID – we will have more revenue with our current fee increase?

**Chief Mokracek:**

- Mental Health Crisis – staff will get training and will be able to respond with Behavior Health via iPad – Telehealth

**CAO Lawton and Chair Gardner:**

- Introduced Economy Director Alicia Vennos

**Alicia Vennos, Economy Director:**

- Economic Development
- Tourism
- Very welcoming but also teaching tourist how to behave in our community

- Community Support Grants – Liz Grans
- Fish Enhancement Budget – Fish Enhancement Program – Jeff Simpson
- Fish & Game Propagation
- Accomplishments 2020 – current list in budget summary
- Poppy Awards - Celebrated award from February 2020
- Thanked Liz and Jeff for being what we should be in public service: a support to our local businesses
- 3 Modification requests to budget:
  - 1) Augment the current assistant position to a full FTE, Work with Kathy Peterson, Social Services on the FTE position
  - 2) Community Support Grant Programs: Grant recipients – requesting additional funding for program – speaking on behalf of the Non-profits
  - 3) Tourism Marketing – to help augment our Mountain Manners and sustainable messaging system, international visitors

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Support the community bases programs – supports the ask increases
- Fishing impacts in lakes – Fish and Game Find Fund
- Film Commission – support

**Jeff Simpson, Economic Development:**

- Has been in contact with Fish and Game Find Fund, working with County Counsel on grant program
- May have an ask for additional Fish Stocking

**Supervisor Kreitz:**

- Requested an update on permit on the National Forest and how they were participating and how the program is working
- Quarterly reports/website access, is that to the board? **Alicia** – data will be on website and public can access information

**Supervisor Peters:**

- Thanks, department, for their hard work on such a small budget
- Discusses the difficulties of recent fish seasons
- Supports the departments asks

**Supervisor Duggan:**

- Recognizes how much the department does for the community on a small budget
- Importance of Historical Society

**Chair Gardner:**

- Thanked Alicia and Staff
- Well wishes on retirement and thank you for your services to the county

**Chair Gardner:**

- Introduced Finance Director Janet Dutcher

**Janet Dutcher, Finance Director:**

Jail Facility Construction Project: – pg. 68

- Capital Project Fund
- Total Budget for project minus what we spent to date (some adjustments need to be made)

**Supervisor Kreitz:**

- CIP Bonds are coming this fiscal year? **Janet** – Yes, we will need a budget adjustment for this: will be on the balance sheet
- Provided bond history and agencies relating to bond documents

Civic Center Project

- Capital Project Fund
- There is no budget

General Fund Transfers & Contributions

- Going to see changes to this budget unit as CAO team works with the Departments/Board to finalize/balance the recommended budget for next month
- Provided 3 budget years for reference and a requested fiscal year 2022/2023
- Discussed SB1 Fund and Carb Fund
- Jail project – Debt Service Fund
- Pension Obligation Bond – last year of payments
- Affordable Housing Fund
- Items relating to Economic Development asks
- Contributions from the County to other organizations
- Adjustment to be made – Prop 172 – Public Safety – outflow is not included

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Wants to note that there is a discrepancy in Economic Development vs Finance Department budget figures

**Robert C. Lawton, CAO:**

Capital Improvement Program

- Proposed revenues
- Courthouse Construction Fund – Exterior Paint
- Prop 68 Funding – Walker Tennis Courts and Lee Vining Pump Track

**Supervisor Peters:**

- Requested project that Prop 68 would fund

*Lunch Break: 12:15 PM*

*Reconvene: 1:05 PM*

**Action:** No Action. Presentation and Discussion only.

**B. Closed Session - Existing Litigation**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of case: County of Mono v. Silver State Investors, LLC (Mono County Superior Court Case No. 22UCM41).

- No recordable action in Closed Session

*Closed Session: 1:05 PM*

*Reconvene: 2:08 PM*

**ADJOURN AT 2:10 PM**

**ATTEST**

*Bob Gardner*

[Bob Gardner \(Sep 7, 2022 15:27 PDT\)](#)

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**BOB GARDNER  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

*Danielle Patrick*

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