

# MINUTES



# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

**October 16, 2018**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:34 a.m., on October 16, 2018, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Dan Totheroh, presiding, Rick Pucci, Jeff Griffiths, Mark Tillemans, and Matt Kingsley.

*Public Comment* Chairperson Totheroh asked for public comment during the first public comment period and there was no-one wishing to address the Board.

*Closed Session* Chairperson Totheroh recessed open session at 8:34 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following items: No. 2 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** – Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9 (one case); and No. 3 **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6]** – Employee organizations: Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA); Elected Officials Assistant Association (EOAA); Inyo County Correctional Officers Association (ICCOA); Inyo County Employees Association (ICEA); Inyo County Probation Peace Officers Association (ICPPOA); IHSS Workers; Law Enforcement Administrators' Association (LEAA). Unrepresented employees: all. Agency designated representatives: Acting County Administrative Officer Clint Quilter, Deputy Personnel Director Sue Dishion, County Counsel Marshall Rudolph, and Assistant County Counsel John Vallejo.

*Open Session* Chairperson Totheroh recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:01 a.m. with all Board members present.

*Pledge* The Assistant Clerk of the Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Report on Closed Session* County Counsel Rudolph reported that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.

*Public Comment* Chairperson Totheroh asked for public comment during the second public comment period and there was no-one wishing to address the Board.

*County Department Reports* Undersheriff Eric Pritchard reported Inyo County Search and Rescue, deputies, and investigators are assisting Mono County authorities in their search for a 16-year-old girl reported missing over the weekend near White Mountain Estates. He also reminded the Board of the upcoming CSAC media training and retirement party for Bill Lutze.

Supervisor Kingsley gave a report on the Community Art Days held over the weekend in Bishop and Lone Pine and expressed his wish that residents were more aware of these events so they can take part.

Treasurer-Tax Collector Alisha McMurtrie gave an update on secured property tax bills now going out to property owners.

Emergency Services Manager Kelley Williams informed the Board that Thursday is the Great California Shakeout and everyone is encouraged to drop, cover, and hold on at 10:18 a.m. She said she signed the County up to participate.

Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson reminded the Board about the upcoming youth pumpkin decorating event in conjunction with HHS, 4-H and Healthy Communities of Southern Inyo County, and said this past weekend a dual sport motorcycle group made its annual visit to

Bishop and did fundraising through raffles for the Shop with a Cop Program.

*Presentation – 2018  
CSAC Challenge  
Awards*

The Board welcomed CSAC Health and Behavioral Health Legislative Representative Farrah McDaid Ting, CSAC Health and Human Services Legislative Analyst Roshena Duree and CSAC Human Services Legislative Representative Justin Garrett from Sacramento to present a 2018 Challenge Award to the Inyo County Health and Human Services and Probation departments, and a 2018 Merit Award to the Inyo County Clerk-Recorder's Office. Foote won for her office's Online Fictitious Business Name Registration program in the Rural category, and the Probation Department and Health & Human Services won for the Inyo County Juvenile Services Redesign initiative in the Rural category. Duree called both programs two of the most innovative in the state. Foote shared credit for the success of the program with office clerk Brenda Delgado Botello, who oversees its day-to-day implementation, as well as the Inyo County Board of Supervisors for approving and supporting the project, Treasurer-Tax Collector Alisha McMurtrie for providing additional assistance, and to the developers from CityGrows. Chief Probation Officer Thomson credited his staff, ongoing collaboration with Health & Human Services, and the Board of Supervisors' foresight and prioritization of youth for the program's success. HHS Director Mann thanked Probation and her staff for their hard work on what has been at times a difficult transition. Supervisor Griffiths acknowledged CSAC staff and thanked them for their continued advocacy on behalf of rural counties like Inyo. He also noted that the juvenile services transition was difficult in the beginning, as it represented a major change in people's job duties and even the role of Juvenile Probation in general. He credited the Board with being proactive and progressive, and keeping General Fund dollars streaming toward juvenile services instead of redirecting them elsewhere when the Juvenile Center closed. He also acknowledged the efforts of former CAO Kevin Carunchio to keep the initiative moving forward through the challenging and difficult times. He said he is proud of the dedicated team the County has, and said from leadership to line staff, everyone is dedicated to what's best for youth and finding the best outcomes.

*Recess/Reconvene*

The Chairperson recessed the meeting for a break at 10:34 a.m. and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:40 a.m. with all Board members present.

*Employee Service  
Recognition – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Quarter 2018*

Acting CAO Quilter introduced a new feature for Board meetings where the Board would begin, on a quarterly basis, recognizing employees' service milestones. The Board of Supervisors recognized the following employees for reaching service milestones during the 2018 Third Quarter, as well as employees who have surpassed 25 years of service:

- Administrative Services – Assistant Purchasing Agent Emma Bills, 29 years; Personnel Analyst III Kelly Reade, 27 years; and GIS Analyst IV Mike Hay, 5 years; and Acting CAO Clint Quilter, 5 years.
- Elected Officials – District Attorney Tom Hardy, 5 years; and Sheriff Jeff Hollowell, 31 years.
- Child Support Services – Administrative Analyst III Ashlee Alex, 5 years.
- Health and Human Services – Human Services Supervisor Morningstar Willis-Wagner, 5 years; Human Services Supervisor Ivonne Freeman, 10 years; Human Services Supervisor D.B. Mattovich, 20 years; Senior Program Cook Lisa Gates, 26 years; Social Worker IV Tim Toppas, 27 years; and Chris Anderson, 31 years, Senior Program.
- Auditor-Controller's Office: Assistant Auditor-Controller Christie Martindale, 5 years.
- Probation: Administrative Analyst I Krystal Phillips, 10 years.
- Sheriff's Office: Lt. Jared Sparks, 5 years.
- Public Works: Equipment Operator II Robert Carr, 26 years.
- County Counsel: Administrative Legal Secretary Debbie Gonzalez, 29 years.
- Environmental Health: Office Tech III Sheri Aust, 31 years.
- Water Department: Deputy Water Director Aaron Steinwand, 25 years.

*Sheriff –  
Deputy Sheriff*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans for the Board to find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for one (1) Deputy Sheriff exists in the General Fund, as certified by the Sheriff and concurred by the Acting County Administrator and the Auditor-Controller; B) where internal candidates may meet the qualifications for the position, the vacancy could possibly be filled by an internal recruitment, but an open recruitment is more appropriate to ensure qualified candidates apply;

and C) approve the hiring of one (1) Deputy Sheriff, Range 67SA-SC (\$4,232 - \$5,677) and authorize up to the D step for a qualified lateral applicant. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-Advertising Co. Resources – Final FY 17-18 CPSG Payments*

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve final payments from the 2017-2018 Advertising County Resources Budget in the following amounts: \$1,500 to the Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce for Concerts in the Courtyard; and \$1,600 for the 2018 Mule Days Social Media advertising/promotional campaign. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-Economic Development – Linner Group Next Gen Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the contract with Linner Group LLC (JR Lamia) for the development of Next Generation Wireless Carrier Networks for an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for the period of October 16, 2018 through June 30, 2019, subject to funding availability and adoption of future budgets, and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract, contingent on obtaining appropriate signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

*Recycling & Waste – LP Landfill Fee Waiver/ Reso # 2018-44*

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to consider and approve a resolution that waives solid waste disposal and gate fees up to \$100 for trash and litter removed at the Community Clean-up Day at the Lone Pine Pioneer Cemetery. Motion carried unanimously.

*Sheriff – Adamson Sole Source & Blanket P.O.*

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to declare Adamson Police Products a sole-source vendor for law enforcement supplies; B) authorize a purchase order to Adamson Police Products in the amount of \$20,000 for ballistic and load-bearing vests; and C) authorize a blanket purchase order to Adamson Police Products in the amount of \$30,000 for miscellaneous LEO safety gear, less-lethal, and pepper ball supplies. Motion carried unanimously.

*Sheriff – Digital Ally Sole Source & Blanket P.O.*

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to declare Digital Ally a sole-source vendor for car and body camera systems; and B) authorize a blanket purchase order with Digital Ally in the amount of \$15,000 for car cameras, body cameras, and any accessory replacement costs through the end of the fiscal year. Motion carried unanimously.

*Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters – Appointments in Lieu of Election*

Supervisor Kingsley asked for clarification on the appointments in lieu of election that would be done at the special district level. Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters Kammi Foote explained that California law allows districts to appoint members instead of going to an election when the number of candidates does not exceed the number of vacancies. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to: A) appoint in lieu of election nominees who completed Declarations of Candidacy during the filing period for the November 6, 2018 Statewide General Election, as indicated on the Clerk's Certificates, to the office of Director and/or Trustee to special and school districts as indicated; B) authorize the Death Valley Unified School District to appoint any qualified person to office, as indicated on the Clerk's Certificate for the District, on or before November 20, 2018 (one remaining vacancy to be filled due to no declarations of candidacy filed; see Clerk's Certificate for recommendation); C) authorize the Lone Pine Unified School District to appoint any qualified person to office, as indicated on the Clerk's Certificate for the District, on or before November 20, 2018 (one remaining vacancy to be filled due to no declarations of candidacy filed; see Clerk's Certificate for recommendation); and D) authorize the Inyo-Mono Conservation District to appoint any qualified person to office, as indicated on the Clerk's Certificate for the District, on or before November 20, 2018 (two remaining vacancies to be filled due to no declarations of candidacy filed; see Clerk's Certificate for recommendation). Motion carried unanimously.

*Presentation – SCE Public Safety Power Shutoff Program*

The Board received a presentation from Cal Rossi, Southern California Edison Government Relations Manager, on SCE's Public Safety Power Shutoff program. Supervisor Kingsley said he knows SCE will not take the decision lightly to shut off power in the event of a catastrophic fire, but said residents left without power should have the option of going to cooling centers in the summertime and, in general, clean-air centers, both of which are things the County needs to start thinking about. Rossi said SCE did provide circuit maps to the County's Office of Emergency Services so they can coordinate to ensure circuits in certain areas aren't affected in the event of shutdowns. Supervisor Griffiths suggested Rossi provide the Bishop City Council the same presentation and he said he would reach out to City officials. Emergency Services Manager Kelley Williams thanked Rossi for the update and said she is working on a

new MOU with the Red Cross that will help determine additional facilities that can be used for cooling and clean-air centers.

*CAO-Advertising  
County Resources –  
Film Commissioner  
Oral Report*

Per the conditions of his Fiscal Year 2018-2019 contract, Inyo Film Commissioner Chris Langley provided the Board with a fall oral report on local filming activity. Langley focused on film and commercial projects since May, and showed the Board antique stuntman equipment from the Museum of Lone Pine Film History at the conclusion of his report. Langley also distributed items promoting an art exhibit featuring text about and photos of desert landscapes, by himself and photographer Osceola Refetoff, respectively.

*Recess/Reconvene –  
Capital Asset  
Leasing Corporation*

The Chairperson recessed the Board of Supervisors meeting at 11:40 a.m., to convene as the Capital Asset Leasing Corporation to conduct the Corporation's annual meeting (separate minutes). The Chairperson reconvened the Board of Supervisors meeting in open session at 11:47 p.m., with all Board members present.

*Treasurer-Tax  
Collector – Treasury  
Oversight Committee  
Appointment/Reso #  
2018-45*

Treasurer-Tax Collector Alisha McMurtrie presented a request for the Board to formally accept the resignation of long-time Treasury Oversight Committee member Ray Seguine, retired Bishop Fire Chief, and allow her to appoint in his place Big Pine Fire Chief Damon Carrington. She noted that in respect to the Board's policy, she asked the Assistant Clerk of the Board to advertise the vacancy for 30 days and the application period was extended another 30 days after that, with no interest from the public. She added there are very specific criteria for who can serve on the committee, and also thanked Chief Seguine for his decades of service. Supervisor Tillemans said he appreciated the recruitment of Chief Carrington, who serves his community in many ways. Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to: A) accept the resignation of Chief Ray Seguine as a member of the Treasury Oversight Committee; B) rescind the appointment of Chief Ray Seguine to the Treasury Oversight Committee; and C) approve a resolution confirming the Treasurer's nomination of and appointing Chief Damon Carrington to the vacant seat on the Treasury Oversight Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works – BLM  
Tecopa Mixing Table  
ROW Grant  
Ratification*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to ratify and approve the renewal of the right-of-way grant between the County of Inyo and the Bureau of Land Management for the existing Tecopa Mixing Table. Motion carried unanimously.

*Sheriff/CA0-  
Emergency  
Services-ONSOLVE  
Annual Payment  
Ratification*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to: A) ratify and approve payment of the annual CodeRED/IPAWS invoice from ONSOLVE, LLC for \$12,500; and B) declare ONSOLVE, LLC a sole-source provider of the CodeRED/IPAWS services. Motion carried unanimously.

*Personnel – Rick  
Benson Assistant  
CAO Contract*

Acting CAO Quilter presented for ratification and approval a contract to temporarily appoint retired Assistant CAO Rick Benson to his old position while the County recruits for a permanent replacement. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to authorize the County Administrator to sign the personal services contract with Richard Benson as Assistant County Administrator for \$10,402 per month, effective October 4, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

*Personnel – MOU  
with IPPOA*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci ratify and approve the April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2021 Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Inyo and the Inyo County Probation Peace Officers Association (IPPOA) and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*Recycling & Waste –  
Waste Management  
of CA Sole Source  
Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to: A) declare Waste Management of California, Inc. a sole-source provider; B) ratify and approve the contract with Waste Management of California, Inc. for waste hauling services from the community of Homewood Canyon, in an amount not to exceed \$40,288, for the period of October 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021, subject to Board approval and adoption of future County budgets; and C) authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Comment*

Chairperson Totheroh asked for public comment during the final public comment period and there was no-one wishing to address the Board.

*Board Member and Staff Reports*

Chairperson Totheroh reported he will be attending an Eastern Sierra Transit/Eastern Sierra Council of Governments meeting this Friday.

Supervisor Griffiths said he attended a Moral Reconciliation Therapy graduation, a Dark Skies workshop, a Bishop Chamber of Commerce volunteer dinner, Community Arts Day in both Bishop and Lone Pine, and a Mule Days volunteer barbecue, and met with CSAC staff and Probation and HHS staff yesterday as they offered CSAC a first-hand glimpse of the difficulties faced by rural frontier counties navigating state regulations.

County Counsel Rudolph apologized for missing last week's meeting and said he appreciated the understanding as he dealt with a family medical issue.

Acting CAO Quilter reported attending Inyo Associates and the Community Arts Day in Lone Pine.

*Adjournment*

Chairperson Totheroh adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 6, 2018 in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

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Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: CLINT G. QUILTER  
Clerk of the Board*

by: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Darcy Ellis, Assistant*