

# MINUTES



# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

## January 18, 2022

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:31 a.m., on January 18, 2022 in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present via webinar per California Assembly Bill 361: Chairperson Dan Tothoroh, presiding, Jeff Griffiths, Rick Pucci, Matt Kingsley, and Jennifer Roeser. Also present: County Administrator Leslie Chapman, Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis, and County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo.

- Public Comment* The Chairperson asked for public comment related to Closed Session items.
- The Assistant Clerk of the Board had not received additional written comment and nobody requested to speak to the Board via the “hand-raising” feature on Zoom.
- Closed Session* Chairperson Tothoroh recessed open session at 8:31 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following item(s): No. 2 **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: County Administrative Officer; and No. 3 **CONFERENCE WITH COUNTY’S LABOR NEGOTIATORS – Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6** – Regarding 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. County designated representatives – County Administrator Leslie Chapman, Assistant County Administrator Sue Dishion, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann, and Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson.
- Open Session* Chairperson Tothoroh recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:06 a.m. with all Board members present.
- Pledge of Allegiance* Supervisor Roeser led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Report on Closed Session* County Counsel Vallejo reported that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.
- Introduction* New Deputy Probation Officer Amanda Wagner was introduced to the Board.
- Announcement* Chairperson Tothoroh announced that former, longtime Inyo County Supervisor Linda Arcularius passed away this weekend. Board members and CAO Chapman offered their condolences to Supervisor Arcularius’ family, noting their tremendous respect and admiration for the 20-year public servant known for her ability to set aside personal politics in her friendships and other relationships to work for the common good, and for mentoring fellow board members and County staff alike. CAO Chapman requested the meeting be closed in Supervisor Arcularius’ honor.
- Public Comment* Chairperson Tothoroh asked for public comment on items not calendared on the agenda.
- The Assistant Clerk of the Board read aloud a letter from Rhonda Erickson, and oral comment was heard from Wes French, Robin Moxley, Cari Arnal, Wayne Croasdale, Lynette McIntosh, and Kelli Brown – all opposed to masking and vaccine mandates.
- County Department* Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson offered his thoughts and prayers to the Arcularius family

<i>Reports</i>	in the wake of Linda's passing.
	HHS Director Marilyn Mann said she was joining in with an expression of respect and great admiration for Linda Arcularius and her leadership. Ms. Mann also gave an update on COVID-19 in Inyo County.
<i>CAO-Coroner – Central Valley Toxicology Contract Amendment 2</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve Amendment No. 2 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Central Valley Toxicology, Inc. of Clovis, CA, increasing the contract to an amount not to exceed \$43,000, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Motor Pool – West Coast Lights &amp; Sirens P.O.</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to authorize the issuance of a purchase order payable in an amount of \$83,489.17 to West Coast Lights and Sirens of Riverside, CA for three (3) Explorer Interceptors, one (1) 2021 Explorer Interceptor K-9 Unit, and one (1) Expedition patrol unit. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-Behavioral Health – 2 BHAB Appointments</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to appoint Michelle Saenz and Jason Forehand each to fill unexpired three-year terms on the Behavioral Health Advisory Board ending June 30, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-Behavioral Health – Peer Specialist Agreement</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve agreement with the California Mental Health Services Authority for Peer Specialist Certification and authorize the Chairperson and the HHS Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-ESAAA – 3 Appointments</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to reappoint Joann Poncho, Kelli Davis, and Patti Hamic-Christensen each to unexpired two-year terms on the Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council, ending December 11, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – Granite Construction Bid Award &amp; Purchase</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to: A) declare Granite Construction Company of Bakersfield, CA the successful bidder for 2700 Tons of Plant Mixed Asphalt per Bid No. RD21-08; and B) authorize the purchase of the base bid along with the additional additives 1 & 2 for 750 Tons of Plant Mixed Asphalt from Granite Construction Company of Bakersfield, CA in the total amount not to exceed \$425,914.20. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>PW-Parks &amp; Recreation – Campground Reservation</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve request from Mr. Allan Johnson to reserve all campsites at Portuguese Joe Campground, October 6 through October 9, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>PW-Recycling &amp; Waste Management – Preferred Septic Contract Amendment 1</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) approve and ratify Amendment No. 1 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Preferred Septic and Disposal of Bishop, CA, to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. remove waste hauling services from former county buildings and add the new consolidated building for waste hauling;</li> <li>2. extend the term end date from February 28, 2023 to June 30, 2023; and</li> <li>3. increase the not-to-exceed amount from \$180,000 to \$200,000 contingent, upon the Board's approval of future budgets; and</li> </ol> </li> <li>B) authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained.</li> </ul> Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meetings of December 7, December 14, and December 21, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Recess/Reconvene</i>	The Chairperson recessed the meeting at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11 a.m. with all Board members present.

*County Counsel –  
Tecopa Cemetery  
District Hearing*

Chairperson Totheroh opened the public hearing at 11:01 a.m. and, with nobody requesting to speak, closed the hearing at 11:01 a.m. It was determined that zero protests were received regarding the Board’s intent to appoint itself the governing board of the Tecopa Cemetery District. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to appoint the Board of Supervisors the governing board of the Tecopa Cemetery District. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-Economic  
Development –  
Small Biz Resource  
Center Presentation*

CAO Leslie Chapman kicked off a presentation on the Eastern Sierra Small Business Resource Center Draft Business Plan, the completion of which she called a major milestone in the project. She was joined in the presentation by Administrative Analyst Miquela Beall and Thea Chase, Lehl Chase-Nason, and Gabe Preston from AccompanyCo. Public comment was heard from Kelly Bearden, Steven Frisch, and Allan Pietrasanta, who expressed their excitement about possible opportunities and praised the project; and from Tiffany Lau, who sought clarification as to whether the services would be offered free of charge.

*Public Comment*

The Chairperson asked for public comment on items not calendared on the agenda.

Jennifer Beauden said, as an entrepreneur, she is thrilled with the idea of the Small Business Resource Center.

Wayne Croasdale accused people of using the LGBTQ+ community to attack Supervisor Roeser, which is not honorable. He also said people should not be in fear of a miniscule virus.

*Board Member and  
Staff Reports*

Supervisor Griffiths said he had a planning meeting last week with Supervisor Kingsley about bringing the Mexican consulate to Southern Inyo for a visit, and also attended IMACA and Eastern Sierra Foundation meetings.

Supervisor Pucci said last week he attended a Local Transportation Commission meeting and several funerals for longtime community members.

Supervisor Roeser reported a lot of interaction with constituents, including those in the new portions of District 4.

Supervisor Kingsley said he visited Independence, which is now in his district.

CAO Chapman reminded the Board about the special meeting being held tomorrow.

*Adjournment*

Chairperson Totheroh adjourned the meeting in memory of late Supervisor Linda Arcularius at 12:37 p.m., to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 25, 2022 in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

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Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: LESLIE L. CHAPMAN  
Clerk of the Board*

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

