

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

June 27, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:32 a.m., on June 27, 2023, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Jennifer Roeser, presiding, Trina Orrill, Scott Marcellin, Matt Kingsley, and Jeff Griffiths. Also present: County Administrator Nate Greenberg, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis.

- Closed Session* The Chairperson asked for public comment related to Closed Session items and there was nobody wishing to speak.
- Public Comment*
- Closed Session* Chairperson Roeser recessed open session at 8:32 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following item(s): No. 2 **Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - Initiation of litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(d)(4): 1 case; No. 3 Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Pursuant to Government Code §54957 – Title: County Administrator; and No. 4 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 – Administrative Officer Nate Greenberg, Assistant County Administrators Sue Dishion and Meaghan McCamman, Deputy Personnel Director Keri Oney, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, Senior Budget Analyst Denelle Carrington, Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann, and Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson.
- Open Session* Chairperson Roeser recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:10 a.m. with all Board members present.
- Pledge of Allegiance* Assessor David Stottlemire 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.
- Public Comment* The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was given by Lauralyn Hundley and Ken Brown with Western Counties Alliance.
- County Department Reports* Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd followed up on a question presented during public comment regarding fluctuations in geothermal funds and referenced the findings of an audit which identified the cause.
- Acting Water Director Holly Alpert updated the Board on Lower Owens River higher-than-normal water flows, noting that solar-powered aerators had been placed in different locations to attempt to ensure fish survival.
- Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson provided the Board with information about possible legislative changes coming down the pipe that could affect the Juvenile Probation system countywide and statewide.
- HHS Director Marilynn Mann gave an update on the EMS provider, Coast2Coast, as well as

legislation to create more resources and support for mental health and expand funding for mental health and substance use disorders.

Undersheriff Juan Martinez provided updates and information on recently hired employees and job openings available at the Sheriff's Office and mentioned that the Custody Division has been utilizing work crews to help fill sandbags and assist at the Animal Shelter.

Public Works Director Mike Errante spoke about excess water flows on Independence Creek which put a foot bridge at the lower campground at risk. Errante said that DWP employees had assisted with redirecting flows and rebuilding the embankment in order to save the bridge.

*Agricultural
Commissioner –
Mammoth Lakes
Mosquito Abatement
District Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Mammoth Lakes Mosquito Abatement District for the provision of mosquito abatement and control activities in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 per year for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2028, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

*Clerk of the Board –
Approval of Minutes*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors meetings of June 13, 2023 and June 20, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-Emergency
Services –
Continuation of Local
Emergency*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to continue the local emergency proclaimed in response to the 2023 storms and projected spring runoff in March 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-Information
Services –
Domaine Name
Authorization*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a letter requesting responsibility for the domain name www.inyo.gov. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-Veteran Services
Office –
Inyo/Mono VSO
Medi-Cal & Subvention
Annual Compliance*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to authorize the Chairperson to sign the California Department of Veterans Affairs Annual Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Program Certificate of Compliance for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and the California Department of Veterans Annual Subvention Certificate of Compliance for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Motion carried unanimously.

*Environmental Health –
Hazardous Material
Program Manager
Senior/Step E
Hiring Approval*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to authorize the hiring of one (1) Hazardous Materials Program Manager Senior, Range 84 (\$7,178 - \$8,725), at the E Step (\$8,725). Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS –
CDPH Immunization
Branch Local
Assistance Grant
Renewal Agreement*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to ratify and approve Agreement 22-11027 between the County of Inyo and California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch, of Sacramento, CA for the provision of the Immunization Program in an amount not to exceed \$310,219.58 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the HHS Director to sign the Grant Agreement, the CDPH 1229, the Certification Regarding Lobbying, the Contractor Certification Clause, and the California Civil Rights Laws Attachment. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS –
Stantec Consulting
Services, Inc.*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the sole-source contract between the County of Inyo and Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for the provision of Epidemiology Services in an amount not to exceed \$290,400 for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024

<i>Sole-Source Contract</i>	Budget; and authorize the Chairperson to sign the contract and Business Associate Agreement, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS – Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. Mobile Unit Project Agreement Modification</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the modification between the County of Inyo and Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. of Sudbury, MA, to increase funding by \$300,000 for a total of \$500,000 with the period of performance extended through June 30, 2025, contingent upon the Board’s approval of future budgets, and authorize the HHS Director or Designee to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS – Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. Community Care Expansion Preservation Projects Funding Agreement</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and Advocates for Human Potential, Inc (AHP) of Sudbury, MA for an amount not to exceed \$203,113.00 for the period of July 1, 2023 through January 30, 2027, contingent upon the Board’s approval of future budgets, and authorize Marilyn Mann, HHS Director to sign the agreement, Certification regarding lobbying and the CDSS Confidentially and Information Security requirement and authorize the Assistant Chief Information Officer or Designee to sign the CDSS Confidentially and Information Security requirement. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-Behavioral Health- Life Generations Healthcare, LLC Agreement Amendment No. 1</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Amendment No. 1 to the agreement between the County of Inyo and Life Generations Healthcare LLC of Lakeside, CA, increasing the contract to an amount not to exceed \$100,000 and extending the term end date from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2024, contingent upon the Board’s approval of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-ESAAA – CDA Contract No. AP-2324-16</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Contract No. AP-2324-16 with the California Department of Aging (CDA) for regional services to seniors, provided through the Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging (ESAAA), in the amount of \$1,560,586 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, contingent upon the Board’s adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, and authorize the HHS Director to sign the Standard Agreement (STD 213), Information Integrity and Security Statement Certification, Contractor Certification Clause, and the California Civil Rights Laws Certification. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-ESAAA – Modernizing Older Californians Act Nutrition Services Standard Agreement</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the standard agreement with the California Department of Aging in the amount of \$572,754 for the period beginning July 1, 2023 through March 31, 2029 and authorize the HHS Director to sign the standard agreement, the Information Integrity and Security Statement, the Civil Rights Certification, and the Contract Certification form. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-ESAAA – Modernizing Older Californians Act Supportive Services Standard Agreement</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to ratify and approve the standard agreement with the California Department of Aging in the amount of \$229,544 for the period beginning January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2026 and authorize the HHS Director to sign the standard agreement, the Information Integrity and Security Statement, the Civil Rights Certification, and the Contract Certification form. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-Health & Prevention – Dr. Richardson Agreement</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and James A. Richardson, MD for the provision of Health Officer services in an amount not to exceed \$205,000 for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, contingent upon the Board’s approval of future budgets for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget; and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

<i>HHS- Health & Prevention – Public Health Nurse/Step E Hiring Approval</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to authorize the hiring of one (1) Public Health Nurse, Range 80 (\$6,509 - \$7,918), at the E Step (\$7,918). Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-Social Services – eXemplar Human Services Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to: A) declare eXemplar Human Services of Reno, NV a sole-source provider of customized Social Service reporting tools and services; B) approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and eXemplar Human Services of Reno, NV for the provision of customized Social Service reporting tools and services in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets; and C) and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Planning Department – Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc. Contract Amendment No. 7</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to ratify and approve Amendment No. 7 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc. for the provision of hydrological services to amend all sections relating to the Term of the agreement to be April 25, 2017 to April 25, 2024, contingent upon the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent on all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Probation – Tuolumne County MOU Amendment No. 5</i>	<p>Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to:</p> <p>A) Approve Amendment No. 5 to the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Inyo and the County of Tuolumne to extend the Agreement from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025 and set the following daily rates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$175.00 per day from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 per youth placed at the Mother Lode Regional Juvenile Detention Facility with a guarantee of one (1) bed at the Tuolumne Juvenile Hall and \$210.00 per day for every subsequent bed used by Inyo County, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, and 2. \$185.00 per day from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 per youth placed at the Mother Lode Regional Juvenile Detention Facility with a guarantee of one (1) bed at the Tuolumne Juvenile Hall and \$225.00 per day for every subsequent bed used by Inyo County, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget, and <p>B) Authorize the Chairperson and Chief Probation Officer to sign.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<i>Public Works-Parks & Recreation – Diaz Lake Water System Upgrade Project N.O.C./ Reso #2023-20</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Resolution No. 2023-20 titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California Authorizing the Recording of a Notice of Completion for the Diaz Lake Water System Upgrade Project," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – North Round Valley Bridge Replacement Project N.O.C./ Reso #2023-21</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Resolution No. 2023-21 titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California Authorizing the Recording of a Notice of Completion for the North Round Valley Bridge Over Pine Creek Bridge Replacement Project," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Assessors – Department Presentation</i>	Assessor David Stottlemire and Assistant Assessor Allison Krohn gave a presentation on the functions and duties of the Assessor's office and provided information on various projects.
<i>Recess/Reconvene</i>	Chairperson Roeser recessed open session for a break at 11:56 a.m. and reconvened the meeting in open session at 12:07 p.m. with all Board members present.

<i>Probation – Department Presentation</i>	Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson, Deputy Chief Officer Julie Weier, and Probation Manager Penni Brown presented information on the Adult and Juvenile Probation programs.
<i>Public Comment</i>	Chairperson Roeser asked if there was any public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda and there was no one wishing to speak.
<i>Board Member & Staff Reports</i>	<p>CAO Nate Greenberg said that preparations are being made, with the help of Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil and Big Pine Fire Chief Damon Carrington, to have a swift water rescue team on hand by Thursday in anticipation of the hot, busy Fourth of July holiday Greenberg also mentioned that he attended the Bishop City meeting where Coast2Coast presented updates on EMS services.</p> <p>Assistant Clerk to the Board of Supervisors and Public Relations Liaison Ellis announced that LADWP will be opening Klondike Lake on Saturday and is encouraging this safe waterway as a recreation option for the public.</p> <p>Supervisor Roeser let attendees know that the Board would be reconvening in closed session after Board Member and Staff Reports.</p> <p>Supervisor Orrill provided an update from California Public Health and Wellness reminding those eligible for Medi-Cal of the redetermination process that is being instituted.</p> <p>Supervisor Marcellin thanked everyone for his time off with his family and mentioned that he was still able to attend to constituent meetings while he was away.</p> <p>Supervisor Kingsley said he will be out of the area for the Fourth of July holiday but will return next week to attend a Great Basin Air Pollution Control District meeting.</p>
<i>Closed Session</i>	Chairperson Roeser recessed open session at 1:20 p.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following item(s): No. 3 Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Pursuant to Government Code §54957 – Title: County Administrator; and No. 4 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 – Administrative Officer Nate Greenberg, Assistant County Administrators Sue Dishion and Meaghan McCamman, Deputy Personnel Director Keri Oney, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, Senior Budget Analyst Denelle Carrington, Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann, and Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson.
<i>Open Session</i>	Chairperson Roeser recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 3:04 p.m. with all Board members present.
<i>Report on Closed Session</i>	County Counsel Vallejo reported that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.
<i>Adjournment</i>	The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. to 9 a.m. Wednesday, June 28, 2023, in the meeting room of Deep Springs College, 250 Deep Springs Ranch Rd., Highway 168, Big Pine, CA.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: NATE GREENBERG
Clerk of the Board*

by: _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant