

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

October 23, 2017

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in special session at the hour of 9:01 a.m., on October 23, 2017, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Mark Tillemans, presiding, Dan Tothoroh, Jeff Griffiths, Rick Pucci, and Matt Kingsley.

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE* Supervisor Kingsley led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- PUBLIC COMMENT* Chairperson Tillemans asked for public comment during the first public comment period and there was no-one wishing to address the Board.
- CLOSED SESSION* Chairperson Tillemans recessed open session at 9:02 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following item: No. 2 **PERSONNEL [Pursuant to Government Code §54957]** – Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Title – County Administrator.
- OPEN SESSION* Chairperson Tillemans recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 11:01 a.m. with all Board members present.
- REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION* It was reported that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported. The Board had not finished its closed session business, however, and would recess to closed session later in the meeting to continue discussions.
- BOS – MEAD & HUNT TELEPHONIC DISCUSSION* The Board joined County staff in a telephonic discussion with Jeff Hartz from the consulting firm Mead & Hunt to provide input regarding the 5- to 10-year air service strategic plan being prepared on behalf of Mammoth Lakes Tourism. Also joining the call was Mammoth Lakes Tourism Executive Director John Urdi. Hartz described the contents of the strategic plan, which will include a “peer review” of the Part 139 Certification Manual being put together by Inyo County consultants for the Bishop Airport. Urdi explained the peer review would be conducted on the 7-page outline prepared by the County’s consultants because there was not room in MLT’s timeline to wait for the FAA’s review of the finished manual. Public Works Director Clint Quilter urged Hartz to at least confer with the County’s consultants as part of Mead & Hunt’s review. Board members reiterated their belief that the provision of air service in the Eastern Sierra needs to be approached from a regional standpoint and that Bishop Airport can help solve reliability issues plaguing local air service so that airlines can tap into new markets. Urdi explained that the Mammoth Airport cannot continue to have the cancellation rates it currently does. He said the study is not being conducted to either confirm or rule out Bishop Airport as an alternative, but to identify what is possible at both facilities.
- RECESS FOR LUNCH/CLOSED SESSION* Chairperson Tillemans recessed the meeting at 11:45 a.m. for lunch and to convene in closed session with all Board members present at 12 p.m. to continue discussion and possible action as appropriate on previously noted closed session items.
- OPEN SESSION* Chairperson Tillemans recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 3:09 p.m. with all Board members present.
- REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION* No action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.

ADJOURN

Chairperson Tillemans adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 7, 2017 in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

Attest: *KEVIN D. CARUNCHIO*
Clerk of the Board

by: _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant