

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

February 19, 2019

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 February 19, 2019, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Rick Pucci, presiding, Dan Totheroh, Jeff Griffiths, Mark Tillemans, and Matt Kingsley.

- Public Comment* Chairperson Pucci asked for public comment during the first public comment period and there was no-one wishing to address the Board.
- Closed Session* Chairperson Pucci recessed open session at 8:32 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following items: No. 2 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – [Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9] – County of Inyo v. Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Kern Superior Court Case Nos. BVC-18-101260; BVC-18-101261; and BVC-18-101262;** No. 3 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – [Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9] – Patrick McLernon v. County of Inyo, William Kanayan as an individual and dba William Kanayan Construction, and Does 1 to 25, inclusive;** Inyo County Superior Court Case No. SICVCV 1558147; 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 Clint Quilter, Assistant County Administrator Rick Benson, Deputy Personnel Director Sue Dishion, County Counsel Marshall Rudolph, and Assistant County Counsel John Vallejo.
- Open Session* Chairperson Pucci recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:09 a.m. with all Board members present.
- Pledge* Supervisor Kingsley 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, but noted the Board would be returning to closed session to continue discussions later in the meeting.
- Public Comment* Chairperson Pucci asked for public comment during the second public comment period and there was no-one wishing to address the Board.
- County Department Reports* Chairperson Pucci opened the floor to County Department Reports and there was no-one wishing to address the Board.
- Presentation – Inyo County State Fair Booth* Assistant County Administrator Rick Benson introduced Laura Smith, who along with her husband Greg, has been in charge of Inyo County’s promotional booth at the California State Fair for the past three years. Ms. Smith shared slides of the 2018 booth and described the various elements that were incorporated into the exhibit to adhere to the theme “California: Create, Inspire and Innovate,” and which also showcased attractions and businesses in Inyo County. Ms. Smith also presented the Board with the gold ribbon awarded to Inyo County, and noted that plans are under way for the 2019 exhibit. The Board thanked Ms. Smith for her hard work.

*Parks & Recreation –
3 Seasonal Park &
Campground
Maintenance Helpers*

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh for the Board to find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for three (3) Seasonal Park and Campground Maintenance Helpers exists in the General Fund, as certified by the Assistant Deputy County Administrator and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) where due to the seasonal nature of the positions it is unlikely that the positions could be filled by internal candidates meeting the qualifications, an open recruitment is more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; and C) approve the hiring of three (3) Seasonal Park and Campground Maintenance Helpers, Range PT50 (\$14.75 - \$17.91/hr.), contingent upon Board approval of future budgets. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-Behavioral
Health – HHS
Specialist IV*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh for the Board to find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for one (1) HHS Specialist IV exists in the Behavioral Health budget (no County General Funds), as certified by the HHS Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and the Auditor-Controller; B) where internal candidates may meet the qualifications for the position, the vacancy could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, but an open recruitment is more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; and C) approve the hiring of one (1) full-time HHS Specialist IV, Range 60 (\$3,612 - \$4,387). Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO/Planning –
County
Representation at
Forest Plan Objection
Meeting*

CAO Quilter briefly reviewed the process that led to Inyo County being invited to attend an Inyo National Forest Land Management Plan Revision Objection Meeting tomorrow afternoon as an official objector. The Board was asked to review its objections and discuss who would be representing the County at the meeting, as the number of speakers would be limited. The Board reviewed its objections as stated in its August 2018 Objection Letter and it was noted that Supervisors Kingsley, Griffiths, and Tillemans had been designated the County's lead objectors at that time. Supervisor Kingsley said he would be unable to attend but wanted to be sure the County's speakers gave a clear presentation of its positions at its last opportunity to provide input before a final decision on the Plan. He offered additional talking points, such as the Board's willingness to compromise on wilderness additions through suggestions for reasonable adjustments. It was decided Supervisors Griffiths and Tillemans would speak on Inyo County's behalf.

*Museum –
Acceptance of
Branson Basket
Collection Donation*

Museum Services Director Jon Klusmire presented a request for the Board to accept a donation from the Branson Family of Lone Pine of its sizeable and extensive Native American basket collection. Klusmire explained that many of the baskets were purchased online or at auction, so their history is traceable, and date to the 1900s to 1950s. He said most of the baskets are specific to Eastern Sierra Tribes. Klusmire noted that the museum would like to present the collection via a public event in the near future. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to accept a donation to the Eastern California Museum from the Branson Family of Lone Pine of 110 Owens Valley Paiute and regional Paiute Tribal baskets and beadwork and other Native American artifacts, pursuant to Inyo County Code 6.260 – "Donation of Property to the County." Motion carried unanimously.

*Recycling & Waste –
Tire Amnesty Gate &
Disposal Fee
Waivers*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to waive all gate and disposal fees associated with the Tire Amnesty events to be conducted in late April at County waste management facilities.

*CAO – FY 18-19
Mid-Year Financial
Report*

CAO Quilter introduced and thanked the County Budget Team – Budget Analyst Denelle Carrington and Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd – for doing the heavy lifting on the Mid-Year Financial Report, and called the two an invaluable resource for the entire County. CAO Quilter provided an overview of the purpose and importance of the Mid-Year Budget in general, as well as specific details of the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 report, including the differences between the Board Approved Budget and the Working Budget, and between the Working Budget and the Mid-Year Budget. He also reviewed significant issues affecting the County, such as an audit of California mental health funding that will require a refund from Inyo County, increased hotel transient occupancy tax, and geothermal revenues that seem to be on the rise again after a dismal allocation in Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Auditor-Controller Shepherd said she is investigating whether the FY 17-18 share was misallocated because it was so low. CAO Quilter also shared with the Board income statements for both General Fund and non-General Fund budgets. Board members appreciated the information being shared in a new, easy-to-read

format. Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to: A) accept the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Mid-Year Financial Report as presented; B) approve the specific budget action items and recommendations discussed in the report, and represented in Attachments A&B (4/5ths vote required); and C) direct staff to continue emphasis on revenue attainment and expense savings in order to maximize year-end Fund Balances. Motion carried unanimously.

*Clerk of the Board –
Approval of Minutes*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meetings of February 5, 2019 and February 12, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Chairperson Pucci 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*

Supervisor Kingsley reported attending the Inyo Associates meeting in Independence, as well as the International Ag Expo in Tulare County. He also said RCRC is having its annual County of the Chair meeting in Death Valley April 30-May 1. He also noted he will be absent next week in order to attend to RCRC business in Washington, D.C.

Supervisor Totheroh reported attending a State Parks grant meeting at the BLM/USFS building in Bishop last week.

Supervisor Griffiths reported sitting in on an IHSS working group conference call Wednesday and attending a CSAC Board of Directors meeting via conference call Thursday due to bad weather. He also reported on a ceremony at Cerro Coso Community College to dedicate the community room for Dr. Terrance McAteer.

County Counsel Rudolph reported he will be out of the office the rest of the week.

CAO Quilter reported that the Board's annual Southeast Inyo meeting will be held April 16 at the Tecopa Community Center.

Chairperson Pucci said he spoke with Bishop business owners about impacts of the recent storms and they reported a decline in revenue as the severity of the storms has either kept travelers away from Mammoth or stuck in Mammoth.

Closed Session

Chairperson Pucci recessed open session at 11:32 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to continue discussion and possible action as appropriate on previously noted closed session items.

Open Session

Chairperson Pucci recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 1:07 p.m. with all Board members present.

*Report on Closed
Session*

County Counsel Rudolph reported no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.

Adjournment

Chairperson Pucci adjourned the meeting at 1:07 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 26, 2019 in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

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

by: _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant