

# MINUTES



# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

**February 25, 2020**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:30 a.m., on February 25, 2020, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Vice Chairperson Jeff Griffiths, presiding, Dan Tothoroh, Jeff Griffiths, Rick Pucci, and Mark Tillemans. Absent: Matt Kingsley

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

*Closed Session* Vice Chairperson Griffiths recessed open session at 8:30 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present except Supervisor Kingsley to discuss the following items: No. 2 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION** – Name of case: *LADWP v. Inyo County et al.* (Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-18-101513-KCT [CEQA]); No. 3 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** – Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9 (*one potential case*); 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 Leslie Chapman, Deputy Personnel Director Sue Dishion, County Counsel Marshall Rudolph, Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann, and Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson.

*Open Session* Vice Chairperson Griffiths recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:00 a.m. with all Board members present except Supervisor Kingsley.

*Pledge* Supervisor Tillemans 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* Vice Chairperson Griffiths asked for public comment during the second public comment period. Linda Chaplin of Independence expressed dismay that more trees are being cut down in Independence.

Bishop Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Tawni Thomson and Julie Faber provided an update on chamber events and activities, including travel shows and the recent Poppy Awards bestowed on the Bishop Chamber for its tourism marketing efforts.

*County Department Reports* Vice Chairperson Griffiths opened the floor to department reports and there was no one wishing to address the Board.

*Proclamation – National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month* Vice Chairperson Griffiths read aloud a proclamation from the Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance to declare March 2020 Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in Inyo County. Moved by Supervisor Tothoroh and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the proclamation declaring March 2020 Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in Inyo County. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent. Rosie Graves, on behalf of ESCA, introduced community

partners from Northern Inyo Hospital and Southern Inyo Hospital, and fellow Board members Cheryl Underhill and Cori Denault, and founder Pat Ramirez. Graves gave an update on ESCA activities and upcoming events. Ramirez thanked the Board and community for their support. Vice Chairperson Griffiths thanked ESCA and its partners for helping to remove some of the stigma surrounding colorectal cancer.

*Recycling & Waste Management – WEX Credit Line*

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to authorize the Assistant County Administrator to sign all documents necessary to open a new Inyo County credit line, not to exceed \$20,000, with WEX Bank for Recycling and Waste Management fleet fuel purchases, subject to the same general terms and conditions of the County's existing credit account with WEX Bank. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

*HHS-First 5 – Amended Bylaws*

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve amendments to Article V of the bylaws for the First 5 Children and Families Commission, adding an alternate member of the community to its composition. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

*HHS – CA Dept. of Aging Contract Amendment 2 Ratification*

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to ratify and approve Amendment Number 2 to Standard Agreement for Contract Number AP-1920-16, between the County of Inyo and the California Department of Aging, increasing the overall allocation by \$277,146, for a total contract amount of \$1,163,367, and authorize the HHS Director to sign the Standard Agreement Amendment. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

*HHS – Anne Sippi Treatment Group Contract Ratification*

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to ratify and approve the contract between County of Inyo and Anne Sippi Treatment Group for residential placement for an adult in need of this level of care in an amount not to exceed \$26,000 for the period of February 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020, and authorize the Chairperson to sign the contract and HIPAA Business Associate Agreement. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

*HHS – Ordinance 1252 (BHAB)*

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to enact a proposed ordinance titled, "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Amending Title 2 of the Inyo County Code to Add a Chapter Pertaining to the County Behavioral Health Advisory Board." Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

*Information Services – Department Update*

The Board received an update on department operations from Information Services Director Scott Armstrong.

*Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes*

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of February 18, 2020. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

*Board Member and Staff Reports*

CAO Quilter reported he is traveling to Southern California to meet the FAA after today's meeting.

Vice Chairperson Griffiths said he attended last week's Drug Court graduation and Bishop Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

*Public Comment*

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

*Adjournment*

Vice Chairperson Griffiths adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 3, 2020 in the County Administrative Center in Independence.



Vice Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

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

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