

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

May 11, 2021

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 10:02 a.m., on May 11, 2021, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present via videoconferencing per California Governor Executive Order N-25-20: Chairperson Jeff Griffiths, presiding, Dan Totheroh, Rick Pucci, Jennifer Roeser, and Matt Kingsley. Also present: County Administrative Officer Clint Quilter, Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis, and County Counsel Marshall Rudolph.

Pledge of Allegiance Supervisor Griffiths led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment Chairperson Griffiths asked if there was any public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda.

Ken Harrison of KIBS told the Board that not many fish are caught in the Bishop area during Fishing Opener, and suggested local agencies team up to buy a large truckload of large trout and plant them in Intake II the night before the season starts.

Gail Swain of Bishop said she wanted to express her support of the safe parking project that had been planned for the Nazarene Church and asked the Board when it is going to revisit the issue. She said homeless people, including children, need a safe place to stay at night and access to bathroom facilities. She said she was sincerely disappointed in the Board's decision to deny the project and knows a lot of other people were too.

County Department Reports Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson thanked Chairperson Griffiths for attending the Drug Court Graduation of two individuals last week, and gave an update on AB 1869.

Emergency Services Manager Kelley Williams updated the Board on the governor's latest emergency proclamation declaring drought conditions in 41 of the state's 58 counties (but not Inyo County). She said with elevated wildfire risk and potential impacts to recreation tourism, she hopes to focus on educational efforts for the public.

HHS Director Marilyn Mann reported that next week she will be bringing forward agenda items to extend the terms of existing term-limited positions that were created through an Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity grant, and hire additional staff as required by the grant.

Introductions The following new employees were introduced to the Board: Joselin Carranza, COVID-19 Case Investigator, HHS; Talia Carrillo, HHS Specialist III; HHS; Tenaya Guceione, COVID-19 Response Coordinator, HHS; and Genoa Meneses, COVID-19 Grant Program Manager, HHS.

COVID-19 Staff Update The Board heard staff's weekly update on the status of COVID-19 cases locally, as well as state and national trends. Staff also updated the Board on the distribution on vaccines and ongoing testing. HHS Director Marilyn Mann reported that Inyo County has had a total of 1,428 positive cases of COVID-19 as of today and is trending toward the less restrictive yellow tier in the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy. Deputy HHS Director-Public Health Anna Scott discussed recent and upcoming vaccination events, noting that more than 70 percent of Inyo County's population has had at least one shot of the vaccine so far. Public Health Officer Dr. James Richardson discussed the high rate of efficacy of the vaccines but believes it is premature to offer the vaccine to children, who are at the lowest risk as herd immunity increases, without more knowledge of the long-term effects.

Ag Commissioner – Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Roeser for the Board to find that

*Seasonal Field
Assistant 01*

consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for the requested position exists as certified by the Agricultural Commissioner and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) due to the seasonal nature of the position it is unlikely it could be filled by an internal candidate meeting the qualifications, and an open recruitment is more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; and C) approve the hiring of one (1) Seasonal Field Assistant 01, Range 050PT (\$15.97 - \$19.39 per hour), from May 13, 2021 through September 29, 2021, contingent upon the Board's adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-Museum –
Museum
Administrator*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser 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) Museum Administrator exists in the General Fund, as certified by the Assistant County Administrator and concurred with by the County Administrator and 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) Museum Administrator at Range 70 (\$4,660 - \$5,668). Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-Behavioral
Health –
Office Clerk III*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci for the Board to find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for one (1) Office Clerk III exists in the Behavioral Health and Drinking Driver Program budgets, as certified by the HHS Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and 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) Office Clerk III at Range 52 (\$3,118 - \$3,788). Motion carried unanimously.

*Road Department –
Seasonal Road
Maintenance
Worker I*

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Roeser for the Board to find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for one (1) Road Maintenance Worker I exists in the Road Department budget, as certified by the Public Works Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) due to the seasonal nature of the position it is unlikely it could be filled by an internal candidate meeting the qualifications, and an open recruitment is more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; C) approve the hiring of one (1) Road Maintenance Worker I at Range 50PT (\$15.97 - \$19.39), for the period of April through October. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff – Food Cook

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Roeser for the Board to find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for the requested position exists in the General Fund, as certified by the Sheriff and concurred by the County Administrator and the Auditor-Controller; B) where internal candidates may meet the qualifications for the position and the position could possibly be filled by an internal recruitment, an open recruitment is more appropriate to ensure qualified candidates apply; and C) approve the open recruitment and hiring of one (1) Food Cook position at Range 51A-51C (\$3,047 - \$3,525). Motion carried unanimously.

*Assessor –
Erik Endler Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Erik Endler for the provision of professional services relating to the creation of a valuation model for purposes of training appraisal staff and the use in property tax assessments related to income producing properties, specifically geothermal properties, for the period of June 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, contingent upon the Board's adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

*Clerk-Recorder –
Tyler Technologies
Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve and award the contract for Clerk-Recorder Software System to Tyler Technologies of Moraine, OH in an amount not to exceed \$180,000 for a term of five years, beginning on the first day of the first month following the contract's effective date, and authorize the Assistant Clerk-Recorder to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*Parks & Recreation –
Mission Janitorial*

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to authorize increase in blanket purchase order, in the amount of \$5,000, for purchase of janitorial supplies from

<i>Blanket P.O. Increase</i>	Mission Janitorial and Abrasive Supplies, which is in addition to the existing \$10,000 blanket purchase order. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-Behavioral Health – Anne Sippi Clinic Treatment Group Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Anne Sippi Clinic Treatment Group of Bakersfield, CA for the provision of residential placement for adults conserved under Laterman Petris Short Act or other adults in need of this specialized high level of treatment, in an amount not to exceed \$74,000 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign the contract and HIPAA Business Associate Agreement, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-Behavioral Health – IDEA Consulting Sole-Source Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to: A) declare I.D.E.A. Consulting of Davis, CA a sole-source provider of consulting services; B) approve the contract between the County of Inyo and I.D.E.A. Consulting of Davis, CA for the provision of consulting services in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, contingent upon the Board's approval the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget; and C) authorize the Chairperson to sign the contract and HIPAA Business Associate Agreement, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Probation – Healthy Communities Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Healthy Communities of Southern Inyo County for a Delinquency Prevention Program for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$31,840.00, contingent upon receipts from the California State Controller's Office and the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Probation – ICOE Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Inyo County Office of Education for an Extended Day Program for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$21,227.00, contingent upon receipts from the California State Controller's Office and the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – Grainger Blanket P.O.</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to authorize issuance of a blanket purchase order for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, payable to Grainger of Palatine, IL for the purchase of equipment and service items. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Sheriff – LC Action Police Glock Purchase</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to: A) declare LC Action Police Supply of San Jose, CA the successful bidder for thirty-three (33) Glock pistols per Bid No. 2021-05; and B) authorize the purchase of thirty-three (33) Glock pistols from LC Action Police Supply of San Jose, CA in an amount not to exceed \$15,242.82. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Emergency Services – CalFire Grants Letters of Support</i>	Emergency Services Manager Kelley Williams and Holly Alpert of the Whitebark Institute reviewed for the Board two separate grant applications being submitted to CalFire. Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve letters of support for two separate CalFire-Fire Prevention Grant Applications submitted by the Whitebark Institute on behalf of the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program East Subregion, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Personnel – ICPPOA MOU</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to ratify and approve the April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2024 Inyo County Probation Peace Officers Association Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes</i>	Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors meeting of May 4, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Comment</i>	The Chairperson solicited public comment for the final public comment period.

The Assistant Clerk of the Board did not receive any emailed comments and nobody requested to speak to the Board via the “hand-waving” feature on Zoom.

Board Member and Staff Reports

Supervisor Totheroh said he is still working with IMACA and they are still foundering trying to find an entity to host the safe parking project, noting that 13 entities have been contacted and only one – the Nazarene Church – is willing to host the program.

Supervisor Kingsley discussed local water districts and said he attended a Great Basin Air Pollution Control Board meeting last week.

Supervisor Pucci reported having a lot of interaction with the public and public agencies, and engaging with the California State Association of Counties, National Association of Counties and IMACA on the issue of homelessness.

Supervisor Roeser reported also having a lot of constituent interaction and attending the Great Basin Board meeting, while also continuing to collect community feedback on the Fish Springs and Manzanar pavement projects.

CAO Quilter noted that the Treasury Department issued guidance for economic recovery plans and staff will be bringing recommendations to the Board in the future. He also said the Third Quarter Budget Review is scheduled for the May 18 meeting. Quilter added that Assistant County Administrator Leslie Chapman did some investigative journalism and found out that the Bishop Chamber did plant fish in Intake II before this year’s Opener and also partners with the lodges in the area to keep other popular waters stocked.

Chairperson Griffiths reported attending a productive meeting about veterans housing and a Wounded Warriors complex, the Inyo Council for the Arts Board meeting, Drug Court graduation, a dispersed camping summit, a Laws Railroad Museum Board meeting, the Bishop City Council meeting, and volunteering at the Soup Kitchen. He said he will be attending a Local Agency Formation Commission meeting tomorrow.

Adjournment

Chairperson Griffiths adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 18, 2021 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