

# MINUTES



# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

## September 21, 2021

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:40 a.m., on September 21, 2021, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present via webinar per California Governor Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-08-21: Vice Chairperson Dan Totheroh, presiding, Rick Pucci, Jennifer Roeser, and Matt Kingsley. Also present: County Administrator Leslie Chapman, Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis, and County Counsel Marshall Rudolph. Absent: Chairperson Jeff Griffiths

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

The Assistant Clerk of the Board had received any written comment and nobody requested to speak to the Board via the "hand-raising" feature on Zoom.

*Closed Session* Vice Chairperson Totheroh recessed open session at 8:41 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present except Chairperson Griffiths to discuss the following item(s): No. 2 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9** – Names of cases: *LADWP v. Inyo County et al.* (CA 5th District Court of Appeal Case No. F081389) and *Inyo County v. LADWP* (Kern County Sup. Ct. Case Nos. BCV-18-101260-TSC, BCV-18-101261-TSC, and BCV-18-101262-TSC); No. 3 **PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: County Counsel; No. 4 **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8** - Property: APN 008-240-01; Agency Negotiators: Leslie Chapman and Marshall Rudolph; Negotiation Parties: Inyo County and SSW LLC Opportunity Zone; Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment; No. 5 **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 – 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 Totheroh recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10 a.m. with all Board members present.

*Pledge of Allegiance* Supervisor Roeser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Report on Closed Session* County Counsel Rudolph reported that no action was taken in closed session that is required to be reported.

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

Wes French of Bishop spoke about ethics and morality from a Biblical perspective, noting that Board meetings used to start with a prayer. He asked that meeting not only start with a pledge of allegiance to the flag but also to God.

*County Department Reports*

HHS Director Marilyn Mann spoke about the California Master Plan for Aging and noted that October is National Long-term Care Residents Rights Month. She said Ombudsman Paulette Erwin is leading an effort to collect donations of board games, puzzles, etc. for residents in honor of the them “Our Residents Have the Right to Have Fun.”

*COVID-19 Staff Update*

HHS Director Marilyn Mann reported that Inyo County’s case total is 1,670 with six new cases added over the weekend and an average of 3-5 cases daily. She said there are currently 53 active cases, 16 of which are pediatric. She reminded that public that the County can be more restrictive than State guidelines but not less – and Inyo County is currently following State guidelines. HHS Deputy Director-Public Health & Prevention Anna Scott said Pfizer has applied to the FDA for emergency exemption to extend the vaccine to the 5-11 age range, and staff is monitoring developments regarding booster vaccines.

Public Health Officer Dr. James Richardson said it will be wise to get the flu vaccine when it becomes available. CAO Chapman asked County Counsel Rudolph to give a briefing on AB 361, which he explained will allow governmental entities to continue meeting remotely via Zoom after October 1 if certain prerequisites are met.

Wes French of Bishop said the Board continues to rely on information from the FDA and CDC without researching it independently and hasn’t done anything to review the information he shared a couple weeks ago other than to call it misinformation. He said local government needs to stand up to the false narratives from the government, and mentioned alternative medicines that are being used in India on both a prophylactic and therapeutic base.

An individual identified as “TT” inquired about the public reporting of COVID deaths by age group so the public is better informed. Supervisor Kingsley said it’s important to hear from the public, but he is going to trust health professionals to figure out the best way to deliver information to the public, and doesn’t think the County has to defend itself for adhering to confidentiality laws.

*Assessor – Erik Endler Contract Amendment 1*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve Amendment No. 1 to 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, to extend the end date from September 30, 2021 to December 31, 2021, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Griffiths absent.

*Motor Pool – Ford F350 Lease P.O.*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to authorize a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$23,653.13, payable to Enterprise Fleet Management for the capitalized cost reduction payment towards the lease of one (1) Ford F350 Utility body unit# 256SFS. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Griffiths absent.

*Risk Management – Health & Safety Institute Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve an agreement with Health and Safety Institute of Frisco, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$20,000, for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023, contingent upon the adoption of future budgets, for the purchase of credits for employees to take the Remote Skills Verification CPR, First Aid & AED Training course, and authorize the Risk Manager to sign the Order Form and associated documents. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Griffiths absent.

*HHS-Social Services – Community Service Solutions Sole-Source Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to: A) declare Community Service Solutions a sole-source provider for IHSS Registry, Employer of Record, and Labor Union Negotiation Services; B) approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Community Service Solutions for the provision of an IHSS Registry and Employer of Record services in an amount not to exceed \$256,952.00 for the period of October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, contingent upon the Board’s adoption of future budgets; and C) authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Griffiths absent.

*HHS – Mammoth Lakes Housing MOU*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Inyo Department of Health and Human Services and Mammoth Lakes Housing, extending the term of the MOU

<i>Amendment 1</i>	from September 30, 2021 to December 31, 2021, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Griffiths absent.
<i>HHS – BIT Blanket P.O.</i>	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to authorize the issuance of a blanket purchase order for BIT California, LLC in the amount of \$12,000 for postage in the Social Services Programs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Griffiths absent.
<i>Public Works – Airport Emergency Plan/Reso # 2021-49</i>	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve Resolution No. 2021-49, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Approving the Airport Emergency Plan for the Bishop Airport," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Griffiths absent.
<i>Road Department – Tu Su, Diaz, North Pa Ha Road Closures</i>	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the closure of portions of Tu Su Lane, Diaz Lane, and North Pa Ha Lane on Friday, September 24, 2021, between the hours of 6:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Griffiths absent.
<i>Sheriff – Idemia Sole-Source P.O.</i>	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to: A) declare Idemia of Anaheim, CA the sole-source provider of LiveScan Fingerprint machine, warranty, and components; B) authorize the issuance of a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$32,000 (includes tax and shipping), payable to Idemia of Anaheim, CA for LiveScan Fingerprint machine, warranty, and components; and C) authorize the Sheriff or designee to sign quote No. IDCA-L022421-02B. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Griffiths absent.
<i>Sheriff – Onsolve LLC Sole-Source P.O.</i>	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to: A) declare Onsolve, LLC of Ormond Beach, FL a sole-source provider of CodeRED Emergency Notification System / Integrated Public Alert Warning System - IPAWS; and B) authorize the issuance of a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$12,500, payable to Onsolve, LLC of Ormond Beach, FL. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Griffiths absent.
<i>Emergency Services – 2021 County Coordinator Grant Application</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to A) approve the submittal of the 2021 County Coordinators Grant Application on behalf of Inyo County; and B) authorize the County Administrator, as the Director of Emergency Services, to sign the grant application as well as any and all accompanying grant documents. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Griffiths absent.
<i>Motor Pool – Yamaha Rhino Surplus/Donation</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to declare one (1) 2009 Yamaha Rhino (Asset# 8813) as surplus and no longer required for County use, and approve the donation of the vehicle to the Big Pine Volunteer Fire Department pursuant to Government Code Section 25372 (4/5ths vote required). Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Griffiths absent.
<i>Public Comment</i>	Vice Chairperson Totheroh 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-raising" feature on Zoom.  Supervisor Roeser congratulated new County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters Danielle Sexton for a fantastic job on recent recall election.
<i>Board Member and Staff Reports</i>	Supervisor Pucci noted being busy with a variety of meetings and said he will be attending the RCRC conference next week.  Supervisor Kingsley said he will also be attended the RCRC conference, and noted he attended a meeting of the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District board.  Supervisor Roeser said she also attended the Great Basin meeting, as well as the investiture ceremony for Judge Susanne Rizo, and NACO-sponsored briefing on Waters of the U.S.

CAO Chapman reported she will be out of town on October 5 and Assistant CAO Sue Dishion will be standing in for her during the Board meeting.

*Adjournment*

Vice Chairperson Totheroh adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 5, 2021 in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

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Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: LESLIE CHAPMAN  
Clerk of the Board*

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