

# MINUTES



# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

## October 11, 2022

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 October 11, 2022 in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present per California Assembly Bill 361: Vice Chairperson Jennifer Roeser, presiding, Jeff Griffiths, Rick Pucci, and Matt Kingsley. Also present: County Administrator Nate Greenberg, County Counsel John Vallejo, Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis, and Office Technician Hayley Carter. Absent: Dan Totheroh.

- Public Comment* The Vice Chairperson asked for public comment related to Closed Session items and no one requested to speak.
- Closed Session* Vice Chairperson Roeser recessed open session at 8:33 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members except Supervisor Totheroh to discuss the following item(s): No. 2 **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 Nate Greenberg, Assistant County Administrators Sue Dishion and Meaghan McCamman, Deputy Personnel Director Keri Oney, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann, and Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson; and No. 3 **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: County Administrator.
- Open Session* Vice Chairperson Roeser recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:03 a.m. with all Board members present except Supervisor Totheroh.
- Pledge of Allegiance* Office Technician Hayley Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Report on Closed Session* County Counsel Vallejo reported that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.
- Wild Iris – DVAM Proclamation* Kyle Osland, Wild Iris Adult Services manager, read aloud a proclamation in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. He also shared that the organization is continuing to see an increase in calls for assistance.
- Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve a proclamation declaring October 2022 Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Inyo County. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.
- Employee Service Recognition – 3<sup>rd</sup> Q 2022* The Board recognized the following employees who reached service milestones during the Third Quarter of 2022:
- Tim Bachman, 15 years, Sheriff's Office
  - Thomas White, 5 years, Probation
  - Chris Anderson, 35 years; Lisa Gates, 30 years; Anna Scott, 15 years; Maricela Baez, 5 years; Serena Johnson, 5 years; Chelsea Stockton, 5 years; and Veronica Castro Godoy, 5 years, HHS
  - Kyler Hanson, 5 years; and Kevin Longest, 5 years, Public Works
  - Johnnie Lutze, 5 years, Inyo County Library
  - Alexis Safarik, 5 years, Public Administrator/Guardian's Office

calendared on the agenda.

Public comment was received from Lauralynn Hundley.

*County Department  
Reports*

HHS Director Marilyn Mann reported that Public Health is has begun hosting flu vaccine clinics throughout the county.

Public Works Director Mike Errante gave an update on pavement slurry projects, the memorial bench at the Clint Quilter Consolidated Office Building, the Commander's House roofing project, the contract for the Courthouse HVAC project, construction of the Diaz Lake boat dock, and completion of the Round Valley bridge.

Ag Commissioner Nate Reade reported on mosquito activity, noting it should subside with the cooler weather.

Apropos of the Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclamation, Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson reminded the Board that Probation offers a 52-week in-house domestic violence program, and invited the Board to a domestic violence awareness event being hosted by Toiyabe Indian Health Project on Thursday.

*Ag Commissioner –  
Advisory Board  
Appointments*

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to: A) approve the following appointments to the Agricultural Resource Advisory Board for three-year terms ending August 22, 2025: Bishop Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau Executive Director Tawni Thomson, and Jeri Roen serving in the Inyo County Community Business at Large position; and B) approve the following appointments to the Agricultural Resource Advisory Board for three-year terms ending August 22, 2024: Inyo/Mono Cattlemen's Association President Scott Kemp, LADWP lessee Dr. Tom Talbot, and Tri-County Fair Board CEO Jen McGuire. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.

*Motor Pool – Surplus  
Vehicle Auction*

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to: A) declare the vehicles identified in Exhibit A as surplus; B) authorize Motor Pool to offer the vehicles for sale utilizing the Public Surplus auction site; and C) authorize Motor Pool to utilize either the previously approved consignment auction agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management or another auctioneer for the removal and sale of any vehicles remaining unsold after the Public Surplus process. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.

*Personnel –  
LEAA Side Letter*

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the side letter between the County of Inyo and the Law Enforcement Administrators Association. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.

*County Counsel –  
Biennial Conflict  
of Interest  
Reports/Amendments*

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to:

- A) Receive and approve the 2022 Conflict of Interest Code Biennial Reports from the following local agencies and County Departments: Auditor-Controller, Big Pine Fire Protection District, Clerk-Recorder, Farm Advisor, Independence Fire Protection District, Inyo County Office of Education, Lone Pine Fire Protection District, Lone Pine Unified School District, Mt. Whitney Cemetery District, Northern Inyo Healthcare District, Pioneer Cemetery District, Planning, Southern Inyo Fire Protection District, Southern Inyo Healthcare District, Sierra North Community Service District, and the Treasurer-Tax Collector; and
- B) Receive and approve the 2022 Conflict of Interest Code amendments from the following local agencies: Agriculture/Weights Commissioner, Assessor, Big Pine Unified School District, Bishop Rural Fire Protection District, Coroner, County Counsel, District Attorney, Eastern Sierra Community Services District, Health and Human Services, Probation, Public Administrator/Public Guardian.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.

*Public Works – LP  
HVAC Project  
N.O.C/Reso # 2022-40*

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve Resolution No. 2022-40 titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California Authorizing the Recording of a Notice of Completion for the Lone Pine HHS HVAC Project," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.

<i>Treasurer-Tax Collector – Ordinance 1288 Approval</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve an ordinance titled, "An Ordinance of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors, State of California, Rescinding Section 3.20.035 of the Inyo County Code." Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.
<i>CAO – Housing Allocation Workshop</i>	Assistant CAO Meaghan McCamman gave a workshop on housing priorities in order to develop a five-year plan for purposes of applying for Inyo County's Permanent Local Housing Allocation. The Board supported the staff recommendations presented and Ms. McCamman said she would return with a plan for Board approval.
<i>Emergency Services – California Fire Safe Council Grant &amp; Agreement/Budget Amendment</i>	<p>Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) Authorize the receipt of the California Fire Safe Council 2022 County Coordinator grant allocation in the amount of \$175,000;</li> <li>B) Authorize the Inyo County Administrative Officer, as the designated Director of Emergency services and Authorized Agent, to enter into an agreement with the California Fire Safe Council by signing the Notification of Subrecipient Allocation; and</li> <li>C) Amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Office of Emergency Services Budget (023700) as follows: increase estimated revenues in Office of Emergency Services Budget (023700) in State Grants (4498) by \$175,000; and increase appropriations in Office of Emergency Services Budget (023700) Salaried Employees (5001) by \$149,000, General Operating Expense (5311) by \$17,000, and Travel Expense (5331) by \$9,000 (<i>4/5ths vote required</i>).</li> </ul> <p>Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.</p>
<i>HHS – Health Budget Amendment</i>	<p>Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) Amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Health Budget (045100) as follows: increase revenue in Operating Transfer In (4998) by \$60,000 and increase appropriation in Prior Year Refund (5499) by \$60,000 (<i>4/5ths vote required</i>);</li> <li>B) Amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 HHS Suspense Trust (505104) as follows: increase appropriation in Operating Transfers Out (5801) by \$60,000 (<i>4/5ths vote required</i>); and</li> <li>C) Approve the return of funds to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) in the amount of \$60,000.00 for unspent school-specific COVID-19 response funds allocated under AB86 - SS4A.</li> </ul> <p>Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.</p>
<i>HHS-Health &amp; Prevention – Tobacco Budget Amendment</i>	<p>Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) Amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Tobacco Budget (Budget 640322) as follows: increase revenue in Operating Transfer In (4998) by \$56,478 and increase appropriation in Prior Year Refund (5499) by \$56,478 (<i>4/5ths vote required</i>);</li> <li>B) Amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Prop 99 Trust (505118) as follows: increase appropriation in Operating Transfers Out (5801) by \$56,478 (<i>4/5ths vote required</i>); and</li> <li>C) Approve the return of funds to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) in the amount of \$56,478.00 for unspent grant funds from the Inyo Tobacco Prevention and Education Program.</li> </ul> <p>Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.</p>
<i>HHS – COVID Admin Analyst Reclassification</i>	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to change the Authorized Strength in the Health and Human Services Department by reclassifying one (1) Limited-Term COVID Administrative Analyst III at Range 72 (\$5,387 - \$6,544) as an Administrative Analyst III at Range 72 (\$5,387 - \$6,544). Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.
<i>Water Department – Standing Committee Direction</i>	Water Director Dr. Aaron Steinwand distributed and reviewed for and discussed with the Board the agenda for the October 13, 2022 Inyo County/Los Angeles Standing Committee meeting to be held in Independence. He distributed revised copies of the agenda.
<i>Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes</i>	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of September 27, 2022. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.

*Public Comment*

Vice Chairperson Roeser asked if there was any public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda and there was none.

*Board Member and Staff Reports*

CAO Greenberg said he has held additional meetings with staff and department heads; held the first of a series of Coffee with the CAO events; met with Bishop Fire Chief Joe Dell and City Administrator Deston Dishion; and participated in various conversations between department heads and Kristi More of The Ferguson Group.

County Counsel Vallejo reported on the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority.

Supervisor Griffiths said he had a busy week with a lot of constituent engagement; will be attending a CSAC Executive Board meeting in Sacramento, meetings of the ESCOG and Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Friday, the City Council tonight, and the upcoming Cattlewomen's Association climate change talk.

Supervisor Kingsley said he attended the NACo Western Interstate Region meeting in Ontario, OR last week.

*Adjournment*

Vice Chairperson Roeser adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 18, 2022 in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

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Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: Nate Greenberg  
Clerk of the Board*

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