

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

February 7, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:33 a.m., on February 7, 2023, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present per California Assembly Bill 361: Chairperson Jennifer Roeser, presiding, Jeff Griffiths, Trina Orrill, and Scott Marcellin. Also present: County Administrator Nate Greenberg, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Office Technician Hayley Carter. Also present remotely: Supervisor Matt Kingsley.

- Public Comment* The Chairperson asked for public comment related to Closed Session items, and no one requested to speak.
- Closed Session* Chairperson Roeser recessed open session at 8:34 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present 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, Senior Budget Analyst Denelle Carrington, 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* Chairperson Roeser recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:13 a.m. with all Board members present.
- Pledge of Allegiance* Environmental Health Director Jerry Oser 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 and said the Board will need to return to closed session at some point to continue discussing closed session items.
- Intros* The following new employees were introduced to the Board: Jennifer Mills, Office Technician II, Environmental Health; and Cathy Rigney, HHS Specialist II, and Melissa Witting, Administrative Assistant to the HHS Director, HHS.
- County Department Reports* HHS Director Marilyn Mann said that Public Health Officer Dr. Richards signed an order yesterday, with the intent to terminate the public health emergency surrounding COVID-19, which will align with the State's intent to do the same on February 28, 2023.
- Emergency Services Manager Mikaela Torres shared an update and overview from Wildfire Preparedness Coordinator Kristin Pfeiler on the recently held Defensible Space Workshop; reminded everyone about the "Ready Inyo" photo contest; reported that representatives from CalOES, FEMA, and the Small Business Administration came to assist with preliminary damage assessments for January storm damages; and said that hazard mitigation planning is still in the works with a meeting scheduled for March 9, 2023.
- Public Comment* Chairperson Roeser asked if there was any public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda.

Public comment was heard from Lauralynn Hundley and Ted Carleton.

Public Works Director Mike Errante updated the Board and public on the progress of the North Round Valley bridge.

Supervisor Roeser spoke about dedicating the meeting in honor of community member Dan Young who recently passed away, noting that he was a respected military veteran and patriot who contributed to many historic projects during his time living in the Owens Valley.

*Clerk of the Board –
Approval of Minutes*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meetings of January 10 and January 17, and the special meeting of January 24, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO –
2023 Legislative
Platform*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to adopt the Inyo County 2023 Federal Legislative Platform. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO- Information
Services –
Local Agency
Technical Assistance
Grant*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to accept the Local Agency Technical Assistance (LATA) grant from the State of California and authorize the Chairperson to sign the LATA Grant Consent Form. Motion carried unanimously.

*Personnel –
CPS Human
Resources Agreement
Amendment*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to ratify and approve the Amendment to the CPS HR Consulting services agreement with an updated term of January 5, 2023, through March 31, 2023, and authorize the Assistant County Administrator to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*County Counsel –
AB 361 Findings*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to adopt findings pursuant to AB 361 that: A) the Board reconsidered the circumstances of the existing State of Emergency issued on March 4, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and B) local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing, and/or the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS –
Cal HHS Data Sharing
Agreement*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the Data Sharing Agreement between the County of Inyo and California Health and Human Services (Cal HHS) for the provision of data sharing policy and procedures issued statewide, and authorize the HHS Director to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS – Health &
Prevention –
Children’s Medical
Services Plan*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to ratify and approve the CMS Plan for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to ensure the continuation of children’s medical services in Inyo County and authorize the Chairperson to sign certification statements. Motion carried unanimously.

*Planning Dept. –
Helix Environmental
Planning Inc. Contract
Amendment No. 1*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to ratify and approve Amendment No.1 to the contract between the County of Inyo and the Helix Environmental Group Inc. to amend Section 2 – Term of the agreement to be April 1, 2022, through November 30, 2023; and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works-Parks &
Rec. –
Portuguese Joe
Campground
Reservation*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the request from Mr. Allan Johnson to reserve all campsites at Portuguese Campground, October 5 through October 8, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works –

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the closure of "C" Street, between Begole and East Locust streets in Lone Pine, between the hours of 8:30

<i>Frontier CA Road Closure</i>	a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on February 21-22, 2023, for the purpose of Frontier California installation of +/- 329 linear feet of aerial cable on existing aerial leads. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – T&T Truck and Crane Service Road Closure</i>	Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the closure of Highland Drive in Bishop, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, for the purpose of Southern California Edison's use of a crane to replace utility poles. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – Cardno, Inc. Contract Amendment No. 1</i>	Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Cardno, Inc of Zephyr Cove, NV, increasing the "Do Not Exceed" amount from \$402,545.86 to \$508,736.67, amending Attachment "A" Scope of Work, amending Attachment "B" Schedule of Fees, and amending Section 2 to change the end date of the contract from June 30, 2023 to October 31, 2024, for the Lone Pine Town Streets Project, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works - Parks & Rec. – Tinnemaha Campground Reservation</i>	The agenda item was pulled from the Consent Agenda to Departmental for further discussion. Chairperson Roeser shared concerns about stress on already limited first response resources, including EMS providers, as well as noise levels and potential runoff issues. County Counsel explained that loud noise and potential safety closures are already addressed through existing County Code and emergency response protocol, respectively. He noted that the existing ordinance gives the Parks Director the discretion to decide what additional requirements to place on the permit request, and the Parks Director can utilize feedback from local first responders to craft any such requirements. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the request from the Moontribe Collective to reserve all campsites at Tinnemaha Creek Campground, June 1 through June 5, 2023, consistent with regulations the County would require of any other group that would be reserving the campground under similar circumstances. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Attendance Change</i>	Supervisor Griffiths excused himself from the meeting at 11:08 a.m. to travel to an out-of-town meeting.
<i>Public Works – Caltrans Road Charge Pilot Study Presentation</i>	Lauren Prehoda, Road Charge Program Manager with Caltrans gave a presentation to staff regarding the California Road Charge Pilot Study. Chairperson Roeser asked if there were any public comments. Public comment was heard from Bruce Pischel, Joshua Nicholson, and Lynne Greer.
<i>Planning Dept. – Tribal Consultation Committee Representatives Annual Appointments</i>	Planning Director Cathreen Richards requested the Board appoint two of its members to each of the five Tribal Consultation Committees, in accordance with the County's Tribal Consultation Policy. Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the following appointments for Tribal Consultation Committee representatives: Supervisors Marcellin and Griffiths, Bishop Paiute Tribe; Supervisors Orrill and Roeser, Big Pine Paiute Tribe; Supervisors Kingsley and Roeser, Fort Independence Paiute Tribe; Supervisors Kingsley and Roeser, Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone Tribe; and Supervisors Kingsley and Griffiths, the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe. Motion carried 4-0, with Supervisor Griffiths absent.
<i>County Counsel – Email Retention Policy Presentation/ Reso #2023-04</i>	County Counsel Chief Deputy Grace Chuchla gave a brief presentation on updates to the Email Retention Policy. Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Resolution No. 2023-04 titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Adopting an Email Retention Policy," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried 4-0, with Supervisor Griffiths absent.
<i>CAO – Inyo County Housing Efforts Presentation</i>	Assistant CAO Meaghan McCamman provided a presentation with updates on Inyo County housing efforts and gave feedback to the staff and public. Chairperson Roeser asked if there was any public comment for this item and comment was heard from Bruce Pischel.

<i>Closed Session</i>	Chairperson Roeser recessed open session at 12:48 p.m. for lunch and closed session with all Board members present except Supervisor Griffiths. The Board continued discussion and possible action as appropriate on previously noted closed session items.
<i>Open Session</i>	Chairperson Roeser reconvened the meeting in open session at 1:40 p.m. with all Board members present except Supervisor Griffiths.
<i>Report on Closed Session</i>	County Counsel Vallejo reported that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.
<i>CAO – Information Services – Department Presentation</i>	Information Services Director Scott Armstrong provided the Board with a presentation on the Information Services Department. Chairperson Roeser asked if there was any public comment for this item and there were none.
<i>Public Administrator/Public Guardian – Department Presentation</i>	Public Administrator-Public Guardian Patricia Barton provided the Board with a presentation on the PAPG Department. Chairperson Roeser asked if there was any public comment for this item and comment was heard from Cindy Cox.
<i>Public Comment</i>	Chairperson Roeser asked if there was any public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda and there were none.
<i>Board Member & Staff Reports</i>	Supervisor Kingsley said that he attended a community meeting in Charleston View and had a separate visit in Dumont Dunes with the new BLM Area Manager last week and said he will be attending meetings for the Rural County Representatives of California and the National Association of Counties in Washington, D.C. this week. Supervisor Marcellin said he had meetings with the ad hoc committee for Bishop City and Rural Fire District, staff at the Bishop Airport, and the Local Transportation Commission last week, and will meet again with the LTC this week. Supervisor Orrill said she attended a FIRST 5 Board Meeting and various meetings with department heads and has future meetings planned with the Eastern Sierra Transportation Authority and Eastern Sierra Council of Governments. Supervisor Roeser said she attended meetings with staff as well as the Southern Inyo and Northern Inyo Airport Committees; listened to the High Road Transition Counsel “Lunch and Learn,” visited damaged areas from the storm, attended the Search and Rescue installation dinner, the National Association of Counties Ag & Public Lands meeting, and attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Ft. Independence Travel Center. CAO Greenberg attended the meeting in Charleston View, a meeting at Lone Pine Airport, and met with the budget team, and said he will be attending the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments meeting Friday. Greenberg thanked the Office of Emergency Services team for their work, noting that Manager Mikaela Torres received accolades from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Office of Emergency Services. He said he would be working collaboratively around disaster protocol with the Sheriff’s office. Supervisor Kingsley also spoke about the passing of Robert “Bob” Gracey on January 16, 2023, a previous Fourth District Supervisor, whom he said was a “really innovative leader to our area.” Supervisor Marcellin also acknowledged the passing of former Supervisor Gracey, saying that “he will be missed.”
<i>Adjournment</i>	Per Chairperson Roeser’s earlier comments, the meeting was adjourned in honor of Dan Young at 2:55 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 21, 2023, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: NATE GREENBERG
Clerk of the Board*

*by: _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant*