




County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

February 28, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:32 a.m., on February 28, 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, Trina Orrill, Scott Marcellin, Matt Kingsley, and Jeff Griffiths. Also present: County Administrator Nate Greenberg, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis.

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 8:33 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; No. 3 **Public Employment – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: Water Director Appointment; No. 4 **Public Employment – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: Health & Human Services Director Appointment; and No. 5 **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 10:16 a.m. with all Board members present.

Pledge of Allegiance Bob Olin, resident of Olancha, 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.

Introductions The following new Water Department employees were introduced to the Board: Deputy Water Director Holly Alpert, Senior Scientist Tim Moore, and Research Assistant Duncan Reid.

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, Bob Olin, Linda Chaplin, and Jon Klusmire.

Board members offered their thanks and praise for County Road crews for their efforts throughout Inyo County during the most recent storm, noting they were the brunt of some abuse from impatient residents.

County Department Reports HHS Director Marilyn Mann updated the Board on the status of air ambulance service in the region following a fatal crash in Nevada on Friday involving an out-of-the-area service.

Public Works Director Mike Errante echoed the Board's sentiments made during Public Comment and, along with Road Superintendent Shannon Platt, updated the Board on road operations during the storm.

Eastern California Museum Director Shawn Lum announced that the County facility has been awarded \$364,500 from the California Cultural and Historical Endowment Museum Grant Program.

Assistant CAO Meaghan McCamman announced Tuesday that Inyo County has been approved for \$490,685 in state funding for programs to maintain and enhance access to existing housing stock and encourage new development.

CAO – Surplus Land Act Process/Reso # 2023-06

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve Resolution No. 2023-06, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo Declaring Certain County Owned Property Surplus Land Pursuant to the California Surplus Land Act," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

BOS – Rescission of COVID Emergency

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to rescind Resolution No. 2020-12, approved March 17, 2020 to declare a local emergency due to COVID-19. Motion carried unanimously.

CAO – Regional Broadband Coordinator Contract

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Scott Armstrong for the provision of professional services as the Regional Broadband Coordinator at Range 170, Step E, \$15,500 per month, effective March 2, 2023, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS – Foley & Lardner Contract Amendment 1

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Foley & Lardner of Los Angeles, CA, extending the term end date from January 30, 2022 to June 30, 2022, including payment for prior-year invoices in the amount of \$10,000 for legal services, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Letter of Support for LTC Grant

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a Letter of Support for the Inyo County Local Transportation Commission Application for the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant (STBG) to develop a plan for expanding coordinated EV charging infrastructure throughout Inyo County. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Letter of Support for Big Pine Tribe Grant

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a Letter of Support for the Big Pine Paiute Tribe's application to the CARB, Clean Mobility Options Voucher Pilot Program to purchase two electric shuttle buses and install transit shelters and electric vehicle charging stations. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of February 21, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

CAO – Executive Director of Regional Coordination ESCOG Agreement, Job Description, Contract

Chairperson Roeser asked that the agenda item be moved from the Consent Agenda to Departmental for further discussion. Assistant CAO Meaghan McCamman provided a brief overview of ESCOG and the impetus for the new agreement and hire, with County Counsel Vallejo, Elaine Kabala, and CAO Greenberg offering additional information and clarification. Supervisors Kingsley, Orrill, and Roeser expressed their support of the contract but also the importance of all four ESCOG members guiding ESCOG actions – and the expenditure of grant funding – instead of the other way around.

Public comment was made by Linda Chaplin and Jeff Brown.

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Chairperson Roeser to: A) approve the

agreement between the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) and Inyo County for the provision of executive director services as outlined in the Scope of Work, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained; B) approve the job description for the Executive Director of Regional Coordination Position at Range 80 (\$78,108-\$95,016); and C) approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Elaine Kabala for provision of personal services as Executive Director of Regional Coordination at a monthly salary of \$6,509, effective March 2, 2023, and authorize the County Administrator to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*Water Department –
Standing Committee
Rep Direction*

Assistant Water Director Dr. Holly Alpert asked for direction to the County's Standing Committee representatives in advance of the meeting of the Inyo County/Los Angeles Standing Committee scheduled for March 2, 2023. She reviewed the agenda, which had no action items and only two major discussion items: a runoff/operations report from LADWP and a report from Inyo County on the Owens River Water Trail. Supervisor Kingsley, one of the Board's Standing Committee representatives, said the goal of the Water Trail presentation is to familiarize new L.A. committee members with the project and hopefully rekindle interest and kickstart action. No specific direction was provided by the Board.

*Clerk-Recorder –
Department Overview*

The Board received a presentation from County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters Danielle Sexton and Assistant to the Clerk-Recorder Caroline Nott on services and current projects for the recording and elections facets of the department. Public comment was received from Bob Olin.

Recess/Reconvene

Chairperson Roeser recessed the meeting for a break at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:16 p.m. with all Board members present.

*Environmental Health
– Department
Overview*

The Board received a presentation on the duties of the Environmental Health Department from Director Jerry Oser and Registered Environmental Health Specialist II Sarah Peterson.

*HHS-Aging & Social
Services – Division
Overview*

The Board received a presentation from Health and Human Services' Aging and Social Services Division on its mission, services, goals, and upcoming projects and challenges, from HHS Director Marilyn Mann, HHS Deputy Director-Aging and Social Services Darcia Blackdeer-Lent, Child-Adult Program Manager Holly DeVincent, and Program Manager Morningstar Willis-Wagoner.

Public Comment

Chairperson Roeser asked if there was any public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda and there was no one wishing to speak.

*Board Member & Staff
Reports*

Supervisor Kingsley reported attending a Central California BLM Resource Advisory Council meeting and being elected chairperson and attending meetings of the Rural County Representatives of California Executive Board and Keeler Community Services District.

Supervisor Marcellin reported attending the second session of California State Association of Counties' New Supervisor Institute in Sacramento where he got snowed-in for a couple of extra days, and meeting with constituents.

Supervisor Orrill reported attending the same session as Supervisor Marcellin and also getting stranded by the storm. She said she would be attending this week's CSAC Board Meeting virtually.

Supervisor Griffiths reported he will be traveling to Sacramento today for a Sierra Nevada Conservancy meeting, CSAC Board meeting, and a meeting with a state senator.

CAO Greenberg provided updates on the emergency response to last week's severe weather, reported prepping for the Standing Committee in L.A. on Thursday; said he is having talks with LADWP about leases, land acquisition, and runoff preparation; and gave an update on the current Northern Inyo emergency medical services situation, including a meeting with the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 7, 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