

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

May 9, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:30 a.m., on May 9, 2023, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Jennifer Roeser, presiding, Trina Orrill, Scott Marcellin, Matt Kingsley, and Jeff Griffiths. Also present: County Administrator Nate Greenberg, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis, and Office Technician Hayley Carter.

Closed Session The Chairperson asked for public comment related Closed Session items and there was
Public Comment nobody wishing to speak.

Closed Session Chairperson Roeser recessed open session at 8:31 a.m. to convene in closed session with
all Board members present to discuss the following item(s): No. 2 **Conference with Real
Property Negotiators – Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Government
Code §54956.8** – Property: Bishop, Independence, and Lone Pine Landfills. Agency
Negotiators: Nate Greenberg, John-Carl Vallejo, Greg James. Negotiating parties: Inyo
County and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Under negotiation: price and
terms of payment; and No. 3 **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.

Open Session Chairperson Roeser recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session
at 10:03 a.m. with all Board members present.

Pledge of Allegiance CAO Greenberg 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.

Public Comment The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda
and public comment was made by Lauralynn Hundley.

*County Department
Reports* HHS Director Marilyn Mann reported that May is Mental Health Awareness Month and the
Behavioral Health team is hosting related wellness events on May 11 in Bishop and May 18
in Lone Pine. Mann also acknowledged it was Fentanyl Awareness Day, a day to recognize
the fentanyl overdose crisis in America.

Public Works Director Mike Errante provided an update on mountain road conditions and
road closures.

CAO Greenberg gave an update on spring runoff preparedness.

*CAO –
Approval of Remote
Meeting Participation* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to determine that just
cause exists pursuant to Government Code 54953(j)(2)(D) and authorize Supervisor
Kingsley to remotely attend the May 16, 2023, regular Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion
carried unanimously.

<i>Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes</i>	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meetings of May 2, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO-Public Health – Ordinance 1297 (EMS Code Amendment)</i>	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Ordinance 1297 titled, "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Amending Section 7.56.110(A) of the Inyo County Code Regarding Emergency Medical Services." Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO-Emergency Services – Local Emergency Continuation</i>	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve staff's recommendation to continue the local emergency proclaimed in response to the 2023 storms and projected spring runoff in March 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Environmental Health – Solid Waste Hearing Panel Appointments/Reso #2023-13</i>	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Resolution No. 2023-13 titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Superseding and Replacing Resolution No. 2011-16 and Establishing a Solid Waste Independent Hearing Board Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 44308 and Appointing Three Members Thereto," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Community Organization – CA Arts Council Partnership/ Reso #2023-14</i>	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Resolution No. 2023-14, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California Designating Inyo Council for the Arts as the County's Partner to the California Arts Council," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – Eastern Sierra Engineering Contract Amendment No. 2</i>	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve and authorize the Public Works Director to sign Amendment 2 to the design contract between the County of Inyo and Eastern Sierra Engineering of Reno, NV, increasing the contract under Amendment 1 from \$154,530.17 to \$165,430.17. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – Tecopa Sewer Lagoon N.O.C./Reso # 2023-15</i>	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Resolution No. 2023-15 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 Tecopa Sewer Lagoon Fence Project," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Board of Supervisors – Dave McCoy Memorial Highway/ Reso. #2023-16</i>	Supervisor Griffiths introduced and provide the history of an item to support the naming of portions of U.S. 395 the "Dave McCoy Memorial Highway." Chairperson Roeser read aloud a Board resolution expressing support for the naming, which will eventually be championed by Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil. Board members expressed their admiration for Mr. McCoy. Public comment was made by project proponent Randy Short and Penny McCoy, Dave's daughter, both of whom expressed gratitude to Supervisor Griffiths and the rest of the Board. Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve Resolution No. 2023-16, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California Supporting the Proposal to Name Segments of U.S. Highway 395 after Dave McCoy," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Board of Supervisors – Letter of Support for IMACA Loan Forgiveness</i>	Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter to State Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil supporting a request made by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) that the Senator work with HCD to forgive the \$1.2 million loan provided to the Inyo-Mono Advocates for Community Action for the Valley Apartments in Bishop. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Clerk of the Board – Pioneer Cemetery District Appointments</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to appoint Arlene Pearce and Leslie Scott to fill two vacant four-year terms on the Pioneer Cemetery District Board of Trustees, ending June 1, 2027. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-Personnel –
Deputy Director
Personnel Contracts*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to: A) Ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Melissa Best-Baker for the provision of professional services as the Deputy Director - Fiscal Oversight and Special Operations at Range 88, Step E, \$9,618 per month, effective May 2, 2023, and authorize the County Administrator to sign; B) Ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Fred Aubrey for the provision of professional services as the Deputy Public Works Director - Recycling and Waste Management at Range 88, Step E, \$9,618 per month, effective May 2, 2023, and authorize the County Administrator to sign; C) Ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Shannon Platt for the provision of professional services as the Deputy Public Works Director - Road at Range 88, Step E, \$9,618 per month, effective May 2, 2023, and authorize the County Administrator to sign; D) Ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Chris Cox for the provision of professional services as the Deputy Public Works Director - Operations at Range 88, Step E, \$9,618 per month, effective May 2, 2023, and authorize the County Administrator to sign; and E) Ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Ashley Helms for the provision of professional services as the Deputy Public Works Director - Airports at Range 88, Step E, \$9,618 per month, effective May 2, 2023, and authorize the County Administrator to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-Personnel –
Elected Official
Salaries/Ordinance
Amendment*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to waive the first reading of an ordinance titled, "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Amending Subsections 2.88.040(B) and 2.88.040(G) of the Inyo County Code Regarding Certain Elected Official Salaries," and set enactment for Tuesday, May 16, 2023 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers in Independence. Motion carried unanimously.

Recess/Reconvene

The Chairperson recessed the meeting for a break at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:12 a.m. with all Board members present.

*CAO –
Air Service Subsidy
Request for Funding*

CAO Greenberg presented a slideshow outlining the need for subsidy funding for Bishop Airport. There was lengthy discussion between the Board and CAO Greenberg on passenger destinations, success-rate numbers, year-round flights, the cost comfort of the County, the roles and responsibilities of partners involved, and whether there should be more partners at the table.

Public comment was given by Bishop City Administrator Deston Dishion where he noted that the City is not interested or in a place financially to contribute to the subsidy in areas. still exploring whether flight services out of Bishop Airport are truly beneficial to the local economy and if it makes sense for the City to contribute budget funds to the subsidy.

The Board directed staff to begin steps to allocate \$300,000 in the 3rd Quarter budget towards the Winter 2022 - 2023 United Airlines Minimum Revenue Guarantee and continue to coordinate with partner agencies on future subsidy cost-sharing conversations. Supervisor Orrill also requested an agendized discussion prior to the next Mammoth Inyo Airport Working Group meeting.

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 said he attended the Great Basin Air Pollution Control District meeting and would be traveling this Thursday and Friday to a Rural County Representatives of California meeting in Chico, then to a Western Interstate Region Conference in St. George, Utah.

Supervisor Marcellin said that he attended a Northern Inyo Airport Advisory Committee meeting and met with constituents.

Supervisor Orrill said she also met with constituents.

Supervisor Roeser said that she will be attending a Wildfire Preparedness Workshop in Starlite soon.

Supervisor Griffiths said that he spoke at an Altrusa meeting, volunteered at the Choo-Choo Swap meet, spoke at the Cerro Coso graduation, and attended an Arts Council Meeting, the Manzanar Pilgrimage, a cultural exchange where he won a potato dance, and the Childrens Memorial Flag Raising. He added he is working on setting up a visit with the Mexican Consulate May 22-26, will be attending a Tribal Consultation meeting and an Eastern Sierra Transportation Agency meeting, and wished Assistant CAO Meaghan McCamman's daughter, Petunia, a happy second birthday.

County Counsel Vallejo also wished Petunia a happy birthday and said he will be attending an Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Association meeting tomorrow.

CAO Greenberg said he met with the Regional Broadband Coordinator, attended a Spring Runoff Planning meeting and an Emergency Operations Communications meeting, and is working on planning leadership opportunities with the California State Association of Counties Institute for Leadership. Greenberg wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day this Sunday.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. to 8:15 a.m. Tuesday, May 16, 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