



# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

## March 2, 2010

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Richard Cervantes presiding, Linda Arcularius, Susan Cash, Beverly Brown, and Marty Fortney. Supervisor Cervantes provided the Invocation, and Supervisor Arcularius led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Public Comment            The Chairperson announced the public comment period and there was no one wishing to address the Board.
  
- County Department      The Chairperson announced the County Department Report period. The Auditor-Controller, Ms. Report Period            Leslie Chapman, provided an update on the timeline for the Financial System Upgrade going on line. She commended the staff from her Department, Annette Denning, the Health and Human Services Staff, Laura Piper, and Personnel for their help in bringing this system on line, and offered her thanks to the Board for their support of this project. The Public Works Director, Mr. Ted Pedersen, updated the Board on legislative budget impacts. Mr. Jon Klusmire, Director of Museum Services, updated the Board on Museum activities including the Multi-Venue Exhibit Celebrating Women of the Eastern Sierra, the upcoming Fred Hall Long Beach Fishing Show, and a wild flowers face book page.
  
- Emg. Serv./Mud            Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to continue the local Flow Cont'd.            emergency as a result of the Inyo Complex Oak Creek Mud Flows. Motion carried unanimously.
  
- Water Dept./              Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to approve the purchase of 125 Herbicide and JLB      gallons of Garlon 4 herbicide from Target Specialty Products and 525 gallons of Improved JLB Oil Oil Purchases            Plus, with dye, from Silverado Ranch Supply, for a total amount of \$17,293, not including tax. Motion carried unanimously.
  
- HHS-Hlth. Serv./        Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to approve Amendment No. 1 State WIC Contract      to the Agreement between the County of Inyo and the State of California, for WIC services, Amendment No. 1        increasing the grant by \$99,000 from \$1,251,000 to a total contract amount of \$1,350,000 for the period of October 1, 2008 through September 20, 2011, contingent upon the Board's adoption of future budgets; and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
  
- BofS/NACo Leg.         The Board and County Administrator discussed the topics to be brought forward at the upcoming Conference Topics      NACo Conference in Washington D.C., as well as the items the Board would like to have brought to the attention of Congressional Members and their Staff, including support for Digital 395 Project, reinstatement of geothermal royalty payments to the counties, and Inyo County's involvement in the RETI project.
  
- Sheriff/Workshop on    The Chairperson recessed open session at 10:05 a.m., to convene in a workshop, with all Board Dept. Statistics        Members present, to receive information from the Sheriff's Department on the Department's statistical data. The Chairperson recessed the workshop at 11:50 a.m., to reconvene in open session at 11:55 a.m., with all Board Members present.
  
- BofS/ESTA                The Board received a presentation from a representative of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Presentation            (ESTA) who provided an overview of the state of ESTA and discussed future projects, including ESTA operations of some or all of the transit services currently provided by Mammoth Mountain Ski Area.
  
- Recess/                    The Chairperson recessed the regular meeting at 12:35 p.m., to reconvene in open session at 1:35 Reconvene                p.m., with all Board Members present.

Resol. #2010-11/ Establishing the Bishop Unified School District	The Board received information from representatives of the Inyo County Superintendent of Schools regarding the reorganization of the Bishop Union Elementary School District and the Bishop Union High School District into the Bishop Unified School District. On a motion by Supervisor Brown and a second by Supervisor Cash, Resolution No. 2010-11, reorganizing the Bishop Union Elementary School District and the Bishop Union High School District into the Bishop Unified School District and establishing the boundaries thereof, was approved: motion unanimously passed and adopted.
Schools/Bishop Unified School District Election Consolidation	County Counsel, Mr. Randy Keller, requested that the Board only take action to consolidate the District's Governing Board Election with the upcoming Consolidated Primary Election, and not approve the consolidation of future elections. Moved by Supervisor Brown and seconded by Supervisor Cash to consolidate the new Bishop Unified School District's Governing Board election with the June 8 Consolidated Primary Election. Motion carried unanimously.
School/Big Pine Election Consolidation	Moved by Supervisor Fortney and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to consolidate the Big Pine School District's election to authorize the issuance of school bonds with the June 8, 2010 Consolidated Primary Election. Motion carried unanimously.
HHS-Social Serv./ Social Worker Position	Ms. Jean Turner, Director of Health and Human Services, provided the Board with corrected salary information for the positions being requested. Supervisor Cash requested that the motion include the standard language to inform internal candidates of the impact of the County's lay-off procedure. Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to find that consistent with the Authorized Position Review Policy A) the availability of funding for the positions exists, as certified by the Health and Human Services Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) where internal candidates meet the qualifications for the positions, the vacancies could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, but a recent open recruitment resulted in lists for all three levels (Social Worker, II, III, and IV); C) approve the hiring of two Social Workers, at either a II at Range 64 (\$3,590 - \$4,363), a III at Range 67 (\$3,852 - \$4,676), or a IV at Range 69 (\$4,041 - \$4,904), contingent upon the qualifications of the candidates and (c) authorize HHS to recruit for and hire into any vacancy that may result from the filling of either Social Worker position with a qualified internal candidate; and direct Personnel to counsel County employees who may be candidates for the position of the effect of the County's lay off procedures on changes in position. Motion carried unanimously.
HHS-Behavioral Hlth. Serv./Admin Secretary and HHS Specialist Position	Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Cash to find that consistent with the Authorized Position Review Policy A) the availability of funding for the positions exists, as certified by the Health and Human Services Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) where internal candidates meet the qualifications for the positions, the vacancies could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, but a list has already been established for the HHS Specialist position through an open recruitment, and an open recruitment for the Administrative Secretary position would be more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply for this position; and C) approve the hiring of (a) one Administrative Secretary either at a I, at Range 56 (\$2,980 - \$3,618), or a II at Range 60 (\$3,271 - \$3,973) depending upon the qualifications and authorize HHS to recruit for and hire into any vacancy that may result from filling the position with a qualified internal candidate; and (b) one temporary Health and Human Services Specialist at Range 53PT (\$14.89 to \$18.12 per hour) and direct Personnel to counsel County employees who may be candidates for the position of the effect of the County's lay off procedures on changes in position. Motion carried unanimously.
Planning/Gov Letter Re: Renewable Energy Projects	Mr. Josh Hart, Senior Planner, provided the Board with copies of the proposed letter and additional information from the Governor's office. The Board and Staff reviewed the letter in detail. Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to approve correspondence to Governor Schwarzenegger regarding Renewable Energy Projects, as amended during the discussion; and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
BofS/Minute Approval	Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Fortney to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2010 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Motion carried unanimously, on a four-to-zero vote, with Supervisors Arcularius, Cash, Fortney and Cervantes voting yes and with Supervisor Brown abstaining.

- Public Comment      The Chairperson announced the second public comment period and there was no one wishing to address the Board.
- Board Members and Staff Reports      The Board Members reported on their activities during the preceding week, including information on the USFS Planning Forum, with a request that this item be agendaized for a discussion on next week's Agenda, a Fish and Wildlife Meeting, and a Diaz Lake tour.
- Closed Session      The Chairperson recessed open session at 2:05 p.m., to convene in closed session, with all Board Members present to discuss and take action as appropriate on Agenda Item No. **17. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6]** - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: ICEA - Negotiators: CAO Kevin Carunchio and Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion.
- Report on Closed Session      The Chairperson recessed closed session at 3:05 p.m., to reconvene in open session to receive a report on closed session. County Counsel reported there were no actions taken in closed session, which are required by law to be reported on in open session.
- Adjournment      The Chairperson adjourned the regular meeting at 3:05 p.m. to 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 9, 2010, in the Board of Supervisors Room, at the County Administrative Center, in Independence.

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*Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors*

Attest: *KEVIN D. CARUNCHIO*  
*Clerk of the Board*

by: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Patricia Gunsolley, Assistant*