

MINUTES

County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

May 11, 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, May 11, 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 Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Public Comment** The Chairperson announced the public comment period. Mr. Rich White of the Independence Chamber of Commerce reminded the Board that this year's State Fair is beginning a month early and starts on July 14 and runs through August 1. He also reminded the Board that if they or any other County staff plans on attending the awards ceremony on July 15 they should get their reservations into the Chamber quickly. Ms. Sharon Clark of Independence Chamber of Commerce addressed the Board to express her concern with DWP tearing down commercial buildings in Independence. Ms. Linda Elsworth, an Independence resident and business owner, addressed the Board to speak on behalf of herself, April Zrelak and Coale Johnson, concerning their concerns with DWP tearing down buildings in Independence. Ms. Elsworth provided written comments from April Zrelak, Coale Johnson and Sharon Avey.
- County Department Reports** The Chairperson announced the County Department Report period. Mr. Ted Pedersen, Public Works Director, informed the Board that the Department is in receipt of third quarter Prop 42 funds and they expect to receive the first and second quarters in the near future. He also informed the Board of two chip seal projects in Bishop, on Brockman and Eastside Road. Supervisor Arcularius provided Mr. Pedersen with information concerning a new grant program for transportation projects. Mr. Pedersen also responded to a question from the CAO regarding funding for the chip seal projects. Mr. Jon Klusmire, Museum Services Director, reminded the Board of the Friends of the Museum's deep pit bbq, which will be this Saturday.
- Introduction** Presiding Judge Brian Lamb introduced Ms. Tammy L. Grimm, the new Inyo County Superior Court Executive Officer, to the Board.
- Resol. #2010-19/
2010 EMS Provider
of the Year** On a motion by Supervisor Fortney and a seconded by Supervisor Cash, Resolution No. 2010-19 was approved honoring Katrina Houghton as Inyo County 2010 EMS Provider of the Year: motion unanimously passed and adopted. At the conclusion of the motion, Supervisor Fortney presented Ms. Houghton with the resolution. Mr. Steve Davis of the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) also presented Ms. Houghton with a plaque honoring her as the EMS Provider of the Year.
- Emerg. Serv./Oak
Creek Mud Flow** Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Brown to continue the local emergency as a result of the Inyo Complex Oak Creek Mud Flows. Motion carried unanimously.
- Integ. Waste/DWP
Access Agreement
For Groundwater
Monitoring Wells** Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Brown to approve the License Agreement between the County of Inyo and the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power (LADWP) allowing the County access to the groundwater monitoring wells located on property owned by the LADWP for a five-year period beginning April 1, 2009 through July 21, 2014 in the total amount of \$500 for the five-year term; and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ag. Comm./Weight
Truck Use for Mule
Days** Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Brown to approve the use of the weight truck for the Mule Pulling Contest, Sunday, May 29, 2010, during the Mule Days events at the Tri-County Fairgrounds. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS-Misc./State Welfare Directors Association Dues	Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Brown to approve paying the County Welfare Directors Association of California (CWDA) dues for Fiscal Year 2010-11 in the amount of \$12,667. Motion carried unanimously.
Resol. #2010-20/ CMSP Program Contract	On a motion by Supervisor Cash and a second by Supervisor Brown, Resolution No. 2010-20 was approved authorizing and directing the Director of Health and Human Services to sign and take all action necessary to enter into the Amended and Restated County Medical Services Program (CMSP) Contract with the CMSP Governing Board, to become effective immediately and continuing through June 30, 2014, after which the Contract shall be automatically renewed for successive one year terms unless either party gives notice pursuant to the terms of the Contract: motion unanimously passed and adopted.
HHS-Behavioral Hlth./5150 Payment to Good Samaritan	Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Brown to approve paying \$10,992 to Good Samaritan Hospital in Bakersfield, for mental health inpatient services for an indigent Inyo County resident who was placed under Welfare and Institutions Code 5151. Motion carried unanimously.
Sheriff/2010 Cannabis Eradication Pgm. Agreement	Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Brown to approve the 2010 Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program Letter of Agreement in the amount of \$30,000; and authorize the Sheriff to sign the agreement and all necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.
HHS-EMS/EMCC Annual Report 2008	Mr. Paul Postle, Chairperson of the Emergency Medical Care Committee, presented the Emergency Medical Care Committee Annual Report for 2008. He reviewed the report in detail.
HHS-EMS/Joint Letter Re Local Emergency Care Volunteers	Ms. Jean Turner, Director of Health and Human Services, provided further information concerning the local emergency care volunteer situation in the County. Members of the EMCC who addressed the Board to support the Board signing the letter and who shared their concerns regarding emergency care in the County were Steve Davis, Olancho Fire Department and Leroy Kritz, Lone Pine Fire Department. The Board, Ms. Turner, and members of the audience discussed the volunteer situation at length and in detail. Moved by Supervisor Brown and seconded by Supervisor Fortney to approve the joint letter with the local Emergency Medical Care Committee and Health and Human Services to the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Authority on behalf of local emergency medical care volunteers; and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
Recess/ Reconvene	The Chairperson recessed the regular meeting at 10:30 a.m., to reconvene at 10:40 a.m., with all Board Members present.
Resol. #2010-21/ Ambulance Rates	The Director of Health and Human Services, Ms. Jean Turner, provided additional information and further justification for setting new ambulance rates in the County. On a motion by Supervisor Fortney and a second by Supervisor Arcularius, Resolution No. 2010-21 was approved rescinding Resolution 2006-56 and setting rates for ambulance services for Inyo County: motion unanimously passed and adopted.
HHS-Soc. Serv./ Office Manager Position	Ms. Turner, Director of Health and Human Services explained that the Office Manager vacancy was a result of a retirement. Supervisor Cash questioned the last sentence, which authorized the recruitment and filling of any vacancy that may result from filling the position with an internal candidate. She said that she felt this defeated the purpose of reviewing all vacancies. Supervisor Cash expressed her wish that this statement not be included in future position requests. Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Brown to find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for the requested position 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 position, the vacancy could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, but an open recruitment would be more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; and C) approve the hiring of one Office Manager at Range 54 (\$2,840 - \$3,454) and not authorize HHS to recruit for and hire into any vacancy that may result from filling the Office Manager position with a qualified internal candidate and further, 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-Owens Lake Planning Committee Letter	Mr. Josh Hart, Planning Director, recapped the points made in the correspondence regarding any plans developed for Owens Lake. The Board, Mr. Hart and the County Administrator, Mr. Kevin Carunchio discussed the letter with the following amendments being made: change bullets to numbers; replace intro to bullets with ... The County's participation in the planning process and its ability to consider supporting the final plan is guided by the following parameters... ; first bullet change second sentence to ...related to and regulated by...; fifth bullet at the end of the first sentence add ...analyzed as part of the plan... ; and include the following statement as the second to the last paragraph "In addition to the parameters identified above, the Board wishes to remind the Committee that the Inyo County Board of Supervisors represents all of the interest groups and stakeholders on the Planning Committee and, as such, reserves the right as the Board of Supervisors to accept or reject any aspect of the Plan on behalf of our constituents... Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Cash to approve correspondence, as amended, to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) regarding the Owens Lake Planning effort and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
BofS/Minute Order	Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Fortney to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2010, Board of Supervisors Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Supervisor Fortney and seconded by Supervisor Brown to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2010 Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Motion carried unanimously, with Supervisors Brown, Fortney and Cervantes voting yes, and with Supervisors Arcularius and Cash abstaining.
P.W.-Integ. Waste/ Workshop Tecopa Sewage Lagoon	The Chairperson recessed open session at 11:10 a.m., to convene in a workshop with staff from Public Works and Integrated Waste Management to receive an update on the status of the Tecopa Sewage Lagoon Repair Project.
Recess/ Reconvene	The Chairperson recessed the regular meeting at 12:05 p.m., to reconvene in open session at 1:00 p.m., with all Board Members present.
Board Members and Staff Reports	The Board Members reported on their activities during the preceding week including an Arts Council Meeting, the Standing Committee Meeting, an Invasive Species Advisory Council conference call, a CSAC conference call, a Big Pine Civic Club Meeting, various constituent meetings, the Altrusa fund raiser, the FFA Blue and Gold Fund Raiser, Mental Health Board Meeting, Devil's Hole Workshop, Fiesta de Lone Pine, and the FAC Meeting. CAO announced that the DWP Board of Water Commissioners voted to approve the easement agreement for the Eastern Sierra Regional Airport and the lease is proceeding through the process to be added to the City Council Agenda, and that the Digital 395 project is being reconsidered.
Public Comment	The Chairperson announced the second public comment period and there was no one from the public wishing to address the Board.
Closed Session	The Chairperson recessed open session at 1:50 p.m., to convene in closed session with all Board Members present, to discuss and take action as appropriate on Agenda Items No. 20. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6] - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: ICEA - Negotiators: Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion; Undersheriff Jim Jones, Deputy County Counsel Susanne Rizo, Chief Probation Officers Jeff Thomson; and No. 21. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6] - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: Law Enforcement Administrator's Association (LEAA) - Negotiators: CAO Kevin Carunchio and Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion.
Report on Closed Session	The Chairperson recessed closed session at 3:15 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 3:15 p.m., to 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 18, 2010, in the Board of Supervisors Room, at the County Administrative Center, in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

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

*by: _____
Patricia Gunsolley, Assistant*