

# MINUTES

# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

## February 15, 2011

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, February 15, 2011, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Susan Cash presiding, Linda Arcularius, Rick Pucci, Marty Fortney and Richard Cervantes. Supervisor Cervantes provided the Invocation, and the Assistant Clerk to the Board, Patricia Gunsolley, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Public Comment**      The Chairperson announced the public comment period and there was no one from the public wishing to address the Board.
- County Department Reports**      The Chairperson announced the County Department Report period. Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson told the Board about an upcoming Mock DUI Program in Death Valley, Ms. Susanne Rizo, Director of Child Support Services, noted that two of her Staff Members, Ms. Karen Winnery and Ms. Morgan Ray, were present in the audience. She went on to report on her Department's activities, including the results of a recent audit. Ms. Rizo commended her Staff for their excellent work. Dr. Bob Harrington, Water Director, briefly reported on the Technical Group Meeting. The Interim Public Works Director, Mr. Doug Wilson, informed the Board of the sale, between partners, of the Rolling Green Utilities.
- CAO-Budget Update**      The County Administrator provided the Board with an update of the State budget impacts sheet. He provided the Board with a copy of a questionnaire to assist the Board Members in identifying those impacts of State budget proposals that they would like explained to our State Legislators as they move into State budget discussions. He discussed some of the proposals he felt would be important like flexibility in recruiting for Health and Human Services Program, those areas where the County would be unable to provide the services, etc. Ms. Jean Turner, Director of Health and Human Services provided the Board with copies of CSAC information concerning State budget realignment proposals. The Agricultural Commissioner, Mr. George Milovich, provided additional information on the impacts of budget proposals on his Department's programs. Chief Thomson provided statistical data on some of the County's probationers. The Board and several Department Heads discussed the County's demographics and topography, with the County Administrator suggesting that a GIS table to graphically illustrate the County of Inyo's population disbursement be formulated. The Board also discussed the need to convey to our State Legislators the pros and cons of the various budget proposals in a concise manner.
- Emerg. Serv./Oak Creek Mud Flows**      Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Fortney to continue the local emergency as a result of the Inyo Complex Oak Creek Mud Flows. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motor Pool/Flatbed P.O. for 250 Cab & Chassis**      Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Fortney to award the bid to and approve the purchase and installation of one 8 ft. flatbed utility body for a Building and Maintenance 2011 Ford 250 Cab and Chassis, from Douglass Truck Bodies of Bakersfield, as the only bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$10,514.50. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motor Pool/Truck Purchases**      Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Fortney to award the bid for and approve the purchase of the following vehicles from Eastern Sierra Motors as the low bidder; one 2011 Ford F150 Super Crew Long Bed Truck in an amount not to exceed \$27,624.73 and one 2011 Ford F150 Super Crew Short Bed Truck in an amount not to exceed \$27,214.74. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ag. Comm./Weed Management MOU**      Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Fortney to approve the revised/updated Memorandum of Understanding for the Eastern Sierra Weed Management Area; and authorize the Agricultural Commissioner and Inyo County Water Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

P.W./Tri-State Surveying Contract Amendment #5	Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Fortney to approve Amendment #5 to the Contract between the County of Inyo and Tri-State Surveying Ltd., for the provision of County Surveyor Services, increasing the amount of the Contract by \$15,000 for a total not to exceed \$95,000, for the period of July 27, 2007 through June 30, 2011; and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon the appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
Resol. #2011-05/ OHV Grant App.	On a motion by Supervisor Arcularius and a second by Supervisor Fortney, Resolution No. 2011-05 titled "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Authorizing the Submittal of the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Application," was approved: motion unanimously passed and adopted.
Sheriff/Trailer P.O.	Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Fortney to approve the purchase of one trailer from Carson Trailer of Lancaster, the low bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$7,703. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Cervantes briefly left the meeting.
BofS/Development Disabilities Board Appointment	Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to appoint Ms. Joan Stathem to the Development Disabilities Area Board #12, to complete an unexpired three-year term ending December 31, 2011, with a thank you to Ms. Carolyn Brodsky for her interest. Motion carried unanimously, with Supervisor Cervantes absent.
Integ. Waste/ Equipment Operator Position	Moved by Supervisor Fortney and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for the requested position exists in the Solid Waste budget as certified by the Department Head and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) where internal candidates meet the qualifications for the position of Equipment Operator, the vacancy can be filled through an internal recruitment, and C) approve the hiring of one Equipment Operator at Range 58 (\$3,119 - \$3,795) through an internal recruitment. Motion carried unanimously, with Supervisor Cervantes absent.
HHS-Senior Serv./ HHS Supervisor Position	Supervisor Cervantes rejoined the meeting. Ms. Jean Turner, Director of Health and Human Services, provided additional information and further explanation regarding the request to change the authorized strength in IMAAA. She explained that the change was being required by the State because this position is a State Merit System position. The Board and Ms. Turner discussed the need for the State to provide flexibility in program staffing to the local jurisdictions. Supervisor Fortney noted that he provided a second for this item in order to discuss his concerns, recognizing that he may choose to vote against this change. He expressed his dismay in the State requiring a change when the existing position has been operating and functioning for the benefit of the Department and the program for many years. Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Fortney to A) change the authorized strength by deleting one full-time System Support Analyst at Range 60 (\$3,271 - \$3,973) and adding one full-time Health and Human Services Supervisor at Range 66 (\$3,757 - \$4,574); and B) find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: a) the availability of funding for the requested position exists in the Social Services budget, as certified by the Director of Health and Human Services 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 Health and Human Services Supervisor at Range 66 (\$3,757 - \$4,574). Motion carried on a four-to-one vote, with Supervisors Arcularius, Cash, Pucci and Cervantes voting yes and with Supervisor Fortney voting no.
HHS-Behavioral Hlth. Serv./Case Manager Position	Moved by Supervisor Fortney and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to A) change the authorized strength by adding one full-time Case Manager Series I - II, at Range 57 (\$3,046 - \$3,701) and II at Range 60 (\$3,271-\$3,973); and B) find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: a) the availability of funding for the requested position exists in the Wraparound funding, as certified by the Director of Health and Human Services and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; b) where internal candidates meet the qualifications for the position, the vacancy could be filled through an internal recruitment; and c) approve the hiring of one Case Manager I or II (depending upon qualifications) for the Wraparound coordinated services provided by Juvenile Probation, Mental Health and Child Welfare, through an internal recruitment. Motion carried unanimously.

P.W./Tax Swap Letter to Legislators	The Interim Public Works Director, Mr. Doug Wilson, provided additional information and further justification for sending a letter regarding the Transportation Swap to our State Legislators. The Board discussed the letter and the issues surrounding the tax swap proposal in depth and at length. Moved by Supervisor Fortney and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to approve the letter to our State legislators regarding support for an immediate and comprehensive Transportation Tax Swap solution, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
Water Dept./ Standing Comm. Agenda	The Water Director, Dr. Bob Harrington, reviewed in detail the items on the upcoming February 24, 2011, Standing Committee Meeting Agenda. The Board, Dr. Harrington and the County Administrator discussed the items at length and in detail. Supervisor Cash noted that the only request for action at the Meeting was with regard to Item No. 3 – Action on the Standing Committee Protocols. At 11:15 a.m., the Chairperson continued the discussion regarding the Standing Committee Meeting Agenda to later in the meeting.
Ag. Comm./Weed Management Workshop	The Chairperson recessed open session at 11:15 a.m., to convene in a workshop to receive an annual update on the Eastern Sierra Weed Management Area and the Owens Valley Mosquito Abatement Program. The Chairperson recessed the workshop at 11:40 a.m., to reconvene in open session, with all Board Members present.
BofS/Demand Aggregate Study	A representative of the DMRC&D presented the Demand Aggregate Study to the Board. Mr. Doug Thompson of Lone Pine also participated in the presentation.
Recess/ Reconvene	The Chairperson recessed the regular meeting at 12:10 p.m., to reconvene in open session at 1:07 p.m., with all Board Members present.
School/Bishop Unified Consolidate Future Elections	Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Cervantes to receive the request from the Bishop Unified School District that all future elections for the Bishop Unified School District Board of Trustees be consolidated with the statewide general elections to be held in even-numbered years. Motion carried unanimously.
Caltrans/Olancha 4- Lane Project Team	The Board discussed Caltrans' invitation to have a County representative participate in the Olancha Four-Lane Project Development Team. The Board talked about the invitation and the steps that had been taken in developing the position of the County that has already been relayed to Caltrans. The Board noted that the County's position was to support Alternative No. 1. After the Board's discussion, the County Administrator suggested that the Board direct the Planning Director to send correspondence back to Caltrans thanking them for the invitation to participate, and telling them that you will be directing staff to attend the meetings as a resource of the County, specifically to represent and apprise the Board on the process. Saying however, your Board is hesitant to have County Staff or a Board Member formally participate in the process because you have already gone on record as taking a position and in this respect you would hope that this development team would have some way of evaluating input from the effected community and incorporating that into its recommendation process. The Board directed the Planning Director to draft a letter relaying the Board's position as noted by the County Administrator.
Water Dept./ Standing Comm. Agenda	The Board continued its discussion regarding the upcoming Standing Committee Meeting. The Board and staff discussed the agenda items in more detail, discussing the LORP Annual Workplan and the LORP Implementation funding. The Chairperson noted that there is only one item that required the Board take action and that was Item No. 3. She asked for a motion in order to memorialize the Boards action. Moved by Supervisor Fortney and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the Standing Committee Protocol as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
Board Members and Staff Reports	The Board Members in deference to travel requirements of a Board Member kept their reports short. The Board reported on an upcoming LTC Meeting that includes an item regarding the security fencing for ESTA at the Bishop Airport.
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 2:37 p.m., to convene in closed session with all Board Members present to discuss and take action as appropriate on Agenda Items No. 22. **PERSONNEL [PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §54957]** - Public Employee Appointment - Title: Director Public Works; No. 23. **PERSONNEL [PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §54957]** - Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Title: Director Public Works; No. 24. **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, Director Child Support Services Susanne Rizo, and Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson; No. 25. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6]** - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA) - Negotiators: CAO Kevin Carunchio and Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion; and No. 26. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6]** - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: Inyo County Correctional Officers Association (ICCOA) - Negotiators: Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion.
- Report on Closed Session      The Chairperson recessed closed session at 4:35 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 4:35 p.m. to 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 22, 2011, 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*