

# MINUTES

# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

June 17, 2014

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:35 a.m., on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Rick Pucci presiding, Linda Arcularius, Jeff Griffiths, Mark Tillemans and Matt Kingsley.

- Public Comment      The Chairperson announced the public comment period and there was no one from the public wishing to address the Board.
- Closed Session      2. **PERSONNEL [Pursuant to Government Code §54957]** - Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Title – County Administrative Officer; No. 3. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6)** – Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits – Title: IHSS – Negotiators: Jean Turner, Director of Health and Human Services, Sue Dishion, Deputy Personnel Director, Employer of Records, Ann Parkinson Noda and Bill May; No. 4. **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: County Administrative Officer, Kevin Carunchio, Sr. Deputy County Administrator Pam Hennarty, Deputy Personnel Director, Sue Dishion, and Information Services Director, Brandon Shults; No. 5. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6]** - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: Elected Officials Assistant Association (EOAA) – Negotiators - County Administrative Officer, Kevin Carunchio, Sr. Deputy County Administrator, Pam Hennarty, Deputy Personnel Director, Sue Dishion, and Information Services Director, Brandon Shults; No. 6. **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 - County Administrative Officer, Kevin Carunchio, Sr. Deputy County Administrator, Pam Hennarty, Deputy Personnel Director, Sue Dishion, and Information Services Director, Brandon Shults; No. 7. **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 (ICPPOA) – Negotiators - County Administrative Officer, Kevin Carunchio, Sr. Deputy County Administrator, Pam Hennarty, Deputy Personnel Director, Sue Dishion, and Information Services Director, Brandon Shults; No. 8. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6]** - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: ICEA - Negotiators - County Administrative Officer, Kevin Carunchio, Sr. Deputy County Administrator, Pam Hennarty, Deputy Personnel Director, Sue Dishion, and Information Services Director, Brandon Shults; and No. 9. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6]** - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: Law Enforcement Administrators' Association (LEAA) - Negotiators: - County Administrative Officer, Kevin Carunchio, Sr. Deputy County Administrator, Pam Hennarty, Deputy Personnel Director, Sue Dishion, and Information Services Director, Brandon Shults.
- Recess/  
Reconvene      The Chairperson recessed the regular meeting at 9:55 a.m., to reconvene in open session at 10:05 a.m., with all Board Members present.
- Pledge      Supervisor Mark Tillemans led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Public Comment      The Chairperson announced the public comment period. Mr. Charles James commented to the Board on his impression of Service Redesign and the lack of the County using electronic technology, i.e., social media, to advise the public on what the County is doing.

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| County Department Reports   | <p>Supervisor Kingsley reported on several meetings he has had recently in Tecopa, Olancha and an upcoming meeting in Homewood Canyon. Supervisor Tillemans reported on the development of a constituents' newsletter for his District. Sheriff Lutze reported on a major multi-jurisdictional search effort in the Mt. Whitney area. Nancy Masters, Library Director updated the Board on library issues, including the Lone Pine Library expansion. Ms. Pam Hennarty, Sr. Deputy County Administrator, reported on new State mandated Storm Drain Prevention Planning regulations that are impacting our landfill operations and that are expected to cost the County an additional \$125,000 in FY 2014-15. Dr. Bob Harrington, Water Director, (a) provided the Board with a copy of the Agenda for the upcoming Inyo County Water Commissioner meeting, (b) reported on State groundwater monitoring legislation, noting that since his last report where he reported the Owens Valley was ranked as a low priority basin, the Owens Valley Basin has now been upgraded and is ranked as a medium priority basin, which will require the County to meet new regulations, (c) provided an update on the Coso project, saying that because Coso has not pumped the maximum allowed under its permit, they will not stop pumping on June 30, 2014 as previously reported, and (d) noted that there are still flooding issues in the west Bishop area which will continue to be a problem. The County Administrator informed the Board that late last week, the State, through the lobbying efforts of large solar companies and a year in advance of the legislation sunset, extended the tax exemption for large solar projects for 10 more years, which he said will continue to eliminate local jurisdictions from taxing these operations. Mr. Carunchio also reported that he, along with Mr. Brandon Shults, Information Services Director, and Ms. Pam Hennarty, Sr. Deputy County Administrator, worked well into last evening to finalize a USDA Grant application for a Digital 395 Action Plan. Ms. Kammi Foote, Clerk-Recorder, provided information on AB 280 and talked about its impact on the County.</p> |
| Resol. #2014-29/<br>Homeland Security<br>Grant Application          | <p>On a motion by Supervisor Kingsley and a second by Supervisor Tillemans, Resolution No. 2014-29 titled "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Authorizing the Submittal of the FY 2014 Homeland Security Grant Program Application," was approved: motion unanimously passed and adopted.</p>   |
| HHS-First 5<br>Comm./Child<br>Services Contract                     | <p>Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve the Contract between the County of Inyo and Northern Inyo Hospital for child health services in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, contingent upon the Board's adoption of a FY 2014-15 budget; and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.</p>  |
| HHS-Soc.Serv./<br>Office of Ed<br>Contract                          | <p>Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve the School Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Interagency Agreement between the County of Inyo and the Inyo County Office of Education for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017, contingent upon the Board's adoption of future budgets; and authorize the LGA Coordinator, Ms. Denelle Carrington, to sign. Motion carried unanimously.</p>  |
| HHS-Soc. Serv./<br>IHSS Employer of<br>Record Contract<br>Amendment | <p>Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve Amendment No. 2 to the Contract between the County of Inyo and Life Remedies and Celebrations, for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Employer of Record services, extending the term of the Contract for two years to an ending date of June 30, 2016 and increasing the Contract amount by \$80,000 per year for a total amount of \$160,000 for the two year extension for a total contract amount not to exceed \$603,941, contingent upon the Board's adoption of future budgets, with possible termination during that time contingent upon the State's implementation of the restructuring of the IHSS Program; and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.</p>   |
| HHS-Soc. Serv./<br>Welfare Directors<br>Assoc. Dues                 | <p>Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve paying the County Welfare Directors Association of California (CWDA) dues for fiscal year 2014-2015 in an amount not to exceed \$15,397, contingent upon the Board's adoption of a FY 2014-15 budget. Motion carried unanimously.</p>   |
| P.W./Public Utility<br>Easement                                     | <p>Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve a public utility easement for the installation of power lines for the County of Inyo Animal Shelter Project; authorize the Chairperson to sign; and authorize the Public Works Director to record the deed. Motion carried unanimously.</p>   |

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| P.W./No Parking<br>Near Bishop Airport<br>on 4 <sup>th</sup> of July | Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to implement temporary no parking zones for the north and south shoulders of East Line Street/Poleta Road beginning at the Bishop Creek Canal and terminating approximately one-half mile east of Airport Road; the east and west shoulders of North Airport Road from the Intersection of East Line Street/Poleta Road to approximately one-quarter mile north; and the north and south shoulders of Wye Road easterly from Spruce Street to the west gate of the Bishop Airport from 12:00 noon through 10:00 p.m., July 4, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.  |
| Sheriff/Dispatch 911<br>Replacement<br>Upgrade                       | Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to A) approve the Dispatch 911 replacement and upgrade approved by the State of California on April 29, 2014, funded completely by the State of California (estimated to cost \$199,956.26) in an amount not to exceed \$218,000; B) declare Verizon Select Services as a sole-source provider of 911 dispatch services; C) authorize State approved contractor Verizon Select Services, Inc., to provide the Dispatch 911 replacement and upgrade compensated directly by the State of California; D) provide an unsigned purchase order in the amount of zero dollars to Verizon Select Services with the billing to the State of California, to comply with State Requirements; and E) provide additional unsigned purchase order(s) in the amount of zero dollars to various vendors with the billing to the State of California, to comply with State requirements to expend up to the remaining \$18,000 allotted by the State for various Dispatch 911 related items. Motion carried unanimously. |
| HHS-Sr. Program/<br>Dpt. Of Aging<br>Contract                        | Ms. Jean Turner, Director of Health and Human Services, responded to questions from the Board, explaining that this is a one year contract for Regional ESAAA services. She said that the amount is less than what was provided last year. Ms. Turner went on to talk about how each year the amount of money to fund the ESAAA program is decreased and the food category is the most impacted of all the categories. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to approve Contract #AP-1415-16 between the County of Inyo and the California Department of Aging for regional services to seniors, provided through the Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging (ESAAA), in the amount of \$734,730 for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, contingent upon the Board's adoption of a FY 2014-15 budget; and authorize the Chairperson to sign the Standard Agreement, and the Contractor/Vendor Statement of Confidentiality (CDA 1024). Motion carried unanimously.  |
| CAO-Budget/<br>Preliminary Budget                                    | The County Administrator provided additional information and further justification for the recommendation to adopt the modified FY 2013-14 Board Approved Budget as the Preliminary Budget for FY 2014-15. He explained that the salaries and benefits reflect a reduced amount and there are sufficient funds to cover salaries and benefits for the 3 months until the final budget is adopted in September. He also explained that he had reduced the amount of the early funded ACR and GIS projects to one half of what had been allocated last year. Mr. Carunchio went on to talk about the structural deficit, and service redesign efforts and savings. Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to adopt the modified Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Board Approved Budget as the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015; and approve the fixed assets as recommended by staff. Motion carried unanimously.  |
| HHS-Sr. Serv./ IC<br>Gold Workshop                                   | The Chairperson recessed open session at 11:20 a.m., to convene in a workshop with all Board Members present, on Inyo County Growing Older Living With Dignity (IC GOLD) Program services. The Chairperson recessed the workshop at 12:45 p.m.   |
| Recess/<br>Reconvene   | The Chairperson recessed the regular meeting at 12:45 p.m., to reconvene in open session at 1:20 p.m., with all Board Members.   |
| Library-Museum/<br>Restructuring                                     | The Deputy Sr. County Administrator, Ms. Pam Hennarty reviewed the options for restructuring the library and museum services. Ms. Hennarty explained that as a result of a letter from the Union, the staffing at the libraries can no longer be temporary employees, which has been the case for more than a year as administration awaited the Library Director's recommendations for reorganization options. She said that the expectation was for reorganization to be authorized and implemented sometime in April. She articulated that with the inability to depend on temporary employees at the library and concerns with the structural deficit, the library and museum reorganization could no longer be delayed. Ms. Hennarty noted that library staffing levels have been maintained at lower than authorized numbers in anticipation of reorganization and that this is the perfect opportunity to realize savings in both the library and museum programs through reorganization, which is in keeping with the principles of the service redesign effort.   |

Ms. Hennarty explained one of the recommendations before the Board is to broaden the job description for the Museum Assistant to a Library/Museum Assistant expanding the flexibility of the position so that it can be used to backfill in the library when necessary. Ms. Hennarty also explained that the recommendations on the library reorganization, including those of the Library Director, recommended library closures on Monday. Additionally, there is a recommendation that the museum be open five days a week instead of the current seven days a week.

The Board and staff discussed the options. The Board heard from the Library Director, Ms. Nancy Masters, who advocated for her recommendations for library reorganization which in one version increased the budget by approximately \$200,000 and a status quo budget that reduced staffing while increasing staff salaries. The Board also heard from the Museum Director, Mr. Jon Klusmire, who did not support the change in operations for the museum from seven days to five days a week. The following members of the audience addressed the Board: Ms. Kim Cash-Miller, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools, who read a letter from Dr. McAteer, that supported the Board ensuring the physical health of our libraries; Mr. Rich White, President of the Friends of the Eastern California Museum, who did not support the changes in museum operations nor combining the two director positions into one, Mr. Earl Wilson of Lone Pine, who did not support the reorganization of the libraries, Mr. John Rothgeb, Darwin Resident, who suggested that the reorganizations be temporary to see how they work, Ms. Jane McDonald, representing the Union (ICEA), who supported service redesign and expressed for support for the employees, Mr. Dave Wagner of Independence who strongly opposed the library reorganization, Mr. Gary Walker of Bishop, who as a daily library user opposed the proposed Monday closure of the libraries, Ms. Loretta Howard of Lone Pine, who recommended no changes in library operations and suggested maybe looking for other jurisdictions, i.e., Tribes, City of Bishop, etc., to partner in keeping the libraries open, Ms. Sherry Cosgrove of Lone Pine, who supported no changes to the library and museum operations. The Board and staff continued to discuss the recommendations for reorganization of the libraries and museum in detail and at length, with several Board Members indicating they did not support the SR Option Four to combine director positions. After further discussion the consensus of the Board was to support the SR Option Three that will save approximately \$47,120 in FY 2013-14 and to further explore seasonal museum operations.

Resol. 2014-30/GPA  
2013-03/Inyo County  
2014 Update to  
Housing Element

The Chairperson opened the public hearing at 3:25 p.m., on General Plan Amendment 2013-03/Inyo County – 2014 General Plan Housing Element Update. Ms. Cathreen Richards, Sr. Planner reviewed the Staff report and recommendations. Ms. Richards thanked Ms. Pam Hennarty, Sr. Deputy County Administrator, for her invaluable assistance with this project. Ms. Hennarty commended Ms. Richards on the project. There was no one from the public wishing to address this issue. The Chairperson closed the public hearing at 3:37 p.m. The Board and staff talked about the fact that this was actually a Service Redesign project to have this GPA developed in house. Staff explained that the cost savings for this project was \$30,000. The Board heard from Mr. Earl Wilson of Lone Pine, who questioned the maps, and detail for the land owned by DWP. On a motion by Supervisor Arcularius and a second by Supervisor Kingsley, Resolution No. 2014-30 was adopted certifying that General Plan Amendment 2013-03/Inyo County does not require a Subsequent Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact and approving General Plan Amendment 2013-03/Inyo County – 2014 Update to the Housing Element; and directing staff to send to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for certification: motion unanimously passed and adopted.

Planning/Rural  
Desert Brownfields  
Coalition Plan

Ms. Eileen Christiansen of Beck Environmental made a presentation on and reviewed the Rural Desert Southwest Brownfields Coalition Area Wide Plan, highlighting those areas of the plan that pertain to Inyo County. Mr. Earl Wilson of Lone Pine expressed his concern with the Owens Valley being included.

DA/Anti-Drug Abuse  
Enforcement Grant

Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to A) authorize the acceptance of the Inyo County Justice Grant Anti-Drug Abuse Enforcement Team Program Grant in the amount of \$84,522 from the Board of State and Community Corrections for FY 2013-14; B) authorize the District attorney to sign any necessary documentation to accept and utilize the grant on behalf of the County; and C) amend the FY 2013-14 budget by replacing the current budget as follows: (a) increase estimated revenue in OES-DSTF Budget Unit 620313 – Federal Grants (*Revenue Code #4555*) by \$63,392; and (b) increase appropriations in OES-DSTF Budget Unit 620313, Internal Charges (*Object Code #5121*) by \$31,705; Cell Phone (*Object Code #5122*) by \$3,500; Maintenance of Equipment (*Object Code #5171*) by \$325; Office, Space & Rent (*Object Code #5291*) by \$18,819; General Operating Expense (*Object Code #5311*) by \$5,043; and Utilities (*Object Code #5351*) by \$4,000. Motion carried unanimously.

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| P.W./Franz<br>Properties Lease                       | Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to ratify the Lease Agreement between the County of Inyo and Franz Properties for the property located at 126 N Washington St., Lone Pine, which include an initial term of three years with one year options to extend the Agreement at the initial lease fee of \$500, with the initial lease fee being subject to 3% annual increases; and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.   |
| P.W.-Town Water<br>System/Wilder<br>Barton Contract  | Mr. Charles James addressed the Board to ask detailed questions about the Contract, which had been addressed numerous times over the past year when the Town Water Systems were discussed, and he was referred to the Public Works Department where copies of the backup documentation to those discussions is available. Mr. Earl Wilson of Lone Pine asked if there was still going to be an office in Lone Pine like what Owenyo had, and staff indicated that it is still being discussed. Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the Contract between the County of Inyo and Wilder Barton for the operation of the Laws, Independence, and Lone Pine Town Water systems in an amount not to exceed \$564,000 for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017, subject to funding availability and contingent upon the Board's adoption of future budgets; and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon the appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Planning/BLM MOU<br>West Mojave Travel<br>Mgmt. Plan | Mr. Josh Hart, Planning Director, reviewed the MOU with BLM establishing the County as a cooperating agency for the West Mojave Travel Management Plan Amendment and Supplemental EIS. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to approve the MOU between the BLM and the County of Inyo establishing Inyo County as a cooperating agency for the West Mojave Travel Management Plan Amendment and Supplemental EIS, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.   |
| Fish & Wildlife/<br>Budget Amendment                 | Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to amend the FY 2013-14 Fish and Game Budget Unit 024200 by increasing unanticipated revenue in Fines ( <i>Revenue Code #4213</i> ) by \$1,600 and increasing appropriations in General Operating ( <i>Object Code #5311</i> ) by \$1,600. Motion carried unanimously.  |
| Emerg. Serv./D. V.<br>Roadeater<br>Emergency         | The County Administrator recommended the Board continue the D. V. Roadeater Emergency. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to continue the local emergency, The Death Valley Roadeater Emergency, that resulted in flooding in the eastern portion of Inyo County during the month of August 2012, per Resolution #2012-32, as recommended by the County Administrator. Motion carried unanimously.  |
| Emerg. Serv./Gully<br>Washer Emergency               | The County Administrator recommended the Board continue the Gully Washer Emergency. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to continue the local emergency, The Gully Washer Emergency that resulted in flooding in the central, south and southeastern portion of Inyo County during the month of July, 2013, as recommended by the County Administrator. Motion carried unanimously.   |
| Emerg. Serv./<br>Canyon Crusher<br>Emergency         | The County Administrator recommended that the Board continue the Canyon Crusher Emergency. Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to continue the local emergency, The Canyon Crusher Emergency, that resulted in flooding in the portions of Inyo County during the month of August, 2013, was recommended by the County Administrator. Motion carried unanimously.  |
| Emerg. Serv./Land of<br>EVEN Less Water<br>Emergency | Ms. Kelley Williams, Assistant to County Administrator, updated the Board on an unexpected consequence of the ongoing drought. She said that hatcheries on the west side of the Sierras, around Folsom Lake are releasing the fish because of the hatcheries inability to maintain a cool water flow. The County Administrator recommended the Board continue the Land of EVEN Less Water Emergency. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to continue the local emergency, known as the "Land of EVEN Less Water Emergency" that was proclaimed as a result of extreme drought conditions that exist in the County as recommended by the County Administrator. Motion carried unanimously.  |
| BofS/Minute<br>Approval                              | Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2014 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.  |
| Brown Act Workshop                                   | The workshop scheduled with County Counsel regarding the Brown Act was rescheduled.  |

- Public Comment      The Chairperson announced the final public comment period. Mr. Earl Wilson of Lone Pine addressed the Board to talk about the library reorganization and the senior meals program.
- Closed Session      The Chairperson recessed open session at 4:40 p.m., to reconvene in closed session to discuss and take actions on previously identified closed session items.
- Report on Closed Session      The Chairperson recessed closed session at 5:55 p.m., to reconvene in open session to receive a report on closed session. County Counsel reported there was no reportable action taken in closed session.
- Adjournment      The Chairperson adjourned the regular meeting at 5:55 p.m., to 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 24, 2014, in the Board of Supervisors Room, at the County Administrative Center, in Independence.

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Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisor

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

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