

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

December 20, 2016

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 December 20, 2016, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Jeff Griffiths, presiding, Dan Tothoroh, Rick Pucci, Mark Tillemans, and Matt Kingsley.

- PUBLIC COMMENT** Chairperson Griffiths asked for public comment and there was none.
- CLOSED SESSION** Chairperson Griffiths recessed open session at 8:37 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following items: No. 2 **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT [Government Code §54957]** – Title: Acting/Interim Planning Director; No. 2a **PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT [Government Code §54957]** – Title: IT Director; No. 3 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** – Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9 (one case); and No. 4 **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS [Government Code §54957.6]** – 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); Law Enforcement Administrators’ Association (LEAA). Unrepresented employees: all. Agency designated representatives: County Administrative Officer Kevin Carunchio, Assistant County Administrator Rick Benson, Deputy Personnel Director Sue Dishion, Senior Deputy County Administrator Brandon Shults, County Counsel Marshall Rudolph, and Assistant County Counsel John Vallejo.
- OPEN SESSION** Chairperson Griffiths recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:12 a.m. with all Board members present.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis led the pledge of allegiance.
- REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION** County Counsel Marshall Rudolph reported that with regard to Agenda Item No. 2, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Assistant Planning Director Cathreen Richards to the position of Acting/Interim Planning Director when the Planning Director position becomes vacant on January 11, 2017. The Board had also not finished all closed session business and would recess for further discussions later in the meeting.
- PUBLIC COMMENT** Chairperson Griffiths asked for public comment and there was none.
- ITEM PULLED** Public Works Director Clint Quilter advised that Item No. 18 needed to be pulled from the agenda for consideration at a future date.
- AUDITOR-CONTROLLER – HDL TAX AUDITING CONTRACT** Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to: A) authorize the Chairperson to sign an agreement between the County of Inyo and Hinderliter, de Llamas and Associates for the provision of Sales and Use Tax Auditing Services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the period of December 20, 2016 to December 31, 2019, contingent upon all signatures being obtained and approval of future years’ budgets; and B) request Board approve a resolution titled, “A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo Authorizing Examination of Sales, Use and Transactions Tax Records.” Motion carried unanimously.
- CAO – COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANTS** Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign Community Project Sponsorship Grant Program contracts for organizations or groups receiving line-item and fishing derby grants. Motion carried unanimously.

*I.S. – TECH REFRESH
DELL LAPTOP
PURCHASE* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to authorize the purchase of 19 laptop computers and associated peripherals from Dell, pursuant to the technology refresh initiative, in an amount not to exceed \$24,333. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO – HDL CANNABIS
REGULATION
CONSULTING
CONTRACT* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Hinderliter, de Llamas and Associates for Commercial Cannabis Regulation Consulting Services in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for the period of January 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018 and authorize the Chairperson to sign contingent on all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO – PERSONNEL –
TERRY WALKER
PERSONAL SERVICES
CONTRACT* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to designate the County Administrator as the authorized signatory and authorize the County Administrator to sign a personal services contract with Terry Walker, the successful candidate for the Deputy County Counsel position, as a Deputy I at Range 81 (\$5,692 - \$6,921), Step B. Motion carried unanimously.

*CORONER –
STINNETT,
MULLENHOUR
PERSONAL SERVICES
CONTRACTS* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to: A) approve a contract with William D. Stinnett for personal services in an amount not to exceed \$58,000 for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019, contingent upon the adoption of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign; and B) approve a contract with Jeffrey E. Mullenhour for personal services in an amount not to exceed \$58,000 for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon the adoption of future budgets. Motion carried unanimously.

*ENVIRO HEALTH –
IDEXX LAB SOLE-
SOURCE SUPPLIES* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to declare IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. as the sole-source provider of certain water laboratory supplies for the period of January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017; and B) approve the purchase of water testing supplies by the Department from IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. by use of a blanket purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$11,000 for the period of January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS – RICHARDSON
PUBLIC HEALTH
OFFICER CONTRACT* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and James A. Richardson, MD, as the Inyo County Health Officer, in an amount not to exceed \$726,000 for the period of January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2022, contingent upon approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*PW – FED EX BISHOP
AIRPORT LEASE* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Federal Express Corporation for the lease of certain land at the Eastern Sierra Regional Airport in an amount not to exceed \$34,125 for the period of November 1, 2016 through October 31, 2021, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

*PW – HICKMAN
CONST. BLANKET
PURCHASE ORDER* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to authorize the issuance of a blanket purchase order to Hickman Construction in the amount of \$20,000 from the Water Systems budgets for service repairs and parts. Motion carried unanimously.

*PW – PREFERRED
SEPTIC AMENDMENT
NO. 7* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve Amendment No. 7 to Standard Contract No. 113 between the County of Inyo and Preferred Septic and Disposal, Inc. of Bishop, CA, extending the term 31 days to January 31, 2017 and for additional service needs, increasing the contract by \$3,022.87 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$150,679.03, and authorize the Chairperson to sign contingent upon obtaining appropriate signatures and the adoption of future budgets. Motion carried unanimously.

*PW – MOU WITH CITY
FOR BUILDING
PERMITTING &
INSPECTION* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Inyo and City of Bishop concerning building permitting and inspection, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*D.A. – CRIMINAL
INVESTIGATOR I OR II* D.A. Tom Hardy said this request was the result of a vacancy needing to be filled. Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Pucci for the Board to find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for a District

Attorney Criminal Investigator I or II position exists, as certified by the District Attorney and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; and B) approve the hiring of one position: District Attorney Criminal Investigator I or II at the following ranges: Level I, from 071SA (\$4,799 - \$5,836) to 071SC (\$5,291 - \$6,434); or Level II, from 074SB (\$5,267 - \$6,408) to 074SD (\$5,670 - \$6,897). Motion carried unanimously.

**SHERIFF – DEPUTY
SHERIFF POSITION**

Sheriff Bill Lutze said due to a recent resignation, with a deputy moving to another agency, he had a vacancy to fill. He noted most of the recruiting would be external. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh for the Board to find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for a Deputy Sheriff position exists in the General Fund, as certified by the Sheriff and concurred with by the County Administrator, and Auditor-Controller; B) where internal candidates may meet the qualifications for the position, the vacancy could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, but an external recruitment would be more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; and C) approve the open recruitment and hiring of one (1) Deputy Sheriff, Range 67SA-SC (\$4,190 - \$5,621), and authorize up to the D step for a qualified lateral applicant. Motion carried unanimously.

**SHERIFF – LT., SGT.,
INVESTIGATOR, 2
DEPUTY SHERIFFS,
CORRECTIONAL
OFFICER**

Sheriff Lutze explained that a lieutenant retiring at the end of the month would be setting off a chain reaction of promotions and resulting vacancies – further resulting in the need to backfill various positions and hire of two deputies and a Correctional Officer. Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh for the Board to find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for the following requested positions comes from the General Fund, as certified by the Sheriff, and concurred by the County Administrator and the Auditor-Controller; B) where internal candidates may meet the qualifications for the positions and the positions could possibly be filled by an internal recruitment, but an open recruitment is more appropriate to ensure the positions are filled with the most qualified applicants; and C) approve the filling of one (1) Lieutenant position (Range 81SC-81SD \$6,238 - \$7,968); D) approve the filling of one (1) Sergeant position (Range 74 SB-SD \$5,268-\$6,897); E) approve the filling of one (1) Investigator position (Range 71 SB-SD \$5,039-\$6,595); F) approve the open recruitment and hiring for two (2) Deputy Sheriff positions (Range 67SA-SC \$4,149 – \$5,565) and authorize up to the E step for a qualified lateral applicant; and G) approve the hiring for one (1) Correctional Officer position (Range 64 \$3,735-\$4,539). Motion carried unanimously.

**PW –
CONTINGENCIES AND
BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Public Works Director Clint Quilter explained that when his department's Building Inspector retired, the Board allowed him to hire another one under contract to achieve salary savings while they recruited for a permanent replacement. Money was placed in a contingency fund in case recruitment efforts took longer than expected. Quilter said he was now requesting a budget amendment to be able to pay for the costs of the contractor as the recruitment did take longer than anticipated, although he would not need the entire \$65,000 that was set aside. He said he didn't expect to need additional contingency funds. A four-fifths vote would be needed. Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to amend the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 County Budget as follows: increase appropriation in Building & Safety (Budget 023200), Professional Services (Object Code 5265) by \$32,583 and reduce Building and Safety contingencies (Budget 023200), Contingencies (Object Code 5901) by \$32,583. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

**CAO – LIBRARY
AUTOMATION
UPDATE**

Assistant County Administrator Rick Benson provided background on the library automation process. He said much of the preliminary work was done in July, when the Library hired two temporary librarians working half-time, with the real work beginning in August. The work included cataloguing titles and placing barcodes on inventory, and necessitated the closure of county libraries on certain days. He said the project is not finished and has fallen behind. Benson said a major factor to the delay was the lynch pin of the operation, the head librarian, having to take medical leave for an extended period of time. Progress, however, has included the inputting of at least 10,000 titles into the electronic database and patrons beginning to receive their electronic library cards. The project was supposed to be complete by February 1 but Benson said a more realistic "go live" date would be the end of March. He said more library closures would probably be necessary as work continued. Head librarian Nancy Masters said staff did an extraordinary job keeping the process going in her absence. Benson noted that some e-book titles are already being checked out, and once the County begins utilizing Overdrive, patrons will have access to additional titles they can "check out" on their electronic devices. Overdrive has a limited number of editions available at one time for many different

clients, so Inyo patrons might not be able to get the latest best-sellers right away. Masters said the library will keep statistic on patrons' e-reading preferences, and plans to promote the automation via media and brochures.

**GULLY WASHER
EMERGENCY**

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to continue the local emergency known as the "Gully Washer Emergency" that resulted in flooding in the central, south and southeastern portion of Inyo County during the month of July, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

**LAND OF EVEN LESS
WATER EMERGENCY**

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Pucci 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. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried unanimously.

**DV DOWN BUT NOW
OUT EMERGENCY**

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to continue the local emergency known as the "Death Valley Down But Not Out Emergency" that was proclaimed as a result of flooding in the central, south and southeastern portion of Inyo County during the month of October, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

**YEAR-IN-REVIEW
REPORTS**

The County Administrator and County Departments Heads participated in the fourth annual review of departmental highlights in providing public services during 2016. (See attached press release).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Earl Wilson of Lone Pine commented on the Year-in-Review reports, noting that he has been involved in a lot of the issues mentioned, most notably the Owens Valley energy study. He commended the County and staff for getting so many awards and said staff has done an amazing job. Regarding libraries, he asked whether the Board could find money to keep them open full-time because a lot of people rely on them, and they provide relief during the summer and winter. He said it is fun to come out and observe the meetings and most of the time the Board does a good job. He said the Supervisors were some of the best he's worked with.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairperson Griffiths recessed open session to convene in closed session at 12:19 p.m. with all Board members present to continue discussions from earlier.

**OPEN
SESSION/REPORT ON
CLOSED SESSION**

Chairperson Griffiths recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 1:07 p.m. with all Board members present. County Counsel Rudolph reported no action was taken that is required to be reported.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1:07 p.m. to Tuesday, January 3 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

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

by: _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant



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YEAR IN REVIEW: COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS LOOK BACK AT 2016

In what is becoming a “holiday tradition” at the County of Inyo, department heads gave their annual year-in-review reports to the Board of Supervisors Tuesday, highlighting both accomplishments and challenges from the past 12 months.

CAO Kevin Carunchio said the annual review serves as a great showcase of just how much the County does for the citizens and visitors of Inyo – much of it, he noted, above and beyond the day-to-day tasks and responsibilities assigned to the various departments.

“Every year, these same department heads give a similar overview to the newly seated Grand Jury,” Carunchio told the Board. “That day and this day are my favorite because they are a reminder of the huge range of services we provide and how we strive to do more. No department is an island unto itself – we all interact and support each other. I am so grateful to be able to work with these folks.”

In all, 17 department heads or representatives gave year-end reports, highlighting the following tasks, achievements, and challenges:

Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd

- Made significant adjustments in payroll as the result of County-negotiated Memorandums of Understanding and changes in state and federal law, most notably the Affordable Care Act (ACA).
- Met the June 2016 federal reporting deadline for the ACA, a huge, time-consuming undertaking that required intensive collaboration with Information Services and Personnel to ensure compliance with the three-inch-thick law.
- Received an Award for Reporting Excellence from the State Controller’s Office, for submitting all required paperwork on time and correctly.
- Issued 33,022 checks and 17,576 payroll electronic fund transfers; receipted, recorded, and audited 5,939 cash receipts; processed more than 3,000 journal entries; and continued to do the accounting and financial auditing for 18 special districts around the county.

Ag Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures Nate Reade

- Initiated a contract to study the impacts of agriculture on the overall economy, which will build on data from the annual crop and livestock report to provide information on multiplier effects, jobs created, contributions to tax bases, ways to increase the industry’s value, and other types of agriculture that may be feasible to this region.
- Hosted the spring conference of the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association, bringing in more than 50 ag commissioners and more than 100 other state and federal officials to Inyo County; many have been back to visit since and many more have indicated a desire to return.

- Initiated and improved communications with Los Angeles Department of Water and Power regarding summertime Owens River pulse flows that result in large mosquito hatches, which could lead to LADWP notifying the Ag Department in advance of the pulse flows.
- Received a grant in the Weed Management Division to keep the program going another five years beyond 2016.

Assistant Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann

- Brought in the evidence-based parenting curriculum, Positive Parenting Program, to train multiple county and community members – as well as partner agencies like Wild Iris, IMACA, Owens Valley Career Development Center, Inyo County Superintendent of Schools, and Bishop Pediatrics – in teaching proven, positive, parenting skills.
- Behavioral Health, with help from Information Services, transitioned to a new electronic health record to improve documentation of patient records and billing, putting the division one step closer to a paperless system; and again, with help from Information Services as well as Public Works, relocated the Wellness Center, which immediately resolved tenant issues experienced at the prior location.
- With ombudsman Paulette Erwin at the helm, continued to advocate for and actively assist the residents of Southern Inyo Hospital Skilled Nursing Unit who were displaced by its 2015 closure and wanted to return when it reopened in 2016.
- In coordination with the Probation Department, piggy-backed local juvenile transition reform efforts with those being implemented statewide under the Continuum of Care Reform, arranging many hours of training for HHS and Probation staff, foster families, and other community partners.

Assistant County Administrator Rick Benson (Libraries, Recycling & Waste, Motor Pool, Parks & Recreation, Museums)

- Contracted with Overdrive to make thousands of ebook titles available to library patrons as part of the ongoing automation project.
- Hosted a traditional Native American basket weaving seminar taught by third-generation Native Lucy Parker at the Eastern California Museum and began steps to move the Slim Princess engine from Dehy Park to the museum grounds.
- Have almost completed a new well at Taboose Creek Campground; began construction on new restrooms at and obtained a 24-year lease for Diaz Lake campground; and contracted with Reserve America so that visitors can reserve campground spots online and pay in advance – a project that meant installing new signage at campgrounds and redrawing maps.
- Began the process of finally converting to weight-based tipping fees at county landfills.
- Sold 40 vehicles declared surplus by Motor Pool, collected \$107,000, and cleaned out the “used car lot” at the Bishop Landfill, bringing in about \$2,500 per vehicle – considerably more than the County has collected before – by utilizing an online auction service that attracts buyers from all over the country.

Water Director Dr. Bob Harrington

- Developed, with LADWP staff, new vegetation monitoring protocols that will be brought before the Inyo-L.A. Standing Committee for final approval in February – during the fifth year of one of the worst, longest droughts in recent history.
- Began work in response to the State Groundwater Management Act, moving to form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies in the Indian Wells and Owens valleys.
- Obtained several grants, including the Owens River Water Trail Grant, a grant to pay for drinking water for Tecopa via vending machine (a huge collaborative effort with Environmental Health, Public Works, and the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District), a grant to improve conveyance on the Owens River in areas choked by tules, and a grant looking at the feasibility of recycling water from the Big Pine wastewater treatment plant.

- Worked with the State Department of Water Resources and other parties on the groundwater table issue plaguing West Bishop this past summer – work that resulted in DWR developing a report that that will soon be released to the public.

Environmental Health Director Marvin Moskowitz

- Helped Public Works and the Water Department restore drinking water to Tecopa.
- Set up a procedure for testing and closing, if necessary, Millpond and Diaz Lake in the event of blue-green algae blooms, which can pose health risks to humans and pets, and which the Department identified at those water bodies this past summer and responded to accordingly.
- Resolved staffing issues in a cost-effective manner by hiring a hazmat expert and contracting her services out to Mono County part of the week, and recruiting for a part-time lab technician to better serve the public.
- With Lahontan Water Quality Control Board, began developing a Local Area Management Plan in the hopes of limiting the impacts of a more stringent policy adopted by that state that requires counties to now require operation and maintenance permits for all septic tanks being constructed, and monitor and inspect those tanks as well.

Assessor David Stottlemire

- Brought traditionally contracted appraisals of Coso Geothermal and five local mines in-house, immediately saving the County \$130,000 a year in consulting costs and then finding a \$7 million valuation error in Inyo's favor on a U.S. Borax appraisal.
- Lowered the assessed value on all mobilehomes and mobilehome parks in the County, creating tax savings for mobilehome owners.
- Began converting inactive files into digital format to free up office space and archive important tax information.
- Completed three “jumbo” appraisals involving Vons, Cottonwood Plaza, and Briggs Mine.

Farm Advisor Dustin Blakey

- Brought on a full-time, University of California-paid nutrition educator to visit schools and teach children about good nutrition.
- Added two new 4-H Clubs – one in Independence and one combining Deep Springs and Fish Lake Valley – for a total of seven clubs, 273 members, 58 adult volunteers, and 64 projects taken.
- Graduated 10 residents from the 2016 Master Food Preservers Program, one of whom judged at the Orange County Fair and has been invited to judge at the 2017 State Fair, and offered free food preservation classes in Tribal communities from Lone Pine to Coleville with support from Toiyabe Indian Health Project.
- Offered several public educational workshops, covering topics like drone technology, property mapping using Google Earth Pro, and pruning.

Sheriff Bill Lutze (Sheriff's Department, Inyo County Jail, Search and Rescue Team, Veterans Service Office)

- Began the process of obtaining a narcotic K-9 and train a dedicated handler; patrolled 6,438 miles and 790 hours countywide under the OHV program; began automating the process for paying and receiving a Concealed Carry Permit, the interest in which continues to increase; responded to 12,636 calls compared to 11,402 in 2015; and started Phase I of the radio replacement project.
- Added a basic education (math and reading) class at the jail to better prepare inmates taking the GED test; allowed Wild Iris to start a support group for women, with plans to begin one for men in the new year; and started the “Thinking for Good” program, a preparedness class for those not quite ready to take the Moral Recognition Therapy Training Class.
- Responded to 92 Search and Rescue calls, 59 overdue calls, seven recoveries, and four multi-agency call-outs, compared to 68 SAR calls, 55 overdue calls, four recoveries, and two multi-agency call-outs in 2015.
- Hired a new Veterans Service Officer.

- Saw five employees retire, from a lieutenant to administrative assistant, who had a combined 100 years of service to the Department.

District Attorney Tom Hardy

- Went live with the integrated case management system in August, putting his Department one step closer to being paperless and being able to easily access reports from the Sheriff's Department and Bishop PD.
- Cleared a significant number, if not most, of the backlog of cases in the D.A.'s Office.
- Cleared most felony cases within a four- to six-month timeframe.
- Continued to work with the Community Corrections Partnership and implement policies in the D.A.'s Office to ensure rehabilitative services and opportunities can be fully utilized by inmates.

Assistant Planning Director Cathreen Richards

- Completed the years' long process to develop a Tribal Consultation Policy.
- Hosted the North Sierra Highway Specific Plan Charrette, which included a bus tour and well attended public meeting on the Bishop Reservation.
- Completed background reports for Tecopa, Shoshone, and Charleston View as part of the Southeast County Specific Plans, for which well attended public meetings were also held.
- Completed the Owens Valley Energy Study, which was prepared with public input and had the full participation of all Tribes in the valley.
- Completed the analyses of the Inyo National Forest's Forest Plan Revision and Environmental Impact Statement, which again came together as the result of much public input.

Public Works Director Clint Quilter

- Entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Bishop for building inspection services, a partnership that will see the City paying the County \$60,000 a year for contracting staff and moving their base from South Street to City Hall.
- Improved billing procedures in the Department.
- Completed the following projects, some of which included deferred maintenance: South Bishop Resurfacing, Ed Powers Road Bicycle Lanes, Wellness Center Remodel, Lower Trona Wildrose Rehabilitation, Bishop Fiberized Microseal, SCADA System, Whitney Portal Road Rehab, Interior Painting of Courthouse, Big Pine Town Hall, Independence Legion Hall, Phase II Jail HVAC, Tecopa HVAC, ADA Transition Plan, Statham Hall Heaters, Lone Pine Sheriff's Substation Parking Lot Repaving, Bishop Airport Lighting and Signage, Bishop Airport Crack Seal, Striping and Security Fencing, Lone Pine/Death Valley Airport Automated Weather Observing System, and Independence Crack Seal and Striping – for a total of \$27.8 million (\$15 million for Whitney Portal Project alone).
- Expended \$855,000 with 65 local contractors and vendors.

Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson

- Provided community service by participating in, sponsoring, and/or supporting the following endeavors: the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Brown's Town in Bishop, Sober Grad Night, Back to School Shop with a Cop, Tri-County Fair, Christmas Shop with a Cop, Thanksgiving and Christmas meal delivery to Death Valley, Christmas stocking delivery to Lone Pine senior citizens, and grants for Jill Kinmont Boothe School and Healthy Communities of Southern Inyo County.
- Oversaw the completion of 120-plus hours of community service by adult probationers.
- Continued to take pride in their work, representing the Department at job fairs and expos, completing all required annual training, passing the Judicial Council review with flying colors, and earning praise for well-written and thought-out reports.
- Continued to work on progress inside and outside the Department, via the ongoing successes of Drug Court, training with HHS as part of the Juvenile Services Realignment, utilizing staff services in a more effective, efficient manner, implementing the weekend commit program at Juvenile Hall, and offering an early intervention program.

Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters Kammi Foote

- With help from dozens of volunteers and fellow County employees, administered one of the most unusual and emotional election cycles in recent history with no major issues at an 82 percent turnout.
- Embarked on new endeavors for registering voters: registering new citizens moments after they were sworn in at the first-ever Citizenship Ceremony at Manzanar; deputizing Chuck Levin, who set up a registration table at the Bishop Twin Theatre until midnight on the last day of the deadline to register to vote in both the June and November elections; and participating in a Wilderness Civic Effort to bring awareness of important dates and deadlines to hikers and climbers who are often away from traditional residences for months at a time in the wilderness of Inyo County.
- Teamed up with election officials from around the country to produce the Civic Engagement Toolkit for Local Election Officials that was published in June 2016 (<http://electiontools.org>) and that, as of today, election officials from all 50 states have accessed.
- Sponsored AB 1734 Obernolte to solve a problem that was created when BLM updated its mining forms in 2013 (http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB1734).

Senior Deputy County Administrator Brian Shults – Information Services

- Processed more than 1,500 work requests Countywide, some of which took days to accomplish, and processed more than 160,000 pieces of mail – an average of 600-plus a day.
- Established two new conference rooms, participated in office moves or expansions for the HHS Progress House, Grove Street offices, May Street offices, One-Stop Office, and Bishop Senior Center, and undertook a long-overdue reorganization of the computer room.
- Continued work on the project to live-stream Board meetings over the Internet with the goal of going live in January, in conjunction with the effort to automate meeting agendas internally and for the public.
- Moved the County website to a new hosting company and trained staff in the use of a new accounting system software.

County Counsel Marshall Rudolph

- With the help of Assistant County Counsel John Vallejo, former Deputy County Counsel David Nam, and Legal Secretary Debbie Gonzalez, assisted other County departments and agencies in bringing various issues, projects, and disputes to fruition and resolution, including: LADWP lease policies, specific LADWP leases, disputes of various sorts, Adventure Trails legislation, the Tribal Consultation Policy, a Courthouse lease with the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Indian Wells Valley Joint Powers Authority, a Memorandum of Understanding for court school, ballot measures related to commercial cannabis, and numerous contracts and ongoing labor negotiations.

County Administrative Office Kevin Carunchio

- Brought County Counsel Rudolph and ACC John Vallejo on board, benefitting from their invaluable legal expertise, particularly when Rudolph was able to resolve the Courthouse lease issue after an eight-year stalemate with the state.
- Provided critical support to Southern Inyo Hospital in its efforts to stay open for residents and visitors.
- Celebrated the County's 150th anniversary with various celebrations and countywide support.
- Undertook a daunting Juvenile Services Redesign that put Inyo County ahead of the curve in terms of shifting toward the state's Continuum of Care model.
- Invested money in County airports and initiated the creation of an airport working group between Inyo and the Town of Mammoth to tackle the regional air service issue.
- Became one of the first counties in California to tackle the commercial cannabis issue head on.

- Worked on critical issues involving the LADWP, most recently regarding lease policies in the Owens Valley.

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