

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

April 25, 2017

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:37 a.m., on April 25, 2017, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Mark Tillemans, presiding, Dan Totheroh, Rick Pucci, Jeff Griffiths and Matt Kingsley.

PUBLIC COMMENT Chairperson Tillemans asked for public comment during the first public comment period and there was none.

CLOSED SESSION Chairperson Tillemans recessed open session at 8:38 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following items: No. 2 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**. Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (one case); and No. 3 **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS** [Pursuant to 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, Information Services Director Brandon Shults, County Counsel Marshall Rudolph, and Assistant County Counsel John Vallejo; and No. 4 **PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT [Government Code §54957)** – Titles: Environmental Health Director; Health and Human Services Director; and Planning Director.

OPEN SESSION Chairperson Tillemans recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:04 a.m. with all Board members present.

PLEDGE CAO Carunchio led the pledge of allegiance.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION County Counsel Marshall Rudolph reported that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported. The Board had not finished its closed session business, however, and would recess to closed session later in the meeting to continue discussions.

PUBLIC COMMENT Chairperson Tillemans asked for public comment during the second public comment period. Inyo County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Lisa Fontana said she wanted to offer some “thank you’s” while she was in the neighborhood. She thanked CAO Carunchio for an enjoyable partnership with the ICSOS and said she appreciated his focus on the students and children of Inyo County. She said she also appreciated working with Jeff Thomson and Mark Olson from the Probation Department, and their wonderful staff who are working with at-risk students at Jill Kinmont Booth School. Fontana also said that D.A. Tom Hardy has been a strong and positive influence at School Attendance Review Board hearings and is helping to yield positive results. She also thanked the Board, saying she is impressed with the way things are done at the County and sees the Board’s influence in kind ways throughout Inyo County. She added that her Kindness Initiative is ongoing, with more than 1,200 posts so far and businesses starting to get involved.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT REPORTS Chairperson Tillemans opened the floor to County Department Reports and there were none.

**AG COMMISSIONER –
WAIVER OF BEE
COLONY
REGISTRATION FEES**

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to waive bee colony registration fees for hobbyist beekeepers maintaining fewer than 10 colonies as outlined in California Food and Agriculture Code section 29044. Motion carried unanimously.

**ROAD DEPT. –
STRIPING PAINT &
BARRICADE P.O. W/
INTERSTATE SALES**

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve the purchase of road striping paint in the amount of \$5,152.07 and barricades in the amount of \$2,633.95 from Interstate Sales for a total purchase in the amount of \$7,786.02. Motion carried unanimously.

**PARKS & REC –
C&CR ENGINE 18
LEASE AGREEMENT**

Chairperson Tillemans pulled this item from the Consent Calendar for further discussion. Assistant County Administrator Rick Benson reported that the Southern Pacific Railway narrow gauge Engine No. 18 has been in the County's possession since 1955 and since September 2010, volunteers with the Carson and Colorado Railway (C&CR) have been working to restore it working condition so that it may be put on public display throughout the country and also furnish rides to the public. He said a lease agreement with the County would allow the organization some latitude to use the engine within certain parameters without any cost (or revenue) to the County. Chairperson Tillemans thanked both Benson and County Counsel for offering an agreement that would provide that latitude. He said the group has been working diligently for a long time, with the County's appreciation, on something that will ultimately heighten the visitor experience at the Eastern California Museum and add to the historical significance of the County. C&CR President Dave Mull thanked the Board for the lease opportunity and said he personally has been working on Engine No. 18 restoration efforts since 1997. He provided an update on the progress of the Larry Pecham Engine House at the Museum and said a grand opening – a Silver Spike Celebration – is tentatively scheduled for high noon on July 3. C&CR hopes to have 150 to 300 feet of track laid by then so it can run the locomotive most of the afternoon. He also said there will be a bluegrass band and tri-tip barbecue dinner. Mull added that the group hoped to then take the Engine to the Laws Celebration in Bishop later this summer, and to a Durango, Colo. event in 2018. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve and authorize the County Administrator to sign a lease agreement with the Carson and Colorado Railway (C&CR) allowing C&CR to lease Engine No. 18. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION –
AUDITOR – FY
ENDING JUNE 30,
2016 FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS**

Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd made a presentation to the Board on the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 County Financial Statements. She distributed copies of the Report, a Single Audit Report, and a memo from the auditing firm, CliftonLarsonAllenLLP, in which the firm states there were no significant findings. Shepherd pointed out Pg. 2 of the Audit Report where it states the report is unmodified – meaning the County had a good audit. She also pointed out the summary of the auditor's results on Page 10 of the Single Audit Report, which found no deficiencies, internal controls, or non-compliance issues, basically what Shepherd said is the best report you can ask for. Referring to the County's financial statements, she said they have been mentioned in the newspaper lately so she thought it would be a good idea to explain what they actually mean and what the difference between a Statement of Net Position and a Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds is. Shepherd explained while several years ago the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) requires the County to report its finances the way a private business would, with long-term and short-term liabilities. The change required counties to do a Statement of Net Position which is essentially a balance sheet that reports all liabilities, which for the County includes net pension obligation, a portion of OPEB (other post-employment benefit) liability, all of the County's debt service, compensated absences (balance of all vacation hours on the books at June 30). The County's Net Position includes a negative amount of \$32 million under "Unrestricted." Shepherd said this means if the County had to close business on June 30 it would have to sell all of its assets to cover that amount because it doesn't have enough unrestricted assets to pay off all its liability at that moment in time. Shepherd said the Statement of Net Position is more a long-term look at the County's financial health. She said one reason the County took an aggressive approach to paying off its share of the CalPERS pension debt is the hope that in 20 years, the statement will look very different. She said the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds is more of a short-term snapshot of the County's financial picture. She referred to the fund balance designations included on the balance sheet. "Nonspendable" includes petty cash accounts and pre-payments. "Restricted" are funds that are restricted by law with specific language. She discussed for example geothermal funds and the Water Department funds that have very specific uses. She also talked about the Unassigned Fund Balance, which does not mean the funding contained therein is discretionary. Examples of "unassigned" funding include AB 443

Sheriff funds, COPS funds, the Museum Trust, and Dental and Vision Trust. As a further example, she said there is flexibility on what the AB 443 funds can be spent on, but they must be spent on law enforcement. She said there is also an important distinction between the category this type of funding is listed under, "General," and the General Fund, which is a very specific, separate fund. She added that General Reserves also sit in the Unassigned Fund Balance. Supervisor Pucci thanked Shepherd for the presentation, noting that the GASB's reporting requirements were meant to make government finances more transparent but they've also made them more confusing. Shepherd said it would be easier to have a single balance sheet. Supervisor Griffiths complimented Shepherd on her vast knowledge of governmental accounting practices.

*HHS-BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH – CHARIS
YOUTH CENTER
CONTRACT*

Behavioral Health Director Dr. Gail Zwier explained a contract was necessary with Charis Youth Center for a rare placement of a youth. She noted that Behavioral Health looks at alternatives before deciding upon placement. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Charis Youth Center for the provision of mental health services within a residential placement setting for the period of March 3, 2017 through June 30, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH – CALIF.
HEALTH & WELLNESS
MOU*

Behavioral Health Director Dr. Gail Zwier noted this MOU has been in place three or four years after the state decided that California's Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans would be bid out, and is being updated with minor wording changes. Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to ratify and approve the updated Memorandum of Understanding with California Health and Wellness, effective April 1, 2017, describing responsibilities for mental health and related services as part of California's Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans; and authorize the HHS Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH – DEPT.
HEALTH CARE
SERVICES
CONTRACT
AMENDMENT 5*

Behavioral Health Director Dr. Gail Zwier explained the County and Department of Health Care Services have a standard contract for substance abuse disorder services for a three-year cycle and this is the fifth amendment in three years. She said this amendment adds some language about the ADA and adds \$42,082 for Drug Medi-Cal, Non-Perinatal Care. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to ratify and approve Amendment A05 to the Standard Agreement between the County of Inyo and the Department of Health Care Services for Substance Use Disorder Services, recognizing an increase of \$42,082, for a total contract amount of \$1,332,987, for the period beginning July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017, contingent upon the Board's adoption of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign five original signature pages plus one original signature on the Certification (CCC-307) and one original signature on the California Civil Rights Law Certification. Motion carried unanimously.

*SHERIFF – ATV
PURCHASE/BUDGET
AMEND*

Lt. Eric Pritchard presented a request from the Sheriff's Department to purchase a side-by-side all-terrain vehicle. He noted that a budget amendment would be needed due to the fact that the original budget anticipated the trade-in value of some vehicles that didn't come to fruition. He said the cost of the ATV is 100 percent reimbursable through grants. Supervisor Griffiths asked how much extra is spent outfitting the ATVs for patrol use. Pritchard said he is not intimately familiar with the costs but knows that separate funds are available. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve the purchase of one side-by-side all-terrain vehicle in an amount not to exceed \$22,000 from Corona Motorsports of Corona, CA; and B) amend the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Off-Highway Vehicle Grant 16-17 Budget (Budget 623516) as follows: decrease appropriation in Professional Services (Object Code 5265) by \$2,184; decrease appropriation in Maintenance of Equipment – Materials (Object Code 5173) by \$2,500; decrease appropriation in Maintenance of Equipment (Object Code 5171) by \$816; and increase appropriation in Vehicles (Object Code 5655) by \$5,500 (4/5ths vote required). Motion carried unanimously.

*PLANNING – UPDATE
ON INF PLAN
REVISION*

Interim Planning Director Cathreen Richards provided the Board with an update on the Inyo National Forest Plan Revision which was undertaken by the INF and Sierra and Sequoia National Forests as three of eight early adopters. Richards said the INF expects to release its Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and a draft Record of Decision this fall which will include responses to comments submitted on the Draft EIS and trigger a 60-day period in which to file objections based on substantive comments previously submitted. Although all three forests prepared their plans together, the INF is able to release its plan separately and sooner because the other two are continuing to address public comment through supplemental EISs. Richards reminded the Board of the County's unique perspective on the planning

process because of the Memorandum of Understanding it entered into with the INF, which gave it a greater voice in the development of the EIS. She said Planning staff will be meeting with INF staff next month to discuss the final stage of the process, and the U.S. Forest Service regionally is asking for the County's perspective to share with other Forests who will soon be undertaking their own Plan Revisions. Richards reviewed some suggestions compiled by Planning staff regarding what worked well (Inyo's "Cooperating Agency Status" and the MOU, the County's ability to influence the economic background report, and the first-hand understanding of local Forest staff) and what didn't (the INF being lumped together with the Sierra and Sequoia forests, a disconnect in discussions between local and regional Forest staff, and some of the County's comments and ideas not making it from draft reports to the Draft EIS), and evaluation topics not being integrated into the context of each individual forest). Supervisor Totheroh said, because of his past career with the Forest Service, said he was asked to present the County's perspective during an upcoming meeting. He was in agreement with the points suggested by Planning, particularly the benefit of the MOU and the disadvantage to combining a planning effort for three management units with different characteristics. Supervisor Griffiths said it appears INF can now be separated out during the finalization process, but asked Richards how much damage she thought had already been done. She said the County would have to wait and see the Final EIR. Supervisor Kingsley said he doubted separating the forests now would change the content of the plans. He asked how long it took to get the MOU in place and was told more than a year, to which he said it would be worth mentioning to Forest Service staff that the process is arduous. Discussion continued regarding additional talking points, including the uniqueness of the counties surrounding the forests (i.e., lack of private land), the engagement of the Inyo Planning Department throughout the process, how Inyo County was probably the only County to hold a series of public meetings on the Forest Plan Revision, and how it would have been even more beneficial for Forest Service higher-level officials to attend those meetings.

*CLERK OF THE
BOARD – APPROVAL
OF MINUTES*

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meetings of March 21, 2017 and March 28, 2017, and the special meetings of March 29, 2017 and March 31, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

*RECESS/
RECONVENE*

Chairperson Tillemans recessed the meeting at 10:55 a.m. for a five-minute break and reconvened the meeting at 11 a.m. with all Board members present.

*ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH – OWTS
ORDINANCE
HEARING (#1206)*

Environmental Health Specialist Jerry Oser briefly reviewed for the Board the matter of the State implementing an Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) Policy that will change the way local agencies regulate septic systems. He reiterated that Inyo County can set their own, less stringent policies within the State guidelines, but will need the approval of Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board, which is requiring the County to pass an OWTS ordinance first. Chairperson Tillemans opened the public hearing at 11:02 a.m. and, hearing or seeing nobody from the public wishing to comment, closed the public hearing at 11:02 a.m. Chairperson Tillemans added that he appreciated the presentation on the topic at the April 11 meeting. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to waive the first reading of a proposed ordinance titled "An Ordinance of Inyo County, State of California, Adding Chapter 7.12 to the Inyo County Code Pertaining to Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems," and schedule the enactment for 11 a.m., Tuesday, May 2, 2017, in the Board of Supervisors Room, at the County Administrative Center, in Independence. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-PREVENTION –
UPDATE ON
TOBACCO CONTROL
PROGRAM*

HHS Deputy Director - Public Health and Prevention Anna Scott provided the Board with an update on an anticipated funding increase of up to \$219,105 annually from the new California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tax of 2016 (Prop 56), which brings the County's total Tobacco Control Funding per year to \$369,105 starting in Fiscal Year 2017-2018. She discussed the mandates and guidelines surrounding the funding, which she said is potentially more than double than current allocations, and the Tobacco Control Program's possible policy objectives for upcoming fiscal year Tobacco Control Plans. She said Inyo County has not received an allocation letter from the State and will receive the additional \$219,105 based on the extent to which HHS expands its objectives in the work it does in tobacco control. Scott explained that the State dictates the areas those plans must cover, including at least one retail policy. She said Inyo County is currently operating under a bridge year plan, with its new plan due August 1, 2017, but must have an idea how to its going to use the funding by mid-May. She said HHS will be recommending an additional position as part of the County budget

process because of the additional tobacco control work. She said Tobacco Control will continue to have three objectives: 1. a general policy objective adopted by a jurisdiction within the county; 2. a retail-related objective; and 3. Youth and Adult Coalition work and possible expansion in context with Juveniles Services Redesign, taking programs to schools in Shoshone, Independence, and Big Pine. Scott noted that following the 2017-2018 bridge year, Tobacco Control will be entering a three-year plan with more time to actually work toward implementing policy objectives. She said the bridge year would be used for front-end work and educational efforts. Regarding the retail objective, Tobacco Control currently proposes working towards adopting a policy to establish a minimum package or volume size of tobacco products or eliminate the sale of individual tobacco products, such as cigarrillos or cigars. She said this objective targets the underage group who are seeking less expensive tobacco products. She said a policy regarding flavored tobacco products is also possible because it appears to be a gateway to regular tobacco use for minors. Scott said, surprisingly, these objectives had the least support in a public intercept survey conducted over the winter by asking shoppers outside of Vons to fill out surveys, or handing out surveys in meetings. She said Tobacco Control feels the need to solicit more responses. She said only about 50% of respondents so far would support limiting sales of individual tobacco products. The most support came for laws or ordinances preventing sales around schools. She said if the Board feels Tobacco Control should change direction around the retail policy in the bridge year, it can do so. Regarding the general policy objective, the bridge year plan currently proposes working with at least 25 retailers to adopt a voluntary smoke-free policy prohibiting smoking within 20 feet of doorways, including e-cigarettes and marijuana. Supervisor Griffiths asked whether the 20 feet included sidewalks. Scott said the current law is not clear and some jurisdictions do include sidewalks. She said this particular policy focuses on entryways, and while the State prefers ordinances, HHS prefers volunteer policies. Scott cited as an example Tobacco Control's work to encourage the Tri-County Fairgrounds to go entirely smoke-free, specifically targeting vaping and e-cigs used for marijuana. Supervisor Griffiths pointed out that State law prohibits the use of marijuana in public anyway and asked whether the State wants to also limit tobacco use strictly to the home. Scott said yes, and noted the State even supports prohibiting use of tobacco in multi-use dwelling units. Supervisor Griffiths said he thinks California has overstepped its bounds, going way beyond protecting public health to restricting personal lifestyles. He noted that every time the County gets an "F" on tobacco prevention report cards and the press release is sent to the newspaper, the public should understand the "F" comes not because the County is a shill for Big Tobacco but because it is not able, or willing, to meet impossible standards set by the State as it dangles money in front of the County. He said he is all for protecting public health and preventing youth access to tobacco products, but less excited about laws that prevent adults from engaging in legal activity. CAO Carunchio added that the right move is not to necessarily add staff but let existing staff work on relatively confined objectives and use the extra tobacco money to fund other staff members being funded from sources that will be shrinking. Scott cautioned that not adding staff to Tobacco Control will mean cutting back on services in other areas, such as STD prevention, in order to expand objectives necessary to receive the additional funding. Supervisor Griffiths said increasing staff to 2.5 positions for the purpose of convincing the Board of Supervisors and City Council to enact tobacco and smoking related legislation doesn't seem as wise a use of the money as smoking cessation programs, which this money can't be spent on. He said there is a lot of money available to actually help people quit smoking, but it has to be used instead on efforts like getting the Board to ban menthols. Chairperson Tillemans asked about the youth coalition. Scott talked about coordinating with the adult coalition and looking at ways to engage businesses, putting out ad campaigns, and how a lot of the coalition's work incorporates substance abuse prevention. Supervisor Kingsley said he supports reaching out to more youth and restricting their access to tobacco products but would prefer not to do it through ordinances. He said marijuana bars might also be opening in Inyo County, which he thinks is good because it gets people out of their houses and concentrated in one area, so he worries about sending mixed messages. He also cautioned about adding positions funding by a pot of money derived from tobacco taxes that were meant to disincentivize tobacco use. Chairperson Tillemans said a smoking bar could be beneficial to Inyo County, and said it seems as programs move north to south, Big Pine and Independence are consistently bypassed. He said these communities deserve and would definitely benefit from these programs. CAO Carunchio thanked Scott for presentation and suggested that rather than continuing to build monuments to bureaucracy, it would be great if the County could take the extra \$200,000 and make it available to schools so they contract for prevention programs through Probation. He said that is the kind of out-of-the-box thinking the Board should demand and which will be explored during the budget process.

*HHS/PROBATION –
JUVENILE & FAMILY
SERVICES
TRANSITION PLAN
UPDATE*

Health and Human Services and Probation presented their second monthly update on the status of the Juvenile Services Transition Plan since they were requested by the Board in March. HHS Director Jean Turner, Chief of Probation Jeff Thomson, and HHS Management Analyst Jody Veenker took turns providing a recap of the national and Statewide trends and other forces driving the Transition Plan, which has meant combining two systems – HHS and Probation – for the best outcomes for youth. The trio shared a PowerPoint presentation with the Board outlining best practices, the differences between dependency and delinquency and the roles of Child Welfare and Probation, and tools to inform individualized youth and family needs interventions. CAO Carunchio asked about the relationship of the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) used by HHS and the one used by Probation, and was told a standardized assessment tool for both is supposed to be in place by January 1, 2018. He said it would be helpful to see the different assessment tools side by side to see where they are different. Discussion continued about intervention being divided into three classifications and used depending on individual needs, the Families Intensive Response and Strengthening Team, and FIRST/Wraparound outcomes from Fiscal Year 2010-2011 to Fiscal Year 2016-2017. HHS Deputy Director - Public Health and Prevention Anna Scott talked about substance abuse disorder prevention services for youth, which focus on alcohol because of its prevalence, and deal somewhat with marijuana because of its effects on brain development in early years. She said current goals are reducing underage drinking and binge drinking through the Youth Coalition, increasing youth knowledge and application of coping and stress management skills, especially among high-risk students, through the Mentoring Program, and increasing parent knowledge and community involvement. Chairperson Tillemans wanted assurance that the goals would be expanded to the communities (Big Pine and Independence) where the programs have been non-existent the past several years. Staff nodded in response. Thomson provided a probation services update, noting 5 out-of-county detentions with four youth at the El Dorado Juvenile Hall as a result of failures to appear to the Juvenile Hall for weekend commits or violations of probation. Thomson also broke down the costs as of March 31, which are significantly less than budgeted. He said in general, referrals for the weekend commit program continue to be lower than expected so the program now operates the first and second weekend each month. Thomson also listed the services being provided to youth at Keith Bright School, Jill Kinmont Boothe School, and Bishop Union High School and said Probation is currently working with Lone Pine High School administration to provide similar services to those students starting this week. He said Big Pine and Independence are also on the list but Probation wants to get the new program established and get staff trained first before branching out, as it's doing with Lone Pine. Chairperson Tillemans said he understands about methodically branching out but he understood the goal to reach as many youth as possible during times of need on Friday and Saturday nights, after school. He said the services are now being offered during school and it's working well in Bishop but it doesn't seem too hard to offer the services in each community. He added he doesn't even know if Probation staff has ever stepped foot on the Big Pine campus to become aware of the issues there, such as the vandalism problem. He said it's important for Probation to have a presence on these campuses and establish a rapport with at-risk youth. Chairperson Tillemans went on to note that the open gyms promised by Independence and Big Pine schools never materialized so he will start opening up the gyms in those communities and providing the prevention services to the youth at the times when they need it, which he said he believed was the vision from the beginning. He added that the use of tobacco control funds for so many years at only Bishop and Lone Pine is unacceptable and took part of the blame for not speaking up sooner to get those programs at Big Pine and Independence. He said it's time these neglected communities get more attention. Thomson said he agreed and that it was part of Probation's overall goal and he would work to help bolster Tillemans' volunteer program. He noted that it's not ideal to provide prevention and other services during school hours, but it allows for the largest number of early intervention youth to be served and does not conflict with their extra-curricular activities. He said other ways of reaching out to these youth outside of school hours are being explored. Thomson then discussed the next steps in Juvenile Services, including implementation of after-school programs for Probation youth specifically, the continued planning for an Area Resource Center, and ongoing collaboration with HHS. Supervisor Kingsley said the schools can best identify who the at-risk youth are and can be a valuable, proactive partner. Thomson said it is challenging because unless the youth enter the Probation or Child Welfare systems, they don't have the authority to get them the services they need. Chairperson Tillemans said it is not difficult to find ways to attract youth to programs that benefit them, to figure out scheduling or locations for programs, or find community support and he hopes these things are being figured out. Thomson assured him this was being done. Discussion moved to exploring the feasibility of a weekend non-secure program for Probation youth sentenced by the Court, perhaps

involving outdoor recreation. Supervisor Griffiths said he liked the idea but also thinks it's important to give the weekend commit program a chance as well. Supervisor Pucci said the key goal is helping children in need and everyone's trying to figure out how to meet the goal. He said the pace is slow but efforts are moving forward and he thinks in the right direction. He added he knows it's been challenging for everyone involved. Thomson said it has been difficult but exciting, with both departments working hard to find the best way to deal with the youth who need detention and to keep the ones who don't out of the system. Turner presented the next series of slides about finding other funding sources and possibly absorbing positions. She also presented a rundown of work that has been undertaken by the management teams. Supervisor Totheroh thanked HHS and Probation for what he called the best Juvenile Services presentation thus far.

ITEM #21 PULLED

Chairperson Tillemans announced that the 1:30 p.m. timed presentation regarding the proposed Franchise Agreements with the County's waste-haulers had been pulled from the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Tillemans asked for public comment during the final public comment period and there was none.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairperson Tillemans recessed open session at 1:02 p.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to continue discussions from the morning session.

OPEN SESSION

Chairperson Tillemans recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 1:40 p.m. with all Board members present.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

County Counsel Rudolph reported that with regard to agenda item No. 4, the Board voted unanimously with all members present to: appoint Kathy Barton, Environmental Health Specialist III, as Interim Environmental Health Director, effective immediately; and appoint Assistant Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann interim HHS Director, effective July 1 when the current HHS Director retires.

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORTS

Chairperson Tillemans commented on the increasing recreational use of drones and probable need for related policy development. He said he screened a short film at the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments meeting showing the current runoff conditions that was captured via drone by somebody offering his services to the County Incident Command Team during the Here It Comes Emergency at no charge. He said the Ag Commissioner is exploring the possibility of using drones to fog for mosquitoes in areas his crews can't reach on ATVs. He also noted that this weekend's Fishing Opener is coinciding with the Owens Lake Bird Festival and Manzanar Pilgrimage, and with many area campgrounds still closed, residents should expect a lot of people in the towns.

CAO Carunchio said campers at Tinnemaha Campground have been expressing dismay lately at having to share their sites with cows that are wandering through.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Tillemans adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m. to a special session starting at 8:30 a.m. Monday, May 1, 2017 in the May Street Conference Room in Bishop.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

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

by: _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant