

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

June 4, 2019

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:33 a.m., on January 8, 2019, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Rick Pucci, presiding, Dan Totheroh, Jeff Griffiths, Mark Tillemans, and Matt Kingsley.

- Public Comment* Chairperson Pucci asked for public comment during the first public comment period and there was no-one wishing to address the Board.
- Closed Session* Chairperson Pucci recessed open session at 8:33 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following items: No. 2 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – [Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9] – Bishop Paiute Tribe v. Inyo County; Jeff Hollowell, Inyo County Sheriff; Thomas Hardy, Inyo County District Attorney; United States District Court Eastern District of California Court Case No. 1:15-CV-00367-JLT; 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); No. 4 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION –** Significant exposure to potential litigation pursuant to (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9 (one case); and No. 5 **CONFERENCE WITH COUNTY'S LABOR NEGOTIATORS [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6] –** Regarding 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); IHSS Workers; Law Enforcement Administrators' Association (LEAA). Unrepresented employees: all. County designated representatives – Administrative Officer Clint Quilter, Deputy Personnel Director Sue Dishion, County Counsel Marshall Rudolph, Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann, and Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson.
- Open Session* Chairperson Pucci recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:13 a.m. with all Board members present.
- Pledge* Supervisor Totheroh led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Report on Closed Session* County Counsel Rudolph reported that with regard to Agenda Item #3, the Board approved by unanimous vote of all members present the initiation of litigation by County Counsel's Office. He said as provided for the Brown Act, no other information would be forthcoming at this time, but would be available as part of the public record at a later date.
- Public Comment* Chairperson Pucci asked for public comment during the second public comment period and there was no-one wishing to address the Board.
- County Department Reports* Deputy Public Works Director/Road Superintendent Chris Cash updated the Board on the status of White Mountain Road, which is buried under heavy snow. He noted that County is not denying anyone access, only restricting certain vehicles. He distributed a report on the situation involving the White Mountain Research Station bringing in heavy equipment to clear the snow without the County's permission. The Board acknowledged that the universities needing to get up the road have important research to do but their access is not being restricted by means other than wheeled vehicles.
- Introductions* County Administrator Clint Quilter introduced to the Board new Assistant County Administrator Leslie Chapman, and HHS Director Marilyn Mann introduced new Residential Caregiver Sunny Paszkiewicz, Residential Caregiver and new Psychotherapist Chrystina Pope.

- HHS-ESAAA/IC-GOLD – BPAR Program Services Assistant I-III* Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans for the Board to find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for one (1) BPAR Program Services Assistant I, II, or III exists in a non-General Fund budget, as certified by the HHS Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) where due to the part-time nature of this position it is unlikely the position could be filled by internal candidates meeting the qualifications for the position, an open recruitment would be most appropriate to ensure qualified candidates apply; and C) approve the hiring of one (1) BPAR Program Services Assistant, either a I at Range 39PT (\$11.93 - \$14.48/hr.), a II at Range 42PT (\$12.75 - \$15.52/hr.), or a III at Range 50PT (\$15.35 - \$18.63/hr.), depending upon qualifications. Motion carried unanimously.
- Clerk of the Board – Big Pine Cemetery District Appointments* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to re-appoint Robert Vance to one unexpired four-year term on the Big Pine Cemetery District Board of Trustees ending November 1, 2022 and appoint Pat Calloway to an unexpired four-year term on the Big Pine Cemetery District Board of Trustees ending May 31, 2023. (*Notice of Vacancy resulted in requests for appointment being received from Mr. Vance and Ms. Calloway.*) Motion carried unanimously.
- Clerk of the Board – Bishop Fire District Appointment* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to re-appoint Ted Metz to a four-year term on the Bishop Rural Fire Protection District Board of Trustees ending July 1, 2023. (*Notice of Vacancy resulted in request for appointment being received from Mr. Metz.*) Motion carried unanimously.
- Clerk of the Board – Mt. Whitney Cemetery District Appointments* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to re-appoint Irene Kritz to one unexpired four-year term on the Mt. Whitney Cemetery District Board of Trustees ending May 1, 2023, re-appoint Marlene Cierniak to an unexpired four-year term ending May 31, 2023, and appoint Donna Gruenewald to an unexpired four-year term ending May 31, 2023. (*Notice of Vacancy resulted in requests for appointment being received from Ms. Kritz, Ms. Cierniak, and Ms. Gruenewald.*) Motion carried unanimously.
- Clerk of the Board – Pioneer Cemetery District Appointments* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to re-appoint Leslie Scott and Arlene Pearce each to four-year terms on the Pioneer Cemetery District Board of Trustees ending June 1, 2023. (*Notice of Vacancy resulted in requests for appointment being received from Ms. Scott and Ms. Pearce.*) Motion carried unanimously.
- Clerk-Recorder – El Dorado County LiveBallot MOU* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to authorize the Inyo County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters to enter into a no-fee Memorandum of Understanding with the County of El Dorado for DemocracyLive’s LiveBallot/OmniBallot, for a period of 24 months, and authorize the Clerk-Recorder to sign contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motor Pool – Fleet Software P.O.* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve a purchase order in the amount of \$91,893.47 payable to Government Marketing and Procurement, LLC for the purchase of fleet management software through Agile Fleet. Motion carried unanimously.
- Recycling & Waste Management – TEAM Engineering Contract Extension* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve a two-year extension of the contract with TEAM Engineering for Landfill Monitoring and Reporting Services, in an amount not to exceed \$383,079 for the two-year period, contingent upon the Board’s adoption of future budgets. Motion carried unanimously.
- HHS-Behavioral Health – CA Health & Wellness Plan MOU Addendum* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve an addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding between the California Health and Wellness Plan and Inyo County Health & Human Services Behavioral Health Division describing the responsibilities for Substance Use Disorder services for Medi-Cal beneficiaries, and authorize the HHS Deputy Director-Behavioral Health Division to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- Public Works – Cutting Edge Supply P.O.* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to authorize a blanket purchase order in the amount of \$20,000 payable to Cutting Edge Supply for plow and sweeper parts. Motion carried unanimously.
- Auditor-Controller –* Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to: A) amend the Fiscal

*Treasurer-Tax
Collector Budget
Amendment*

Year 2018-2019 Treasurer-Tax Collector General Budget (Budget 010500) as follows: increase estimated revenue in Delinquent Tax Sale Fee (Revenue Code 4605) by \$20,000 and increase appropriation in General Revenue & Expenditures (Budget 011900) Operating Transfers Out (Object Code 5801) by \$20,000; and B) amend the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Deferred Maintenance Budget (Budget 011501) as follows: increase estimated revenue in Operating Transfer In (Object Code 4998) by \$20,000 and increase appropriation in Maintenance of Structures (Object Code 5191) by \$20,000. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS – Elder Abuse
Awareness Month
Proclamation*

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve a proclamation titled, "Proclamation of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California Declaring June 2019 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month in Inyo County." Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS – WIOA MOU
Phase II*

Supervisor Griffiths asked whether the conclusion of the MOU in 2020 would allow the opportunity to explore Inyo County offering these services itself, or partnering with a local non-profit to do so, and HHS Director Marilyn Mann said her department can definitely look into that. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to ratify and approve Phase II of the Memorandum of Understanding between and among Kern, Inyo and Mono counties outlining the provision of services under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, for the period of January 1, 2018 through August 31, 2020, and authorize the HHS Director to sign and submit as instructed. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-Behavioral
Health – CalPERS
Waiver/Reso #
2019-25*

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve Resolution No. 2019-25, requesting CalPERS approve an exception to the 180-day wait period generally required between retirement and hiring a retired annuitant, in order to ensure that Dr. Jeanette Schneider is able to continuously provide critically needed psychiatry services for clients of Inyo County HHS-Behavioral Health. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-Fiscal – Triple P
Purchases/P.O.
Ratified*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to ratify and approve purchases during Fiscal Year 2018-2019 from Triple P America in the amount of \$15,982, including a blanket purchase order in the amount of \$10,000 for the remainder of the fiscal year. Motion carried unanimously.

*Clerk of the Board –
Approval of Minutes*

Supervisor Griffiths noted that the minutes of May 21, 2019 mentioned Chairperson Pucci as opening the meeting even though he was absent. The Assistant Clerk of the Board said she would correct the error. Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of May 21, 2019, with the noted corrections. Motion carried unanimously, with Chairperson abstaining. Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of May 28, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS/Planning/
IMACA – Workshop
on Homelessness in
Inyo County*

HHS Director Marilyn Mann introduced a workshop from HHS, Planning, and community partners that offered background on the issue of homelessness and affordable housing, discusses current efforts, provided an overview of the current options being considered, and requested the Board's direction in regards to these options. HHS Assistant Director Meaghan McCamman provided a PowerPoint presentation in which she covered the issue and the projects and programs HHS is currently undertaking or planning to undertake and Larry Emerson of IMACA outlined the same for his agency. The two also discussed homelessness trends in Inyo County, which saw an increase from 2018. McCamman also credited Planning Director Cathreen Richards with helping to set the stage for these efforts by undertaking an update of the County's residential zoning, which she discussed with the Board last week (Richards was unable to attend today's presentation).

Supervisor Griffiths applauded the work of IMACA and HHS and their work to combine efforts where possible. He said there is a tremendous amount of State and Federal money available to address the situation right now through various programs, but in the end, it comes down to a housing shortage for all income groups and the long-term solution will be adding more units to the available inventory – in the face of a lack of available land and skyrocketing development costs. Supervisor Kingsley said he agreed with his colleague and noted a potential effort statewide to prevent development in high-risk fire zones, which would compound the problem. He added that there are 18 homes in Lone Pine that are unoccupied and he'd like to see a way to incentivize the landlords/owners to get them in habitable condition. He also said that while funding is available for housing and homelessness issues, it will be critical how it is spent, and

he'd personally like to see the County take the lead on low-income housing development. Supervisor Tillemans agreed that a multi-pronged approach to the issue is key in order to take advantage of all opportunities available, with community partners working together. Supervisor Totheroh suggested taking a creative look at the land availability issue, and encouraged HHS and IMACA to keep up the great work. Chairperson Pucci thanked HHS and IMACA for their work, noting that the definition and face of homelessness has changed and there is no single solution to the problem. Supervisor Griffiths highlighted the importance of the proposed veterans housing project, and noted that other projects – such as the safe parking area with access to basic sanitation facilities – might be more controversial but the community needs to begin talking about the need for them.

The Chairperson opened the floor for public comment. Carl Dennett, Southern Inyo Fire Protection District fire chief, said HHS and IMACA have taken on a Herculean effort. He asked how many of the homeless individuals counted in the Point in Time count were from the Tecopa/Shoshone areas and how many were veterans. Dennett was told there were 12 individuals counted in that area but the understanding is the actual number is higher. Emerson said he didn't have the veteran figures at his immediate disposal but he would provide them. Charles James of Big Pine suggested the formation of an Affordable Housing Authority and/or the focus on "tiny houses" over larger developments, as well as loosened zoning restrictions. He also encouraged the building of additional modular homes over traditional brick-and-mortar buildings and applauded the Board for its efforts to address impacts from short-term vacation rentals. Suzi Dennett of the SIFPD Auxiliary thanked the Board for its solution-oriented discussions and thanked HHS for being a vital link for Southeast Inyo to services in Northern Inyo. She pointed out that, as is currently the case with the residents of Paradise, CA, sometimes homelessness is caused by displacement as a result of natural disasters, which could happen in Inyo County. She also said that there is available land in Charleston View uniquely suited to rooftop solar small homes. Dennett further noted that there are many homeless veterans purposely living off the grid in Southeast Inyo, in their vehicles, and during the summer their health is at risk because of the heat. She agreed with the need to increase the number of available housing units but said they don't need to be brick-and-mortar homes, and suggested platform tenting could work well at the County campground in Tecopa.

Public Comment

Chairperson Pucci asked for public comment during the final public comment period and there was no-one wishing to address the Board.

Board Member and Staff Reports

Supervisor Kingsley said he attended the Museum of Western Film History's Concert in the Rocks on Saturday night, and will miss next Tuesday's meeting as he will be traveling for an RCRC conference in Colorado.

Supervisor Tillemans reported he would be attending the Independence water system rate study meeting tomorrow night.

Supervisor Griffiths reported he attended the Concert in the Rocks and mentioned that parks and water bond, as well as Sierra Nevada Conservancy, funding is starting to become available through great grant funding opportunities.

Adjournment

Chairperson Pucci adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 11, 2019 in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: CLINT G. QUILTER
Clerk of the Board*

Darcy Ellis, Assistant