

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

August 27, 2019

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:31 a.m., on August 27, 2019, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Rick Pucci, presiding, Dan Totheroh, and Matt Kingsley. Absent: Jeff Griffiths, Mark Tillemans.

- 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 8:32 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** – Significant exposure to potential litigation pursuant to (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9 (*one case*). Facts and circumstances: Threatened State revocation of local primacy delegation agreement; and No. 3 **CONFERENCE WITH COUNTY'S LABOR NEGOTIATORS** – 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, Assistant County Administrator Leslie Chapman, 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 10:03 a.m. with all Board members present.
- Pledge* Supervisor Totheroh led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Report on Closed Session* County Counsel Rudolph reported that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.
- 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* HHS Director Marilyn Mann reported on a youth cooking academy Team Inyo conducted in early August.
- Public Works Director Mike Errante gave an update on the Birchim Lane paving project, Poleta Road culvert repair, and the upcoming workshops on the proposed Town Water System rate increases.
- Information Services Director Scott Armstrong provided an explanation for the Board members' use of laptops during the meeting, which is part of an effort to reduce the amount of paper being used since the conversion to the automated agenda system.
- Item Pulled – Information Services* Chairperson Pucci announced that consideration of the following item was being postponed to a future agenda: Request Board approve and award the contract for Information Technology Improvement Services to Info-Tech Research Group of Las Vegas, Nevada in an amount not to exceed \$24,120.90 for the period of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021, billed at \$12,060.45 annually, authorize payment for the first year's invoice contingent on the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion

carried unanimously 3-0, with Supervisors Griffiths and Tillemans absent.

*Public Works –
Matching CDA
Grant/Reso # 2019-
34*

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to: A) approve Resolution No. 2019-34, authorizing the filing of an application for a CDA matching grant for “Runway Rehabilitation Project at the Lone Pine/Death Valley Airport” in the amount of \$87,835.50; B) authorize acceptance of the allocation of said state AIP matching funds for the project; C) authorize execution of said AIP Matching Grant Agreement for this project; and D) authorize the Public Works Director to sign any documents required to apply for and accept subject funds of behalf of the County of Inyo. Motion carried unanimously 3-0, with Supervisors Griffiths and Tillemans absent.

*Planning –
Presentation on Draft
Olancha Cartago
Corridor Study*

Senior Planner Steven Karamitros provided background information on the Olancha Cartago Corridor Study, and introduced James Powell of Alta Planning + Design, who gave a presentation on the draft corridor study, including goals, existing conditions and context, opportunities, and constraints. He noted that a third workshop was scheduled for this Thursday and that additional presentations to the Board and Planning Commission, with comments incorporated into the plan, would be coming this fall. Supervisor Kingsley said he particularly liked the branding concept for the corridor, as well as the idea of a musical road and promoting the art in the area. He also discussed his hope that Caltrans would take advantage of pull-outs for wildlife viewing and highlighting Sierra peaks.

*Planning – SB 2
Grant Application
Presentation/Reso #
2019-35*

Planning Director Cathreen Richards gave the Board a presentation on the County’s SB 2 grant application, seeking direction on its submittal. She discussed the lack of affordable housing in Inyo County as well as its contributing factors. Richards noted that the County’s grant application proposes hiring a consultant to help conduct an inventory of vacant lands and a review of zoning to increase overall residential density. Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve Resolution No. 2019-35, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California Authorizing Application for, and Receipt of, SB 2 Planning Grant Funds," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously 3-0, with Supervisors Griffiths and Tillemans absent.

*HHS – Tobacco
Control Allocation
Agreement
Ratification*

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to ratify and approve the Allocation Agreement between the County of Inyo and California Department of Public Health for the provision of the local Tobacco Control Program, in an amount not to exceed \$328,065 for the period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, and authorize the HHS Director to sign Allocation Agreement No. CTCP-17-14 and Prospective Payment Invoices. Motion carried unanimously 3-0, with Supervisors Griffiths and Tillemans absent.

*HHS – Immunization
Subrecipient
Information Form
Ratification*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to ratify and approve the CDPH Immunization Branch Subrecipient Information Form which acknowledges changes to the Scope of Work (SOW) and Budget Application to the current Immunization Local Assistance Funding between County of Inyo and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022, and authorize the HHS Director to sign the FY 2019-20 Federal Compliance Requirements form. Motion carried unanimously 3-0, with Supervisors Griffiths and Tillemans absent.

*Water Department –
Ratify ESA Contract
Amendment 2*

CAO Quilter noted a typo in the proposed amendment that erroneously has the term of the contract extended to August 1. He asked that the Board include a correction in its motion. Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to ratify and approve Amendment No. 2 to the contract between Inyo County and Environmental Science Associates (ESA) for the Owens River Water Trail (ORWT) CEQA Study, as corrected, extending the term of the contract to October 31, 2019, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously 3-0, with Supervisors Griffiths and Tillemans absent.

*Clerk of the Board –
Approval of Minutes*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meetings of August 6, 2019 and August 20, 2019. Motion carried unanimously 3-0, with Supervisors Griffiths and Tillemans absent.

Presentation – In-

The Board received a presentation from Health and Human Services and Life, Remedies, and Celebrations on the In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program. Ann and Mike Noda

Home Supportive Services

reviewed statistics from 2018, including caseload numbers, as well as the differences between employer duties for normal businesses versus the IHSS system. He also discussed electronic verification requirements that could be burdensome for both providers and clients. HHS Director Marilyn Mann encouraged the Board members to discuss these requirements with their state organizations such as RCRC and CSAC because of the impacts they could have on recipients in particular, including ADA violations. Supervisor Kingsley expressed concern in relation to connectivity issues combined with health issues. The Board discussed the positive benefits of the IHSS system in general, which allows residents to stay in their homes as they age and to enjoy a greater quality of life.

Public Comment

Chairperson Pucci asked for public comment during the final public comment period.

Jon Zellhoeffer of Tecopa said the Planning Department identifying parcels for affordable housing could benefit Southeast Inyo in particular since it has so many large parcels of private land.

Earl Wilson of Lone Pine said he was taking advantage of the cameras to spread the word about the theft last week of astronomy equipment in the Olancha area.

Board Member and Staff Reports

Supervisor Kingsley said he attended a Local Transportation Commission meeting last Wednesday, met with the CHP again about drivers speeding through communities on U.S. 395, and had conversations with an individual who was interested in staging a music festival in Tecopa but who ultimately decided to try for a later date when he had more time to plan and work within Inyo County's process. He also reported that the Annual RCRC Meeting is coming soon and he is working on Inyo County's auction and raffle baskets, the proceeds of which will go to local charities.

Supervisor Tothorh said he would be attending an Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging meeting tomorrow and had a discussion with the Bishop High School Vice Principal about concerns over an increase in students vaping.

County Counsel Rudolph announced he would be on vacation the rest of the week.

CAO Quilter reported meeting yesterday with Mammoth Town Councilmember John Wentworth about the Eastern Sierra Recreational Partnership.

Chairperson Pucci said he attended the Local Transportation Commission meeting as well and planned to attend the RCRC Conference in late September.

Adjournment

Chairperson Pucci adjourned the meeting at 11:44 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 3, 2019 in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

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

by: _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant