

# MINUTES



# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

## November 5, 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 November 5, 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** – Los Angeles Department of Water and Power v. County of Inyo et al, Kern Superior Court Case No. BCV-18-101513-KCT (CEQA); No. 3 **CORRECTION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** – Significant exposure to potential litigation pursuant to (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9 (*one case*). Circumstances: threatened state revocation of LPA primacy delegation agreement; and No. 4 **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, 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 10:01 a.m. with all Board members present.

*Pledge* Supervisor Griffiths 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.

Rebecca Houle read aloud a letter from the ICEA Bargaining Team thanking the County for the way it handled this latest round of negotiations. Copies of the letter were provided to the Board.

*County Department Reports* Public Works Director Mike Errante provide updates to the Board on current projects, noted the possible award of a USDA grant to fund repairs of the main water in Independence, and reported on new staff certifications in his department.

Planning Director Cathreen Richards reported the County has been awarded a \$160,000 SB 2 planning grant for affordable housing programs.

Treasurer-Tax Collector Alisha McMurtrie reported that property tax bills were mailed November 1 and the County is in the final conversion stage with the new property tax management system with a go-live date set for next Tuesday.

Child Support Services Director Susanne Rizo provided updates on staffing, and e-filing.

HHS Director Marilyn Mann distributed the Fall Preserving Wellness Newsletter and encouraged those who haven't gotten a flu shot already to do so.

Museum Services Director Jon Klusmire reported on the welcome home party held over the weekend for the Slim Princess locomotive.

*Introductions*

Public Works Director Mike Errante introduced to the Board new Equipment Mechanic Trainee Cullen Aukee, new Road Maintenance Worker I's Danyel Donderoand John Kinney, Road Maintenance Worker I, and new Building and Grounds Worker Linze deJesus Lopez; and Recycling and Waste Management Superintendent Cap Aubrey introduced new Gate Attendant Marcus Warner.

*Clerk of the Board –  
Indy Cemetery  
District Appointment*

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to appoint Ms. Frieda LaCues to an unexpired four-year term on the Independence Cemetery District Board of Trustees ending October 8, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO – GovInvest  
Contract  
Amendment 1*

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract between the County of Inyo and GovInvest, Inc. of Torrance, CA, changing the effective date for the OPEB Module to September 27, 2019, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-Public Defender  
– NKB Forensic  
Psychological  
Services Prior-Year  
Invoice*

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to authorize payment to NKB Forensic Psychological Services for a prior-year invoice in the amount of \$7,000 for Court-ordered services provided back in December, 2018 and in March, 2019 to a Public Defender client. Motion carried unanimously.

*Parks & Recreation –  
Automated Pay  
Stations Purchase*

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to authorize the purchase of two automated payment system pay stations from Caracal Enterprises LLC, dba VenTek International for use at two County campgrounds in an amount not to exceed \$26,040. Motion carried unanimously.

*Personnel –  
Amended ICEA MOU*

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the amended October 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021 Memorandum of Understanding between the County of the Inyo and the Inyo County Employee's Association (ICEA) and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*Recycling & Waste  
Management –  
Reject LP Scale Bids  
& Re-Advertise*

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to: A) declare the bids submitted by Best Weigh Scales, LSI Scales, Michelli Measurements Inc, and Mettler-Toledo, LLC for the purchase of a weight scale for the Lone Pine Landfill, as not in the County's best interest; B) reject the bids submitted by Best Weigh Scales, LSI Scales, Michelli Measurements Inc, and Mettler-Toledo, LLC; and C) authorize the Assistant County Administrator to revise and re-advertise the RFP for the purchase of the Lone Pine scale. Motion carried unanimously.

*County Counsel –  
Amended PW  
Conflict of Interest  
Code*

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve an amended conflict of interest code for the Public Works Department. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-Fiscal – ESTA  
Bus Passes*

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve an annual bulk purchase of Eastern Sierra Transit Authority bus passes for Health & Human Services Programs in an amount not to exceed \$39,359.61. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-Social Services  
– CSUSB Learning  
Site Agreement*

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the Learning Site Agreement between Inyo County Health and Human Services and the California State University San Bernardino for a five-year term, and authorize the HHS Director to sign the Learning Site Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works –  
Annex Server HVAC  
Retrofit Plans*

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to: A) approve the plans and specifications for the Annex Server HVAC Retrofit; and B) authorize the Public Works Director to advertise and bid the project. Motion carried unanimously.

**& Specs**

**Sheriff – Dooley Enterprises Sole-Source P.O.**

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to: A) declare Dooley's Enterprises, Inc. of Anaheim, CA a sole-source provider of ammunition; and B) authorize the issuance of a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, payable to Dooley's Enterprises, Inc. of Anaheim, CA for ammunition. Motion carried unanimously.

**Sheriff – Adamsons Police Products Sole-Source P.O.**

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to: A) declare Adamsons Police Products of Los Alamitos, CA a sole-source supplier of law enforcement equipment and safety gear; and B) authorize the issuance of a blanket purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$13,100, payable to Adamsons Police Products of Los Alamitos, CA for ballistic and load bearing vests. Motion carried unanimously.

**Sheriff – Reserve Duty Weapon Surplus and Sale Authorization**

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to: A) determine that Senior Reserve Deputy John Lammiman's duty weapon is no longer required for public use pursuant to Inyo County Code Section 6.28.040.B; and B) pursuant to Penal Code Section 26615, authorize Sheriff Hollowell to sell a Glock Model 22 to Retired Senior Reserve Deputy John Lammiman for fair market value. Motion carried unanimously.

**BOS – 2020 CSAC Director and Alternate**

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to nominate Supervisor Griffiths as Inyo County's director to serve on the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Board of Directors for year 2019-2020. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to nominate Supervisor Tillemans as Inyo County's alternate to serve on the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Board of Directors for year 2019-2020. Motion carried unanimously.

**BOS – 2020 RCRC, GSFA, ESJPA Delegates and Alternates**

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to confirm Supervisor Kingsley as Inyo County's delegate and Chairperson Pucci as Inyo County's alternate to the boards of directors for both the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) and the Golden State Finance Authority. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to Supervisor Kingsley as Inyo County's delegate and Recycling and Waste Management Superintendent Cap Aubrey as Inyo County's alternate to the Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

**CAO – Direction Re: LADWP Surplus Property**

CAO Quilter sought follow-up direction from the Board regarding the City of Los Angeles' notice of intent to dispose of certain surplus property in Inyo County. Per previous Board direction, he said he spoke with LADWP staff and they said the City would be willing to negotiate with the County for properties not sold to private entities at auction. CAO Quilter recommended the County send a letter stating its preference the properties be sold to private entities, and interest in discussing divestiture thereafter if the sales are unsuccessful. The Board concurred.

**Planning – Draft Final Olancha Cartago Corridor Study Presentation**

Assistant Planner Steven Karamitros provided a brief history on the Olancha Cartago Corridor Study, which he described as a response to the planned Olancha Cartago 4-Lane Project. James Powell of Alta Planning + Design reviewed for the Board the goals of the study and six project areas identified in the plan. He discussed the elements of those projects and talked about the next steps, including incorporating comments from the final public outreach, coming up with cost estimates, and finalizing the report. Supervisor Kingsley said the firm's ideas were well received at the last meeting and he hoped the County could find ways to leverage that enthusiasm and support those in the community who were willing to follow up with their own projects. He also noted that while this has been a good exercise, residents still have concerns about impacts to their community as a result of the four-lane bypass. Supervisor Totheroh asked whether charging stations for electric cars had been considered among the ideas to encourage motorists to stop along the corridor, and Powell said they were included in the study. Linda Chaplin of Independence suggested promoting the corridor for its prime birding opportunities.

**Public Works – Direction Re: Proposed Indy Water System Surcharge**

Public Works sought direction from the Board regarding the proposed temporary surcharge increase for Independence Water System users, needed to replenish the County's emergency fund and repay a Treasury loan used to repair the town's main transmission line after a catastrophic failure. Deputy Public Works Director Chris Cash explained that the Board would need to give its permission for Public Works to initiate a notice and hearing process per Prop 218 if it wanted to pursue the surcharge increase. Supervisor Tillemans noted that the

surcharge was discussed along with the overall rate structure and increase during workshops and other public forums held earlier this year in Independence. Supervisor Totheroh said he was impressed with the community's response to the difficult decisions being made with regard to rate increases. The Board directed Public Works to take the steps necessary to comply with Prop 218.

*HHS-Social Services  
– DHCS PSA  
Ratification*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to ratify and approve the Data Privacy and Security Agreement (PSA) between the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the Inyo County Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for the period of September 1, 2019 – September 1, 2022 and authorize the HHS Director to sign and submit as instructed. Motion carried unanimously.

*Clerk of the Board –  
Approval of Minutes*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meetings of October 8, 2019 and October 15, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Comment*

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

Ted Carleton of Bishop asked about the process by which communities can form Community Service Districts to control town water systems. CAO Quilter explained there is no requirement forcing the formation of community-operated town water systems, but noted the advantages and disadvantages of that option. He and Supervisor Tillemans also gave some of the history of the town water systems, starting from when they were transferred from LADWP to the County.

*Board Member and  
Staff Reports*

Supervisor Kingsley said he attended Old West Days in Shoshone last Friday where he helped present a check from RCRC to the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District in memory of George Ross; helped to commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Death Valley National Park on Saturday; attended a parks partners dinner hosted by the Death Valley Conservancy Saturday evening; attended the dedication of the newly named Shoshone Maury Sorrells Airport; and will host RCRC at the November 18 Inyo Associates meeting and November 19 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Supervisor Totheroh said he attended the public Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership meeting at the fairgrounds in Bishop and the HHS Volunteer Dinner, and will be attending the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District meeting Thursday and Eastern Sierra Transit Authority meeting on Friday.

Supervisor Griffiths said he attended the ESSR meeting in Bishop and the Inyo Associates dinner in Big Pine; participated in interview for a new executive director for IMACA; took an exploratory trip to Conglomerate Mesa; attended the Bishop City Council meeting and HHS Volunteer Dinner; attended a joint meeting between CSAC and the League of California Cities in Sacramento yesterday on homelessness policies; and announced District 2 Planning Commissioner Kate Morley has been appointed to the State Board of Planning Commissioners.

CAO Quilter reported that he attended a California Association of County Executives meeting in Carmel in mid-October; traveled to Southern California with Public Works staff to meet with FAA officials about air service; and attended the dedication of the Shoshone Maury Sorrells Airport last weekend.

Chairperson Pucci said he attended a Local Transportation Commission meeting, the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation forum, and last night's Northern Inyo Airport Advisory Committee meeting.

*Adjournment*

Chairperson Pucci adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 12, 2019 in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

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Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

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

*by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Darcy Ellis, Assistant*