

# MINUTES



# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

## January 7, 2020

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 January 7, 2020, 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 8:31 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** – Name of case: *County of Inyo et al. v. Amerisourcebergen Drug Corporation et al* (National Prescription Opiate Litigation – Northern District of Ohio. MDL 2804); and No. 3 **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 Rick Benson, Deputy Personnel Director Sue Dishion, County Counsel Marshall Rudolph, and Assistant County Counsel John Vallejo.
- Open Session* Chairperson Pucci recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:00 a.m. with all Board members present.
- Pledge* Supervisor Kingsley 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.
- Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson* The Board of Supervisors was asked to elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for Calendar 2020. Outgoing Chairperson Pucci thanked the Board and public for the honor and privilege of serving as Chairperson for 2019. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to nominate and elect Supervisor Kingsley as Chairperson. Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to nominate and elect Supervisor Griffiths as Vice Chairperson. Motions carried unanimously.
- Public Comment* Chairperson Kingsley asked for public comment during the second public comment period.
- Linda Chaplin of Independence said she believed a Green Waste Day was on horizon for the County landfills and encouraged the County to advertise it early to give residents time to plan for it.
- County Department Reports* Sheriff Hollowell briefed the Board on the shooting incident in Bishop last night, which he said appeared to have stemmed from an attempted carjacking.
- Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters Kammi Foote reported that the first ballots for the March election have been mailed to military service members overseas, and she will be doing community outreach to let No-Party Preference voters know their registration status will determine what ballot they receive in the mail.

Water Department Director Dr. Aaron Steinwand announced there is a Water Commission meeting scheduled for next Thursday, and one of the topics of discussion will be the pumping test currently underway north of Bishop.

CAO Quilter reported that green waste fee waivers are scheduled at landfills Jan. 18-19 and an ad announcing the event will be published in the newspaper on Saturday.

*Employee Service  
Recognition –  
4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2019*

The Board of Supervisors recognized employee service milestones reached during the 2019 Fourth Quarter. The following employees were presented pins commemorating their milestones by their respective department heads:

- Kenneth Bigham, 5 years, Jennifer Galindo, 10 years, and Javier Nunez-Correa, 15 years, Sheriff's Department
- Larry Freilich, 10 years, and Jerald Zatorski, 20 years, Water Department
- Brandon Bardonex, 10 years, Clerk-Recorder's Office
- Breanne Nelums, 15 years, Public Works
- Samantha Rottner, 20 years, Health & Human Services

*Information Services  
– GIS Analyst I-IV*

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 one (1) GIS Analyst exists in Information Services budget, as certified by the Information Services Director, 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 open recruitment is more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; and C) approve the hiring of one (1) GIS Analyst I-IV at Range 68 (\$4,444 - \$5,400) through 79 (\$5,760 - \$7,005). Motion carried unanimously.

*Clerk-Recorder-  
Registrar of Voters –  
Prepayment of  
Election Printings  
Costs*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to authorize prepayment of half of the printing costs for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election. Motion carried unanimously.

*Parks & Recreation –  
Campground  
Reservation*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve a request from Allan Johnson to reserve all campsites at Portagee Joe Campground, October 8 through October 11, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-EMCC –  
Committee  
Appointments*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to appoint Charles Abbott, representing Olancho Fire Department; Lloyd Wilson, representing Big Pine Fire Department; Judd Symons, representing Symons; Michael Patterson, representing Sierra Life Flight; and Joe Capello, representing Independence Fire Department to unexpired two-year terms on the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) ending December 31, 2021, as well as appoint Peter Spiers, representing Southern Inyo Hospital and Joseph Dell, representing Bishop Fire Department to two vacant unexpired two-year terms ending December 31, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

*Probation – ICA  
After-School Program  
Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Inyo Council for the Arts of Bishop, CA for the provision of an after-school music and arts program to youth in an amount not to exceed \$16,200 for the period of January 15, 2020 through August 31, 2020, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works – MGE  
Engineering Contract  
Amendment 2*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve Amendment No. 2 to the agreement between the County of Inyo and MGE Engineering Inc. of Sacramento, CA, amending the approved Schedule of Fees, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

*Water Department –  
OVGA Contract  
Amendment 1*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve Amendment No. 1 to Owens Valley Groundwater Authority contract with Inyo County for Executive Manager Services, increasing the contract limit amount from \$37,000 to \$46,970 and revising the Scope of Work, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-First 5 –  
Positive Parenting  
Month Proclamation*

First 5 Director Serena Johnson introduced a request for the Board to declare January 2020 as Positive Parenting Awareness Month in Inyo County. She discussed the importance of positive parenting and the cooperative community effort to teach the principles to parents. Johnson introduced First 5 and FIRST staff members, including from partnering agencies: Melissa Ruiz and Barbara Keller of First 5; Karen Harrison with Kern Regional Center; Samantha Rottner with FIRST; Shelly Scott with the Tecopa HHS office; Danielle Rose with Wild Iris; Marcella Frankson with the Exceptional Family Early Start Resource Center; and parents Amara Keller, Jewl Barlow, and Car Martinez, who have participated in the Owens Valley Career Development Center Tuniwa Nobi Motherhood and Fatherhood is Sacred programs. The representatives and parents spoke to the Board about their experiencing and how crucial positive parenting skills are for the wellbeing of families, including socially and culturally. Johnson concluded by reading a letter from an inmate of Inyo County Jail who recently took parenting classes. Supervisor Griffiths read the proclamation aloud. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve a proclamation declaring January 2020 as Positive Parenting Awareness Month in Inyo County. Motion carried unanimously. Board members offered the attendees gratitude and congratulations for the good work they are doing and for their coordinated efforts.

*Water Department –  
OVGA Reps  
Direction*

The Board was asked to provide direction to the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority representatives in advance of the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority meeting scheduled for January 9, 2020 in Bishop, CA. Water Director Dr. Aaron Steinwand provided the Board with a copy of the meeting agenda, and reviewed items of interest. Supervisor Totheroh said he would be working with an ad hoc committee on the OVGA Communications and Engagement Plan, and would continue to encourage transparency.

*Auditor-Controller –  
HdL Contract  
Extension*

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to ratify and approve a no-cost contract extension, to December 31, 2023, with Hinderliter, de Llama and Associates (HdL) Companies for Sales, Use and Transaction Audit and Information Services. Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works –  
Shoshone  
Development Lease  
Agreement  
Ratification*

Public Works Director Mike Errante said he needed to make a correction to the agenda request, which should state that the lease amount is \$450 a month, not \$450 a year. Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to ratify and approve the Lease Agreement between the County of Inyo and Shoshone Development for the real property described as Adobe #2, Highway 127, Shoshone, CA, for the initial period of three years, with two one-year options to extend, in an initial amount of \$450.00 for the period of November 1, 2019 through October 31, 2022, contingent upon the Board's adoption of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*Sheriff – Budget  
Amendment & OHV  
Purchase*

Sheriff Hollowell reported on his department's OHV patrol program, noting that the patrols are done throughout the County, not just on roads included in the Adventure Trails Program. He said his department received a total of four complaints related to OHV activity last year – none of them involving Adventure Trails routes. He said the figure does not account for calls forwarded to the California Highway Patrol, which is in charge of enforcing the Vehicle Code on public roadways. He added that his department emphasizes educating riders about boundaries and proper etiquette but he nevertheless encourages residents to file complaints so they can target patrols to problem areas. Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to: A) amend the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Off Highway Vehicle Grant Budget #623519 as follows: Decrease appropriation in the Equipment Object Code #5650 by \$20,000; decrease the appropriation in the General Operating Object Code #5311 by \$1,500; and increase the appropriation in the Vehicle Object Code #5655 by \$21,500 (*4/5ths vote required*); and B) authorize a purchase order in the amount of \$41,474 payable to Corona Motorsports of Corona, CA for the purchase of two (2) Polaris RZR S 1000. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS – County  
Mental Health DHCS  
Contract Ratification*

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to ratify and approve the performance contract between Inyo County Behavioral Health and the State of California Department of Health Care Services for the provision of county mental health services for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021 and designate the HHS Deputy Director of Behavioral Health, in her role as the County Mental Health Director, to sign both copies of each contract as well as complete the Certification Clause. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-Behavioral*  
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Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve Amendment

*Health – SABG  
Contract  
Amendment 2*

No. 2 to the 2017-2020 Substance Use Disorder Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) Contract between the County of Inyo and the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and authorize the HHS Director to sign two (2) Standard Agreement Amendments (Form STD 213A) and associated documents. Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Comment*

Chairperson Kingsley 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 Pucci said he hoped everyone had a happy new year and good holiday season. CAO Quilter said the County has received the developer's plans for the Consolidated Office Building and they have been submitted to the City of Bishop Building Department, with the developer hoping to start site grading in a month.

Supervisor Totheroh said he would be attending an Owens Valley Groundwater Authority meeting Thursday and Eastern Sierra Transit Authority meeting on Friday, and attended an Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation meeting yesterday.

Supervisor Griffiths said Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation will be holding the first of its public meetings regarding prospective projects on January 16 in Lone Pine, and the Point-in-Time Count will be done on January 30.

County Counsel Rudolph said he will be attending a County Counsel's Association Board of Directors meeting this week.

Chairperson Kingsley said he will be attending an Air Pollution Control District meeting on Thursday, a consultation with the BLM Friday morning regarding the Alabama Hills management plan, and a meeting with a climbing group tomorrow afternoon.

*Adjournment*

Chairperson Kingsley adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 14, 2020 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*