

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

March 31, 2020

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in special session at the hour of 10:00 a.m., on March 31, 2020, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present via videoconferencing per California Governor Executive Order N-25-20: Chairperson Matt Kingsley, presiding, Dan Totheroh, Jeff Griffiths, Rick Pucci, and Mark Tillemans.

Pledge

Chairperson Kingsley led the Pledge of Allegiance. He also noted he would like to dedicate today's meeting to the health-care and other frontline workers still providing care and services in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic.

Public Comment

Chairperson Kingsley asked the Assistant Clerk of the Board whether there was any public comment emailed for today's meeting.

The Assistant Clerk of the Board read an email from Deena Davenport-Conaway in which she suggested the Board consider closing all privately owned campgrounds in Inyo County until the social distancing recommendations have been lifted.

*CAO – COVID-19
Budget Amendment*

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to amend the Fiscal Year (2019-2020) General Relief Budget (#010205) as follows: increase appropriation in Operating Transfers Out (Object Code 5801) by \$100,000 (4/5ths vote required); and B) amend the Fiscal Year (2019-2020) CAO-COVID19 Budget (#010208) as follows: increase estimated revenue in Operating Transfers In (Object Code 4998) by \$100,000 and increase appropriation in Office and Other Equipment (Object Code 5232) by \$20,000; increase appropriation in Professional Services (Object Code 5265) by \$40,000; and increase appropriation in General Operating (Object Code 5311) by \$40,000 (4/5ths vote required). Motion carried unanimously.

*BOS – EMT Testing
Waiver
Request/Reso #
2020-13*

Supervisor Griffiths introduced a resolution to request regional and state officials to waive the National Registry testing for students currently enrolled in the EMT class at Cerro Coso College. He explained the class has been moved online in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak, but they will be unable to do their hospital practicals or take the federal proctored test. He explained the need to have these students certified as soon as possible so they can respond to emergencies if existing EMTs are quarantined. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and Supervisor Pucci to approve Resolution No. 2020-13, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Requesting a Waiver of the National Registry Test Requirement for Inyo County Emergency Medical Technicians," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*County Counsel –
Urgency Ordinance
1254 (Temporary
Eviction Moratorium)*

Deputy County Counsel Grace Chuchla presented a proposed urgency ordinance to instate a temporary moratorium on evictions in Inyo County of renters who can prove income loss related to the coronavirus outbreak. She said the ordinance is similar to Governor Newsom's Executive Order, only it's more detailed. She said the moratorium does not eliminate the requirement to pay rent, but gives individuals more time to pay – until September to pay April and May rent. The Board complimented Chuchla on her hard work. Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to Board introduce, read title, waive further reading, and potentially enact a proposed urgency ordinance titled "An Urgency Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, adding Chapter 7.74 to the Inyo County Code, to Prohibit Evictions Arising from Income Loss or Substantial Medical Expenses Related to the Coronavirus Pandemic" (4/5th vote required). Motion carried unanimously.

*Board Member and
Staff Reports*

Supervisor Griffiths applauded the work of County staff from Administration on down as well as healthcare workers to provide services to the public in the midst of the COVID-19 emergency,

and said the Inyo County Community Volunteer Network is going live Thursday.

Supervisor Pucci echoed the sentiments of Supervisor Griffiths and thanked staff and the public for their cooperation.

CAO Quilter said he thought the Zoom meeting worked well today and a webinar was being set up for next week.

Chairperson Kingsley said staff is doing a great job in getting email updates to the County and public on COVID-19 but it is difficult to get to everyone, especially the remote areas of the county.

Adjournment

Chairperson Kingsley adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 7, 2020 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