

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

June 30, 2020

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in special session at the hour of 9:00 a.m., on June 30, 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.

Public Comment Chairperson Kingsley asked the Assistant Clerk of the Board whether there was any public comment emailed for today's meeting for items not calendared on the agenda.

The Assistant Clerk of the Board said that none had been submitted for today's meeting. Nobody requested to speak to the Board via the "hand-waving" feature on Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance Supervisor Totheroh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Department Reports HHS Director Marilyn Mann reported on a spike in local COVID-19 cases, due to people not fully following the guidelines and engaging in non-essential travel. She said Inyo County, even with its variance, is still subject to the State imposing additional restrictions if the numbers continue to rise. She urged the public to wear masks, practice social distancing, and avoid large gatherings. Mann added that she is working with County Counsel to identify some strategies for enforcing local health orders.

CAO-Advertising County Resources – Bishop Chamber Marketing Contract Assistant County Counsel Leslie Chapman presented for approval a contract with the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau to use excess Advertising County Resources funding to promote Inyo County to tourists as a safe, healthy destination once the statewide travel order is lifted. Chapman noted that the County completely quit advertising and events were canceled all over the area. She said the PR campaign would include positive messaging about COVID-19, and noted it's going to be a long haul effort with a lot of competition for tourist dollars. Chamber Executive Director Tawni Thomson said the Chamber has learned over the past few months the importance of flexibility and being able to pivot quickly – which is why the campaign will primarily be digital. Chamber member Julie Faber added that the targeted advertising will allow the Chamber to build trust with visitors as a safe place to visit. Supervisor Griffiths said with the EU banning U.S. citizens from traveling to European countries, domestic demand could become pent up and spill over into Inyo County. He said it's imperative the County hammers home the message that it's a win-win to follow health orders – even if you don't agree with them – as a way to bring in visitors and keep businesses open. Thomson noted that the consumer opinion polls show that the businesses with the best safety practices will be more likely to survive and thrive in the long-run. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau of Bishop, California for the provision of Countywide Marketing and Public Relations services in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 for the period of June 30, 2020 through June 30, 2021, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS – Silver Peaks MOU Amendment Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between Inyo County Department of Health and Human Services and Silver Peaks, LLC, to extend the deadline to expend \$50,000 in No Place Like Home Technical Assistance Funds from May 30, 2020 to May 30, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS – Mammoth Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Inyo County Department of Health and Human Services and

Lakes Housing MOU Mammoth Lakes Housing for the development of a property rehabilitation grant program. Motion carried unanimously.

CAO-Public Defender – David Hammon Contract Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans approve the agreement for public defender services between the County of Inyo and David Doyle Hammon for the Provision of Professional Services As A Public Defender [Felonies] for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, contingent upon the adoption of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment Chairperson Kingsley asked the Assistant Clerk of the Board again whether there was any public comment emailed for today's meeting for items not calendared on the agenda.

The Assistant Clerk of the Board said nothing had been submitted. Nobody requested to speak to the Board via the "hand-waving" feature on Zoom.

Supervisor Griffiths said he wanted to thank the Bishop Volunteer Fire Department and Bishop PD for their response to a fire in his yard resulting from a downed power line, and for helping to ensure his house didn't burn down.

Adjournment Chairperson Kingsley adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 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