

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

October 6, 2020

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:30 a.m., on October 6, 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. Also present: County Administrative Officer Clint Quilter, Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis, and County Counsel Marshall Rudolph.

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 read aloud a letter submitted by Stephanie Wolfe, requesting a redistribution of funding to provide the Sheriff's Department the resources it needs to solve the murder of her mother, Catherine Lique, whose remains were found in Death Valley in 2008. She stated she contacted an investigator who told her the County does not have the resources to devote to the cold case and that the family should hire a private investigator, which she called an inappropriate statement.

Closed Session

Chairperson Kingsley recessed open session at 8:32 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following item(s): No. 2 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** – Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9: one potential case; No. 3 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION** – Names of cases: *County of Inyo et al. v. Amerisourcebergen Drug Corporation et al* (National Prescription Opiate Litigation – Northern District of Ohio, MDL 2804); and *In Re Purdue Pharma, L.P., et al.*, Case No. 19-23649 (RDD) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.); and No. 4 **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 Kingsley recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:01 a.m. with all Board members present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson 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.

Public Comment

Chairperson Kingsley asked if there was any public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda.

The Assistant Clerk of the Board read aloud a letter submitted while the Board was in closed session. Benjamin Mitchell expressed his gratitude to the Board, County leadership, and staff for the display of care presented by the proposed actions included on today's agenda. He said it was evident the County was hearing the needs of the community and taking the voice of all people into consideration. He further expressed gratitude for the continued diligence and work to support communities, families, and infrastructure.

*Employee Service
Recognition – 2020
3rd Quarter*

The Board of Supervisors recognized the following employees for reaching service milestones during the Third Quarter of 2020:

- Health & Human Services: Deo Delos Santos, 25 years; Marta Jimenez De Arellano, 20 years; Noni Steedle, 10 years; Keri Oney, 10 years; Annette Colon, 5 years; Melissa Ruiz, 5 years; and Maria Serna, 5 years.
- Sheriff's Department: Christian Ray, 20 years; Nate Derr, 10 years; and Daniel Burton, 5 years.
- District Attorney's Office: Stephanie Rennie, 15 years; Morgan Maillet, 10 years.
- Public Works: Travis Dean, 5 years.
- Water Department: Keith Rainville, 5 years.
- Administration: Monica Tinlin, 20 years.
- Planning: Cathreen Richards, 10 years.
- Auditor-Controller: Kortni Girardin, 5 years.
- Information Services: Jeff Roberts, 5 years.

*County Department
Reports*

Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson updated the Board on two bills recently signed by the Governor – AB 1869 and SB 823 – and their implications for Inyo County.

*COVID-19 Staff
Update*

HHS Director Marilyn Mann reported that Inyo County has had an increase in positive COVID-19 cases over the past three weeks, including two healthcare providers at Southern Inyo Hospital and two patients in the SIH Skilled Nursing Unit. She said the County will be working with SIH to make sure they have the necessary resources to implement a full mitigation plan. She said there has been no indication from the State that the new cases will impede Inyo's ability to move to the third tier in the State's risk classification system, which will allow the County to ease even more public health restrictions.

HHS Deputy Director-Public Health Anna Scott said Inyo County has been meeting State metrics in terms of daily case rates and positivity rates, and is expected to be able to graduate to the next tier. She noted that the State has been hearing from small counties regarding their low populations skewing the statistics and has taken those concerns into consideration.

Assistant County Administrator Leslie Chapman reviewed the changes that would result from moving to the third tier: businesses currently open at 10% capacity can be at 20% capacity; businesses currently open at 20% capacity can be at 50% capacity; the bowling alley can reopen for recreation; bars can open outdoor operations without serving food and bars who serve food can move operations inside. Chapman also provided an update on the REVIVE small business grant program, noting the County received 101 applications by the deadline and the selection committee is reviewing the submissions.

Public Health Officer Dr. James Richardson said contingency plans are in place to deal with the SIH outbreak (one case is considered an outbreak) and strongly urged everyone to get a flu shot to prevent the possibility of catching coronavirus and influenza simultaneously.

*Wild Iris
Proclamation –
Domestic Violence
Awareness Month*

Supervisor Griffiths read aloud a proclamation presented for approval by Wild Iris declaring October 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Inyo County. Wild Iris Executive Director Matthew O'Connor noted that in the organization's 39-year history, it has not had as many clients or seen such severity of violence. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve a proclamation declaring October 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Inyo County. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS – Progress
House Residential
Caregiver*

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh 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) Progress House Residential Caregiver exists in the Behavioral Health budget (no county General Funds), as certified by the HHS 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) Progress House Residential Caregiver, Range 53 (\$3,194 - \$3,883). Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS-

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh for the Board to find that,

<i>Health/Prevention – HHS Specialist III or IV</i>	consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for one (1) Health and Human Services Specialist III or IV exists in one or more non-General Fund budgets, as certified by the HHS 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; C) approve the hiring of one (1) Health and Human Services Specialist III, Range 57 (\$3,499 - \$4,251) or Health and Human Services Specialist IV, Range 60 (\$3,758 - \$4,564; and D) if an internal candidate is hired as a result of the open recruitment, authorize HHS to backfill the resulting vacancy. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS- Health/Prevention – Supervising Public Health Nurse Job Description</i>	Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve the draft job description for the Supervising Public Health Nurse. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Pucci not present at the time of the vote.
<i>Personnel – EOAA Memorandum of Understanding</i>	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021 Elected Officials Assistants Association (EOAA) Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Personnel – ICCOA Memorandum of Understanding</i>	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the November 1, 2019 through October 31, 2024 Inyo County Correctional Officers (ICCOA) Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Personnel – Segal Waters Contract Amendment 1</i>	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Segal Waters Consulting of Glendale, CA, increasing the contract to an amount not to exceed \$115,000, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Purchasing – Office Depot Blanket P.O.</i>	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve a blanket purchase order not to exceed \$130,000 annually from the Purchasing Revolving budget to be issued to Office Depot through the OMNIA Partners Public Sector for office supplies and consumable computer/printer supplies for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>County Counsel – Conflict of Interest Reports</i>	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to: A) receive and approve the 2020 Conflict of Interest Code Biennial Reports from the following county departments: Administration, Assessor, County Counsel, District Attorney, Health and Human Services, Personnel, Planning, Probation, Sheriff, Treasurer, and Water; and B) receive and approve the amended Conflict of Interest Codes for the following departments: Administration, Health and Human Services, Planning, Sheriff, and Water. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS – MAT MOU Amendment</i>	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve an amendment to the existing Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Expansion Memorandum of Understanding with Health Management Associates, Inc. to extend the grant period through March 31, 2021 due to COVID-19, and authorize the HHS Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS – Wipfli, LLC Sole-Source Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to: A) declare Wipfli, LLC a sole-source provider of contractual services to develop a financial pro forma for a shared mobile clinic; B) approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Wipfli, LLC for the provision of the above-described contractual services in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the period of October 10, 2020 through January 31, 2021; and C) authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS – Iris Telehealth Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Iris Telehealth Medical Group of Austin, TX, for the provision of telepsychiatry services in an amount not to exceed \$163,000 for the period of October 10,

2020 through June 30, 2021, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS-First 5 – Home Visiting Coordination Funding Agreement

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and First 5 California for the provision of Home Visiting Coordination Funding in an amount not to exceed \$90,772.92 upon approval from the Department of General Services through June 30, 2022, contingent upon the approval of future budgets, and authorize the HHS Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning – RDSBC Presentation

The Board received a presentation from Rachel Schlick of the Rural Desert Southwest Brownfields Coalition (RDSBC) on the status and accomplishments of the RDSBC throughout Inyo County. Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve a letter of intent to continue Inyo County's partnership with the RDSBC and the authorize the Chairperson to sign the letter. Motion carried unanimously.

BOS – CSAC Rep Nominations

Moved by Chairperson Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to nominate Supervisor Griffiths as a director and Supervisor Pucci as an alternate to serve on the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Board of Directors for year 2020-2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Water Commission Appointment

Water Director Dr. Aaron Steinwand presented for the Board's consideration a Letter of Interest received from Dr. Holly Alpert for a vacancy on the Water Commission. Steinwand said Alpert was the only candidate who expressed interest and is highly qualified. The Board agreed, expressing their gratitude to have such a high-caliber candidate for the position. Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to appoint Holly Alpert, Ph.D to the Inyo County Water Commission, to fill an unexpired four-year term ending December 31, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Water Department – OVGA Reps Direction

Water Director Dr. Aaron Steinwand sought direction from the Board to the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority representatives in advance of the OVGA meeting scheduled for October 8, 2020. He noted that the meeting was scheduled to discuss the components of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan, on which the consultants have done a lot of work. Supervisor Totheroh, the Board's main representative on the OVGA board, said he was part of the subcommittee that developed the Communications and Actions Plan and he is pleased with and supports the final product.

Probation – Reorganization Presentation

The Board received a presentation from the Chief Probation Officer on the proposed reorganization of the Probation Department consistent with the recently approved Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget.

Probation – Tuolumne County Contract Amendment 1

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to ratify and approve the modified agreement between the County of Inyo and the County of Tuolumne to increase the daily rate per youth placed at the Mother Lode Regional Juvenile Detention Facility to \$175.00, contingent upon the Board's approval of future fiscal year budgets, and authorize the Chairperson and Chief Probation Officer to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Probation – Tyler Technologies Contract Amendment 1

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to ratify and approve Amendment No. 1 to the agreement between the County of Inyo and Tyler Technologies of Dallas, TX to increase the contract to an amount not to exceed \$19,800 per fiscal year, to renew each month with a monthly rate of \$1,200 for 32 users totaling \$14,400 per fiscal year and \$5,400 per fiscal year for the Automated Check-In system, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets; and authorize the Chief Probation Officer to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Farm Advisor – UC Ag & Natural Resources Contract

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources for the provision of professional services to the Farm Advisor department in support of the Inyo/Mono 4-H youth development program, in an amount not to exceed \$13,750 for the period of September 15, 2020 through September 14, 2021, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning – USGS

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to ratify and approve the

<i>Joint Funding Agreement</i>	Joint Funding Agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey for Wells and Springs Monitored in the Amargosa Desert in the amount of \$8,000 for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – Prior-Year Invoice</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to authorize payment to Interstate Sales of Auburn, CA for a prior-year invoice in the amount of \$12,781.84 for 30,000 pounds of reflective glass beads. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Recess/Reconvene</i>	The Chairperson recessed the meeting at 11:55 a.m. for a break and reconvened the meeting at 12:55 p.m. with all Board members present.
<i>HHS-First 5 – ICOE IMPACT Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Inyo County Office of Education for the provision of IMPACT Implementation Services in an amount not to exceed \$142,592.00 for the period of October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-First 5 – IMACA Contract</i>	Supervisor Griffiths announced that due to his membership on the IMACA Board of Directors, he would be recusing himself from this agenda item. He temporarily left the webinar. Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and Inyo-Mono Advocates for Community Action (IMACA) of Bishop, CA for compensation of services satisfactorily rendered to support child development activities of early childhood learning in Inyo County, in an amount not to exceed \$14,912.00 for the period of October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Griffiths recused.
<i>HHS-First 5 – Bishop Indian Head Start Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and Bishop Indian Head Start of Bishop, CA for compensation of services satisfactorily rendered to support child development activities of early childhood learning in Inyo County, in an amount not to exceed \$14,912.00 for the period of October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS- Health/Prevention – CDPH Tobacco Education Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and the California Department of Public Health for the provision of the local Tobacco Control Program, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, and authorize the HHS Director to sign Allocation Agreement CTCP-17-14 and Prospective Payment Invoices. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS- Health/Prevention – WIC Contract Amendment 1</i>	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to ratify and approve Amendment No. A01 to the contract between County of Inyo Department of Health and Human Services and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for the California Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Contract, increasing the contract by \$10,000.00 by shifting funds in fiscal year 1 to recognize the increased costs associated with the response to COVID-19, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,119,922.00 for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS- Health/Prevention – CalCONNECT Agreement</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve the System Data Use and Disclosure Agreement between County of Inyo Health and Human Services, California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and California Connected COVID-19 Contact Tracing (CalCONNECT) for the purpose of the receipt and use of information associated with monitoring reportable disease, and authorize the HHS Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS- Health/Prevention – Heluna Health Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded Supervisor Pucci to ratify and approve the agreement and budget between the County of Inyo and Heluna Health, for the provision of services under the ELC CARES Federal Grant for funding in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 for the period of May 1, 2020 through March 31, 2022, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets. Motion carried unanimously.

*Clerk of the Board –
Approval of Minutes*

The Assistant Clerk of the Board brought to the Board's attention a note she included in the minutes at the bottom of page 2/top of page 3 explaining a discrepancy in salary figures included with a hiring request item. Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meetings of September 8, 2020 and September 15, 2020, as well as the September 8 Budget Hearings. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

The Chairperson solicited public comment for the final public comment period. No additional comments had been emailed and nobody requested to speak to the Board via the "hand-waving" feature on Zoom.

*Board Member and
Staff Reports*

Supervisor Totheroh reported he has an Owens Valley Groundwater Association meeting to attend Thursday.

Supervisor Griffiths said he has had a busy couple of weeks with a couple of busy weeks on the horizon. He added that Bishop Rotary will be sponsoring candidate forums October 14-15 for the Bishop City Council and School Board elections.

Chairperson Kingsley said he will be attending a Caltrans visioning webinar this afternoon and an Inyo-L.A. Standing Committee meeting next week.

Adjournment

Chairperson Kingsley adjourned the meeting at 1:14 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 13, 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