

# MINUTES



# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

**October 12, 2021**

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 October 12, 2021, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present via webinar per California Governor Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-08-21: Chairperson Jeff Griffiths, presiding, Dan Totheroh, Rick Pucci, Jennifer Roeser, and Matt Kingsley. Also present: County Administrator Leslie Chapman, Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis, and County Counsel Marshall Rudolph.

*Public Comment*

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

The Assistant Clerk of the Board had not received any written comment and nobody requested to speak to the Board via the “hand-raising” feature on Zoom.

*Closed Session*

Chairperson Griffiths 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(c). Number of potential cases: one; No. 3 **PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: County Counsel; 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 – 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 Griffiths recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:06 a.m. with all Board members present.

*Pledge of Allegiance*

Chairperson Griffiths led the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Report on Closed Session*

County Counsel Rudolph reported that no action was taken in closed session that is required to be reported.

*Public Comment*

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

Anna Montgomery reported on the Second Annual Lone Pine Fly-In held over the weekend.

Cari Arnal spoke in opposition to vaccine mandates and other COVID-19 safety guidelines.

*Proclamation – 2021 ESCA Community Pink Day*

Chairperson Jeff Griffiths read aloud a proclamation declaring October 15 Community Pink Day, at the request of the Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance. ESCA Board Member Kevin Carunchio said it was a privilege to accept the proclamation from the Board, in what marks two decades of the County partnering with ESCA to promote programs and resources for cancer patients in the Eastern Sierra. He also mentioned some of those specific resources, as well as the group’s largest fundraiser, the annual 5K/10K walk/run. Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve a proclamation declaring October

15, 2021 as Community Pink Day in Inyo County. Motion carried unanimously.

*Employee Service  
Recognition – 2021  
3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter*

The Board recognized the following employees for reaching service milestones during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2021:

- Tim Toppas, 30 years, HHS
- Margaret Mairs, 20 years, HHS
- Carri Coudek, 15 years, HHS
- Lucy Vincent, 5 years, HHS
- Andrea Herrman, 5 years, HHS
- Emily Lanphear, 5 years, Library
- Ryan Standridge, 20 years, Planning
- Donny Carter, 5 years, Sheriff's Department
- Perla Perez, 5 years, Sheriff's Department
- Kristina Best, 20 years, Public Works
- Ulices Arellano Hernandez, 15 years, Public Works
- Tyson Sparrow, 5 years, Public Works

*County Department  
Reports*

Senior Budget Analyst Denelle Carrington and Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd gave an update on the audit of Inyo County's CARES Act funding usage, which was found to be in compliance in all areas.

*County Counsel –  
Redistricting  
Hearing*

Chairperson Griffiths opened and Deputy County Counsel Grace Chuchla introduced the first of several public hearings on the 2020 Census redistricting process in Inyo County. She reviewed for the Board and public the Census numbers, redistricting requirements and ideal goals, and factors to consider in redrawing district lines. She also introduced the special section on the County website devoted to redistricting, including a mapping program created by GIS Analyst Mike Hays that the public can use to try drawing their own district lines. Planning Director Cathreen Richards stressed that staff encouraged feedback and ideas from the public.

Public comment was received by Anna Montgomery, who wondered how to prevent redistricting decisions being made based on political preference; Wes French, who asked for a basic definition of and the purpose and benefits of redistricting; Lynne Greer, who wondered whether there would be an evening workshop to provide the public more guidance on getting involved; Josh Nicholson, who said Inyo's rural nature will make this a difficult prospect; and Drew Wickman, who asked the Board to keep in mind that whatever changes they make will be in place for 10 years.

Supervisor Kingsley wanted to emphasize that regardless of the final outcome, the public needs to understand that the current districts will be changed. The Chairperson closed the public hearing.

*Recess/Reconvene*

The Chairperson recessed the meeting for a break at 12:36 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:45 p.m. with all Board members present. Supervisor Rick Pucci announced that he would have to leave the meeting at 1 p.m. for an appointment.

*COVID-19 Staff  
Update*

HHS Director Marilyn Mann and HHS Deputy Director-Public Health & Prevention Anna Scott provided the Board with an update on COVID-19, including local case numbers (including a sharp increase in pediatric cases), vaccinations, current hospitalizations, and upcoming availability of booster shots. They noted that Health staff is closely monitoring impacts on hospitals and the availability of out-of-area hospital beds.

Wes French of Bishop spoke out against the vaccine, saying the FDA and main stream media have deceived the American public.

Edie Trimmer wondered what kind of outreach is being done for youth ages 12-18 and the Native American community.

*Emergency Services  
– County  
Coordinator*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh for the Board to, contingent upon Inyo County's award of the 2021 California Fire Safe Council-County Coordinators Grant: A) approve the job description for a Term Limited County Coordinator

position; and B) authorize staff to proceed with the recruitment of the County Coordinator position at Range 66 (\$4,489 - \$5,464), with interviews and candidate selection occurring after grant awards have been announced. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Pucci absent.

*Personnel – John Pinckney Deputy PW Director Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and John Pinckney for provision of professional services as Deputy Director Public Works at a monthly salary of \$9,248, effective October 14, 2021, and authorize the County Administrator to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Pucci absent.

*HHS-Behavioral Health – Addictions Counselor II-III*

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Roeser for the Board to find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for one (1) Addictions Counselor II or Addictions Counselor III exists, 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 would be appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply for this specialized position linked to the Community Corrections Partnership; and C) approve the hiring of one Addictions Counselor II at Range 62 (\$4,093 - \$4,977) or Addictions Counselor III at Range 66 (\$4,489 - \$5,464), depending upon qualifications. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Pucci absent.

*Road Department – Mechanic Trainee I-II*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley for the Board to find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for one (1) Mechanic Trainee exists in the Road Fund, as certified by the Public Works 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) Mechanic Trainee I at Range 50 (\$3,094 - \$3,764) or Mechanic Trainee II at Range 52 (\$3,243 - \$3,940), depending on qualifications. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Pucci absent.

*Information Services – VectorUSA P.O.*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve VectorUSA as the winning bidder and authorize a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$72,000, payable to VectorUSA of Torrance, CA, for the purchase of network firewalls with three years of licensing and support for the County of Inyo. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Pucci absent.

*Information Services – Pitney Bowes Blanket P.O.*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to authorize issuance of a Blanket Purchase Order in an amount not to exceed \$62,500, payable to Pitney Bowes Purchase Power of Pittsburgh, PA for the purpose of refilling the postage meter for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Pucci absent.

*Motor Pool – Vehicle Surplus and Auction*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to: A) declare the vehicles and equipment identified in Exhibit A as surplus, B) authorize Motor Pool to offer the vehicles for sale utilizing the Public Surplus auction site and C) authorize Motor Pool to utilize either the previously approved consignment auction agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management or another vendor for the removal and sale or recycle of any vehicles remaining unsold after the Public Surplus process. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Pucci absent.

*HHS-Social Services – CMSP Payment*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve a payment to County Medical Services Program (CMSP) Governing Board in the amount of \$12,076.04 for unspent grant funds used to expand Medi-Cal and CMSP outreach efforts and address social determinants of health. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Pucci absent.

*Public Works – Towable Broom Donation Acceptance*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to, pursuant to Inyo County Code Section 6.26.020, accept a donation of a towable broom from the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority on behalf of the County. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Pucci absent.

*Public Works –*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve Resolution

<i>HSIP Project N.O.C./Reso # 2021-50</i>	No. 2021-50, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California Authorizing the Recording of a Notice of Completion for the HSIP Centerline Striping Project," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Pucci absent.
<i>Public Works – Election Generator N.O.C./Reso # 2021-51</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve proposed Resolution No. 2021-51, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California Authorizing the Recording of a Notice of Completion for the Election Emergency Standby Generator Installation Project," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Pucci absent.
<i>PW-Parks &amp; Rec – Sierra Winds P.O.</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to authorize a purchase order for an amount not to exceed \$10,880.59, payable to Sierra Winds Products for Leisure of Reno, NV for the purchase and delivery of Engineered Wood Fiber Surface Material (woodchips) for Millpond and Diaz Lake playgrounds. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Pucci absent.
<i>PW-Recycling &amp; Waste – Tire Amnesty Waiver &amp; Hauling Payment</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to waive all gate and disposal fees associated with the Tire Amnesty Events; and B) authorize payment from Recycling Waste Management to American Refuse, our tire hauler, for pickup for these events only, in addition to their existing contract for tire hauling for waste management. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Pucci absent.
<i>CAO-Advertising County Resources – Film Commissioner Oral Report</i>	Inyo Film Commissioner Chris Langley gave an oral report on filming activity in Inyo County.
<i>Probation – Domestic Violence MRT Presentation</i>	Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson and Deputy Probation Officer Lisa Vetter gave a presentation on Domestic Violence MRT: Bringing Peace to Relationships, a 52-week in-house domestic violence treatment and prevention program.
<i>Farm Advisor – Inyo-Mono 4-H Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley 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 \$14,250 for the period of September 15, 2021 to September 14, 2022, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets. and authorize the County Administrator Officer to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Pucci absent.
<i>PW-Recycling &amp; Waste – Quinn Company P.O./Budget Amendment</i>	Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Recycling &amp; Waste Management Budget #045700 as follows: increase estimated revenue in Operating Transfers In (4998) by \$274,797 and increase appropriation in Equipment (5650) by \$274,797 (4/5ths vote required);</li> <li>B) amend the Fiscal Year (2021-2022) Recycling &amp; Waste Management Capital Improvement Budget (045701) as follows: increase appropriation in Operating Transfer Out (5801) by \$274,797 (4/5ths vote required); and</li> <li>C) declare Quinn Company of Lancaster, CA a sole-source provider of a 938 M Wheel Loader and authorize the issuance of a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$274,797, payable to Quinn Company of Lancaster, CA. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Pucci absent.</li> </ul>
<i>HHS – CMSP Foley and Lardner LLP Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to ratify and approve the contract for CMSP Legal Services with Foley and Lardner, LLP in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the period of September 30, 2021 to January 30, 2022, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Pucci absent.
<i>County Counsel – Proposed DIVCA Ordinance</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to waive further reading of the proposed ordinance titled, "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Adding Chapter 3.70 to the Inyo County Code Pertaining to the Implementation of the Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act of 2006," and schedule enactment for 11 a.m. October 19, 2021 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County

Administrative Center, Independence. Motion carried unanimously, with Supervisor Pucci back in attendance.

*Public Comment*

Chairperson Griffiths solicited public comment for the final public comment period.

The Assistant Clerk of the Board did not receive any emailed comments and nobody requested to speak to the Board via the “hand-raising” feature on Zoom.

*Board Member and Staff Reports*

Supervisor Kingsley reported attending the Lone Pine Film Festival as well as the art event hosted by the Inyo Council for the Arts in the park, and said he would be traveling to Salt Lake City for NACo’s Western Interstate Region conference.

Supervisor Roeser said she attended the Lone Pine Film Festival, as was sorry she missed County Counsel Rudolph’s retirement party.

Supervisor Pucci said he missed the retirement party due to a plumbing emergency.

County Counsel Rudolph reported on the retirement party held for him on Saturday.

Supervisor Totheroh said he attended a Behavioral Health Advisory Committee meeting yesterday.

CAO Chapman said she enjoyed County Counsel Rudolph’s retirement party and also went to the Lone Pine Fly-in on Sunday.

Assistant Clerk of the Board Ellis said she also enjoyed County Counsel Rudolph’s retirement party.

Chairperson Griffiths reported a busy week with an ICA meeting, NACo Justice and Public Safety Committee meeting, a City-County Liaison Committee meeting, and a meeting of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments, and will be attending the City Council meeting before heading to Sacramento for meetings with a state senator and CSAC.

*Adjournment*

Chairperson Griffiths adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 19, 2021 in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

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Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: LESLIE CHAPMAN  
Clerk of the Board*

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