

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

April 5, 2022

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:33 a.m., on April 5, 2022 in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Dan Totheroh, presiding, Jeff Griffiths, Rick Pucci, Matt Kingsley, and Jennifer Roeser. Also present: County Administrator Leslie Chapman, Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis, Office Technician Hayley Carter, and County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo.

- Closed Session* The Chairperson asked for public comment related to Closed Session items.
- Public Comment* The Assistant Clerk of the Board had not received written comment and nobody requested to speak.
- Closed Session* Chairperson Totheroh recessed open session at 8:33 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following item(s): No. 2 **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, Assistant County Administrator Sue Dishion, Deputy Personnel Director Keri Oney, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann, and Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson; and No. 3 **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: County Administrator.
- Open Session* Chairperson Totheroh recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:03 a.m. with all Board members present.
- Pledge of Allegiance* Supervisor Griffiths led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Report on Closed Session* County Counsel Vallejo reported that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.
- Public Comment* Chairperson Totheroh asked for public comment on items not calendared on the agenda.
- New Bishop CHP Captain Jeff Kight introduced himself to the Board; Chairperson Totheroh announced the 100th anniversary celebration of the Courthouse on Sunday; and public comments were made by Lynette McIntosh, Debborah Morales, and Wes French.
- County Department Reports* HHS Director Marilyn Mann provided an update on COVID boosters and a health fair being held in Death Valley and Tecopa.
- Public Works Director Mike Errante updated the Board on the Round Valley Bridge project and summer flights out of the Bishop Airport.
- County Counsel – AB 361 Findings* Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to adopt findings pursuant to AB 361 that: A) the Board reconsidered the circumstances of the existing State of Emergency issued on March 4, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and B) local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing, and/or the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS-Behavioral Health – Pacific Grove Hospital Payment Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to authorize payment of \$14,250 to Pacific Grove Hospital for the involuntary hospitalization of an Inyo County Medi-Cal beneficiary placed in the facility pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 5150. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS-ESAAA – 2022-2023 Area Plan Update Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to: A) approve the Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging 2022-2023 Area Plan Update; B) set minimum percentages for the Supportive Services subcategory as recommended by the ESAAA Advisory Council at 50% for Access category-transportation, 10% for Legal services, and 5% for In-home services; and C) authorize the Chairperson and HHS Director to sign the required Transmittal Letter. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS-First 5 – Commission Appointment Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to appoint Esther Hampton to an unexpired three-year term on the First 5 Commission for an alternate ending December 5, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning – Helix Contract Amendment 2 Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to ratify and approve Amendment No. 2 between the County of Inyo and Helix Environmental Planning for the provision of professional services for the period of September 1, 2020 through December 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.

Planning – DB Stevens Contract Amendment 6 Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve Amendment No. 6 to the contract between the County of Inyo and DB Stevens and Associates for the provision of hydrological services in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 for the period of April 25, 2017 to April 25, 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.

Probation – Healthy Communities Program Contract Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Healthy Communities of Southern Inyo County for a Delinquency Prevention Program for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$31,840.00, contingent upon receipts from the California State Controller's Office and the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

Probation – ICOE Program Contract Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Inyo County Office of Education for an Extended Day Program for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$21,227.00, contingent upon receipts from the California State Controller's Office and the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

Probation – Bishop PD Reimbursement Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve reimbursement using AB109 monies to Bishop Police Department in the amount of \$46,131.19 for the purchase of radios and equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Moore & Associates Contract Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Moore & Associates of Valencia, CA for the provision of three triennial performance audits for an amount not to exceed \$39,968.80 for the period of April 1, 2022 through August 31, 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.

Public Works- Recycling & Waste – LPPSR Fee Waiver Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to consider approval of waiver of solid waste disposal and gate fees for the Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation Environmental & Air Quality Department event, April 30, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Department – Portable Air Compressor Purchase Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to authorize a purchase order for an amount not to exceed \$ 30,681.83, payable to Valley Power Systems, Inc. of City of Industry, CA for one (1) new Atlas Copco portable air compressor. Motion carried unanimously.

Item Pulled The Chairperson announced that the following item is being pulled from the agenda at the request of the Department Head:

20. **Sheriff** - Request Board approve Resolution No. 2022-13, titled "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Authorizing the Submittal of the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Application," and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

CAO-Advertising County Resources – Film Commissioner Oral Report The Board received an oral report from Inyo County Film Commissioner Chris Langley.

HHS-Social Services – Children’s Memorial Day HHS Director Marilyn Mann presented and read aloud a proclamation declaring Friday, April 22, 2022 as Children's Memorial Day in Inyo County, and provided details on a ceremony being held outside of the Clint G. Quilter Consolidated Office Building. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve a proclamation declaring Friday, April 22, 2022 as Children's Memorial Day in Inyo County. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Recorder – Adding Assistant to Clerk-Recorder Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to: A) approve the new job description for Assistant to the Clerk-Recorder at Range 70; and B) increase the Authorized Strength in the Clerk-Recorder/Elections Department by adding one (1) Assistant to the Clerk-Recorder position. Motion carried unanimously.

Child Support – Adding Child Support Officer Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to increase the authorized strength in Child Support by adding one (1) Child Support Officer I - III, Range 057-064 (\$3,639 - \$5,211). Motion carried unanimously.

HHS – Anthem and Health Net Support Letters Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to review and approve letters of support for Anthem and Health Net as managed Medi-Cal plan providers. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS-Social Services – Adding 2 Social Works Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to change the Authorized Strength in Health and Human Services by adding two (2) Social Worker I, II, III or IV positions. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meetings of March 8, 2022 and March 15, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning – Ordinance 1278 (Outdoor Lighting) Planning Director Cathreen Richards gave a presentation on a draft outdoor lighting ordinance several years in the making and based on Board and public feedback.

The Chairperson opened the public hearing at 11:34 a.m. Public comment was made by Linda Chaplin, April Zrelak (who also shared pamphlets with the Board), Mary Canada, and Wes French.

The Chairperson closed the public hearing at 11:43 a.m.

Tyson Sparrow, Building Inspector, provided additional information to the Board. Discussion ensued among Board members and staff, with all Supervisors expressing gratitude to staff for their extensive, quality work on the ordinance. It was also noted by several individuals that the late Earl Wilson, who advocated for such an ordinance prior to his passing in 2019, would be pleased.

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to: A) approve Ordinance 1278, titled, "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Adding Chapter 18.74 Outdoor Lighting to the Inyo County Code;" and B) certify that the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act have been met. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Chairperson Totheroh asked for public comment on items not calendared on the agenda.

CAO Chapman reported that immediately after today's meeting, members of the Board would be joining others in front of the courthouse to plant flowers.

Wes French suggested that, in the spirit of the proclamation approved by the Board today, the Board should try to use its influence on the school districts to eliminate "abusive" masking mandates. Supervisor Griffiths responded that, as a long-time foster parent of youth who included victims of horrific abuse, masking is not in any way equivalent to the trauma some youth have to endure.

Board Member and Staff Reports

Supervisor Kingsley reported attending a Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District meeting in Lee Vining last week, traveling to Spokane, WA for a meeting of NACo's wildfire leadership council, and attending a WIR Public Lands meeting.

Supervisor Roeser reported attending Great Basin APCD and NACo public lands meetings, the sheriff candidates forum, CSA 2 and community service district meetings, and continuing work with the Veteran Service Officer and Assistant CAO to bring the VA to Inyo County.

Supervisor Pucci said he has several meetings scheduled this week, including a Random Access Network (RAN) meeting.

Chairperson Totheroh said he will be attending Eastern Sierra Council of Governments/Eastern Sierra Transit Authority meetings Friday.

Supervisor Griffiths reported attending a CSAC Executive Committee meeting, announced that the Rotary-sponsored Earth Day Celebration is returning to Bishop City Park this year, and said he attended an ESSRP meeting yesterday.

The Assistant Clerk of the Board reported that the agenda for the April 19 Death Valley/Southeast Inyo Board of Supervisors meeting is almost finalized and she and Information Services Director Scott Armstrong attended a training/demo of the City of Bishop's new audio/visual system for the Council Chambers.

Adjournment

Chairperson Totheroh adjourned the meeting at 12:28 p.m., to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 12, 2022 in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: LESLIE L. CHAPMAN
Clerk of the Board*

by: _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant