

# MINUTES



# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

June 7, 2022

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 June 7, 2022 in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present per California Assembly Bill 361: 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, and County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo.

- Public Comment* The Chairperson asked for public comment related to Closed Session items and no one requested to speak.
- Closed Session* Chairperson Totheroh recessed open session at 8:30 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members in attendance to discuss the following item(s): No. 2. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: County Administrator; and No. 3 **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.
- Open Session* Chairperson Totheroh recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:06 a.m. with all Board members present.
- Pledge of Allegiance* Supervisor Pucci 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.  
Public comment was made by Aaron Holmberg, Wes French, and Cari Arnal.
- Proclamation – Local Heroes* Supervisor Roeser read aloud a proclamation honoring the heroic actions of Big Pine Fire Captain Jason Morgan and citizen Everett Holland on May 15, 2022. Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve a proclamation honoring the heroism of Jason Morgan and Everett Holland. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Roeser presented the proclamations to both individuals.
- Auditor-Controller – CentralSquare Amendment 3* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve Amendment No. 3 to the contract between the County of Inyo and CentralSquare (formally known as Superion LLC and SunGard Public Sector) to increase the contract amount by \$87,360.00, contingent upon the adoption of future budgets; and authorize the Auditor-Controller to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

- Emergency Services – Navigating Preparedness Assoc. Amendment 3* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve Amendment No. 3 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Navigating Preparedness Associates, LLC of Lafayette, CA extending the term end date from December 31, 2021 to August 31, 2022, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
- Personnel – CPS HR Consulting Agreement* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to ratify and approve the CPS HR Consulting services agreement in an amount not to exceed \$17,500 and authorize the Assistant County Administrator to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- Public Defender – Gerard Harvey Contract* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to: A) approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Gerard B. Harvey of Bishop, CA for the provision of Public Defender services in an amount not to exceed \$486,000 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, contingent upon the Board’s approval of future budgets; B) cancel the current contract with Gerard B. Harvey, effective June 30, 2022; and C) authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- Public Defender – Terry Walker Contract* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to: A) approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Terry K. Walker of Bishop, CA for the provision of Public Defender services in an amount not to exceed \$396,000 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, contingent upon the Board’s approval of future budgets; B) cancel the current contract with Terry K. Walker, effective June 30, 2022; and C) authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- Public Defender – Elizabeth Corpora Contract* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Elizabeth Corpora, Attorney at Law, A Professional Corporation of Bishop, CA for the provision of Public Defender services in an amount not to exceed \$432,000 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, contingent upon the Board’s approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- Public Defender – Elizabeth Corpora Contract Ratification* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and Elizabeth Corpora, Attorney At Law, A Professional Corporation of Bishop, CA for the provision of Public Defender services in an amount not to exceed \$234,630 for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2022, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- Public Defender – Mark Johnson Contract* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Mark A. Johnson of Atwater, CA for the provision of Public Defender services in an amount not to exceed \$493,650 for the period of June 14, 2022 through June 30, 2025, 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.
- Purchasing – Truxor Amphibious Machine P.O.* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to: A) declare FloridAquatic of North Fort Myers, FL the successful bidder for the purchase of a Truxor Amphibious Tool Machine, cutting tools and trailer per Bid No. PR1021; B) authorize the purchase of one (1) Truxor Amphibious Tool Machine, tools and trailer from FloridAquatic in an amount not to exceed \$190,000; C) approve the creation of a purchase order and payment up to \$86,000 or approximately 50% of the bid amount to be issued on or around June 8, 2022 so that the machine can be ordered and started to be built; and D) authorize the Senior Budget Analyst to sign the Truxor Amphibious Machine Contract of Sale. Motion carried unanimously.
- Risk Management – Rivera Hewitt Paul Amendment 1* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Rivera Hewitt Paul LLC of Sacramento, CA, increasing the contract by \$100,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$200,000, contingent upon the Board’s approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

- Risk Management – Porter Scott Contract* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and Porter Scott, A Professional Corporation of Sacramento, CA for the provision of legal services in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, contingent upon the Board’s approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- Coroner – Eva Wasef, M.D. Sole-Source Contract* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to: A) declare Eva S. Wasef, M.D. a sole-source provider of autopsy services in Inyo County; B) approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Eva S. Wasef for the provision of autopsy services in an amount not to exceed \$175,000 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, contingent upon the Board’s approval of future budgets; and C) authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- Coroner – Central Valley Toxicology Contract* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Central Valley Toxicology of Clovis, CA for the provision of toxicology services in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, contingent upon the Board’s approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- HHS – Santa Cruz County MAA/TCM Contract* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to: A) approve the Agreement between the County of Inyo and County of Santa Cruz for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025 for hosting the Medi-Cal Administrative Activities and Targeted Case Management Local Government Agency Consortium, contingent on the Board’s approval of future budgets; B) authorize the Chairperson and Melissa Best-Baker as the LGA Coordinator to sign the agreement; and C) authorize payment up to \$4,000 in participation fees per year for 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025, contingent upon the approval of future budgets. Motion carried unanimously.
- HHS-Behavioral Health – Crestwood Amendment 1* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to ratify and approve Amendment No. 01 to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 contract between the County of Inyo and Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc. of Sacramento, CA, increasing the contract to an amount not to exceed \$41,500.00, and ratify the signature of the HHS Director. Motion carried unanimously.
- HHS-Behavioral Health – Crestwood Behavioral Health Contract* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc. of Sacramento, CA for the provision of Residential Treatment services in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, contingent upon 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.
- HHS-Behavioral Health – MHSA Participation Agreement* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the participation agreement between the County of Inyo and California Mental Health Services Authority of Sacramento, CA for the provision of consulting services in an amount not to exceed \$74,800 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024, contingent upon the Board’s approval of future budgets, and authorize the HHS Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- HHS-EMCC – Appointments* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to:
- A) Approve the appointment of Pete Schlieker to represent Big Pine Volunteer Fire Department for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2023; and
  - B) Ratify and approve the reappointment of the following individuals to the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) for unexpired terms ending December 31, 2023:
    - Joe Capello, representing Independence Fire Department
    - Charles Abbott, representing Olancho-Cartago Fire Department
    - Lisa Davis, Member at Large
    - Michael Patterson, representing Sierra Life Flight
    - Judd Symons, representing Symons Ambulance

Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-ESAAA – CDA Contract No. AP-2223-16* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve Contract No. AP-2223-16 with the California Department of Aging for regional services to seniors, provided through the Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging, in the amount of \$1,564,373 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, contingent upon the Board's adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget, and authorize the HHS Director to sign the Standard Agreement, Information Integrity and Security Statement Certification, Contractor Certification Clause, and the California Civil Rights Laws Certification. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-Health/Prevention – Harshwal & Co. Contract* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Harshwal & Company from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024 for auditing services in an amount not to exceed \$22,000, contingent upon the approval of future budgets, and authorize Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-Health/Prevention – DHCS Amendment 1 to Agreement No. 20-10008* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to ratify and approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 20-10008 between the County of Inyo and California Department of Health Care Services, for the contract period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 for the maximum amount of the agreement reimbursement of \$600,000, for approved Medi-Cal Administrative Activities; and B) authorize the HHS Director to sign the Standard Agreement, California Civil Rights Laws Certification, Medi-Cal Disclosure Statement, and Contractor Certification Clause 307. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-Social Service – Regents of University of California Contract* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and the Regents of the University of California, on behalf of its Davis Campus University Extension, for training services in amount not to exceed \$118,575.00 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, contingent upon the Board's adoption of a FY 2022/23 budget; and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*Planning – Hydrodynamics Amendment No. 6* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve Amendment No. 6 to the contract between County of Inyo and the Hydrodynamics Group (Hydrodynamics) to amend Section 2 – Term of the agreement to be July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2023, contingent upon the Board's adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget; and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

*Planning – LAFCo Contract* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the contract between Inyo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) and Inyo County for the provision of staff services in an amount not to exceed 19,313.46 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, contingent upon 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 – AB 109 Funds to Bishop PD* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve reimbursement using AB109 monies to Bishop Police Department in the amount of \$42,189.91 for the purchase of in-car Mobile Data Computers (MDC). Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works – 2021 Mileage Certification/Reso # 2022-18* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve Resolution No. 2022-18, titled, "Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Annual Certification of the 2021 Maintained Mileage Log," and authorize the Chairperson to sign; and B) authorize the Department of Public Works to file the Resolution with the District 9 Office of the State of California Department of Transportation. Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works – Acceptance & Approval of Letters of Non-Objection for Walker Creek, Carroll* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to  
A) Accept and approve the Letter of Non-Objection for the Construction of Walker Creek Bridge Over the Los Angeles Aqueduct Right-of-Way, and authorize the Public Works Director to sign; and

<i>Creek Bridges</i>	<p>B) Accept and approve the Letter of Non-Objection for the Construction of Carroll Creek Bridge Over the Los Angeles Aqueduct Right-of-Way, and authorize the Public Works Director to sign.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<i>Public Works – Floor Cleaning Contract</i>	<p>Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Bishop Building Maintenance Janitorial Services &amp; Carpet Cleaning of Bishop, CA for the provision of County Floor Cleaning Services in an amount not to exceed \$137,323.53, or \$45,774.51 annually, for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets; and B) authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<i>Public Works – Owens Valley Pest Contract</i>	<p>Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Owens Valley Pest of Bishop, CA for the provision of Insect and Pest Control Services for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025 in the amount not to exceed \$46,800.00, contingent upon the Boards' adoption of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<i>PW-Recycling &amp; Waste – Chuck Stewart Contract</i>	<p>Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Chuck Stewart of Olancho, CA for the provision of maintenance of the Olancho Transfer Station in an amount not to exceed \$16,776 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, 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.</p>
<i>Sheriff – ProForce Glock Purchase</i>	<p>Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to declare ProForce Law Enforcement of (Prescott, AZ) the successful bidder for sixty (60) Glock service pistols per Bid No. 2022-01 Glocks; and B) authorize the purchase of Sixty (60) Glock Duty Pistols from ProForce Law Enforcement of (Prescott, AZ) in an amount not to exceed \$27,716.00. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<i>Correspondence-Action – NIH Election Consolidation</i>	<p>Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to consolidate the Healthcare District election of directors with the Statewide General Election to be held on November 8, 2022, pursuant to NIHD Resolution No. 22-09. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<i>County Department Reports</i>	<p>Assistant HHS Director Anna Scott said the County is starting to feel the impacts of the nationwide baby formula shortage.</p> <p>Ag Commissioner Nate Reade updated the Board on mosquito control operations.</p> <p>Chairperson Totheroh urged all eligible individuals to vote today and noted that June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month.</p>
<i>District Attorney – Military Equipment Policy Ordinance</i>	<p>Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to Introduce, read title, and waive further reading of proposed ordinance titled, "An Ordinance of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors Adopting the Inyo County District Attorney Policy Regarding Military Equipment Pursuant to AB 481," and set enactment for Tuesday, June 14 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Independence. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<i>Ag Commissioner- Cannabis – Cannabis Cultivation Licenses</i>	<p>Ag Commissioner Nate Reade presented commercial cannabis licenses for approval. The Chairperson opened the public hearing at 10:33 a.m. At Supervisor Kingsley's request, representatives of Glacier Fed Farms and Tree Farm LLC discussed the local benefit components to their license applications. The Chairperson closed the hearing at 10:41 a.m. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to conditionally approve the cultivation classification license applications from Glacier Fed Farms in cannabis zone 4 and Tree Farm LLC in cannabis zone 5G as set forth in Inyo County Code section 5.40.090(H) and authorize issuance of licenses contingent on the application paying the fees established by your board as well as payment of all other required fees and taxes. Motion carried unanimously.</p>

*CAO – Housing, Development Presentation*

Assistant CAO Meaghan McCamman led a presentation on housing and development related activities, with information added by Planning Director Cathreen Richards and Public Works Director Mike Errante. She presented a housing parcels list, county lands list, and other opportunities to identify land for potential development.

Public comment was made by Cari Arnal, Kevin Carunchio, Terry Plum, and Patricia Robertson. A comment letter was also submitted by Mr. Plum but not read aloud.

After lengthy discussion, the Board provided staff a list of parcels to pursue for potential housing development, including: the County Road Yard on Lone Pine Avenue in Lone Pine; the County Road Yard located on Hay Street; the parcel contiguous to the Hay Street road yard; the parcel contiguous to the County Road Yard on Mandich Street in Bishop; a parcel on Mazourka Canyon Road; and a parcel on East South Street in Bishop.

*Closed Session*

Chairperson Totheroh recessed open session at 12:30 p.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to continue discussion and possible action as appropriate on previously noted closed session items.

*Open Session*

The Chairperson recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 1:03 p.m. with all Board members present.

*Report on Closed Session*

County Counsel Vallejo reported that no reportable action was taken during closed session.

*Planning – Short-Term Rental Update*

Planning Director Cathreen Richards gave a presentation on short-term rentals in Inyo County – posing the question of how many are enough. She discussed with the Board possible changes to the short-term rental ordinance. Ms. Richards reviewed the process for developing the current ordinance, and described the current status of short-term rentals, including how many are located in various areas of the county and where they are causing issues, such as Lone Pine. Among the options for addressing the saturation of certain areas with short-term rentals are: a moratorium; a cap on the number allowed in the County; limiting the days per year the property can be rented out; keeping the status quo. Ms. Richards also proposed creating short-term rental zones similar to the cannabis license zones that allow the County to better tailor regulations to certain areas. A majority of the Board supported the idea, as short-term rentals are not a problem in many parts of the county, but do need to be cut back in others. Supervisor Kingsley suggested the first step would be staff drafting the zones for Board approval. Supervisor Griffiths said he is not interested in litigating all over again whether short-term rentals are good or bad; he noted the Board did extensive public outreach in 2018 in order to develop the ordinance.

Public comment was given by an individual identifying herself as Lyndsey.

After additional discussion, the Board determined short-term rental zones would allow the most flexibility with regulations, and also voiced support for changing the permit system from a land-use program to a business license program. County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo noted a land-use program gives the County bigger teeth where enforcement is concerned.

*BOS – Support of BLM RAC Reappointment*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the letter supporting the reappointment of Fifth District Supervisor Matt Kingsley to the Bureau of Land Management Central California Resource Advisory Council, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-Health/Prevention – Authorized Strength Change (Full-Time Prevention Specialist)*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to change the Authorized Strength in the Health and Human Services Department by deleting one (1) Limited-Term Prevention Specialist I-III and adding one (1) full-time Prevention Specialist I-III, Range 60-66 (\$3,908 - \$5,464). Motion carried unanimously.

*Information Services – Broadband Update*

Information Services Director Scott Armstrong gave an update on Inyo County's Broadband Task Force activities to date.

*Clerk of the Board –  
Approval of Minutes*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of May 17, 2022. Motion carried 4-0-1, with Supervisor Pucci abstaining.

*Public Comment*

Chairperson Totheroh asked for public comment on items not calendared on the agenda and no comments were heard.

*Board Member and  
Staff Reports*

Supervisor Kingsley reported touring the Olancha four-lane project and meeting with the Ft. Independence Tribe.

Supervisor Roeser reported on the weekend's Memorial Day services.

Supervisor Pucci reported he was ill during the break and then spent most of his time volunteering at Mule Days.

Chairperson Totheroh said he attended the first of the TOT public meetings and meetings of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority and Eastern Sierra Council of Governments.

Supervisor Griffiths said he attended an initial meeting with the homeless action team, a NACo meeting, the Memorial Day ceremony in Bishop, a Sierra Business Council meeting, the Small Business Resource Center meet-up at Cerro Coso, and served security details at Mule Days and took a Senator Feinstein staffer on a tour of the airport.

*Adjournment*

Chairperson Totheroh adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m., to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 14, 2022, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

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Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

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

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