

# MINUTES



# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

## August 16, 2022

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 August 16, 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, Office Clerk Hayley Carter, and County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo.

- Closed Session*                      The Chairperson asked for public comment related to Closed Session items and no one requested to speak.
- Public Comment*
- Closed Session*                      Chairperson Totheroh recessed open session at 8:32 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members in attendance to discuss the following item(s): No. 2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9** – Name of case: *Inyo County v. Los Angeles Department of Water and Power*, Kern County Superior Court Case Nos. BCV-18-101260-TSC, BCV-18-101261-TSC, and BCV-18-101262-TSC; 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 – Administrative Officer Leslie Chapman, Assistant County Administrators Sue Dishion and Meaghan McCamman, Deputy Personnel Director Keri Oney, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann, and Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson; No. 4 **PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: County Administrator; and No. 5 **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 10:01 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 with regard to Items 4 and 5, and by unanimous vote with all members present, the Board appointed Nathan Greenberg the new County Administrative Officer, and will be considering his contract later on in the meeting. He also noted that the Board will be returning to Closed Session at some point to continue discussions on Item 3.
- Supervisor Kingsley reflected on the fortunate position Inyo County finds itself in, having successfully recruited a supremely qualified candidate at a time when CAO positions around the state are vacant. Board members also noted it will be a major benefit to bring Greenberg on in time for him to work with outgoing CAO Chapman, who Supervisor Jeff Griffiths credited with nurturing a stable, successful operation that would be attractive to like-minded CAO candidates.
- Mr. Greenberg said he is grateful for the opportunity.
- Public Comment*                      Chairperson Totheroh asked if there was any public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda.

Public comment was received from Lauralynn Hundley, Randy Short, and new Southern California Edison Government Relations Manager Matthew Paruolo.

*County Department Reports*

Environmental Health Director Jerry Oser gave an update on local waters systems now under State management.

Emergency Services Director Mikaela Torres reported that she and Supervisor Kingsley drove out to Darwin last week to deliver a satellite phone for use by the community until the repeater is repaired.

*Introductions*

New employee introductions were postponed to an upcoming meeting.

*HHS-Behavioral Health – Advocates for Human Potential Subcontract*

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to ratify and approve the Subcontract Agreement between the County of Inyo and Advocates for Human Potential of Sudbury, MA in the amount of \$150,000 for the period of January 3, 2022 through December 31, 2022, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget, and authorize the HHS Director to sign the Subcontractor Agreement, Certificate Regarding Lobbying, and Subcontractor Certification. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-Behavioral Health – CDHS Mental Health Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to ratify and approve the performance contract between the County of Inyo and the State of California Department of Healthcare Services for the provision of county mental health services for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027, and authorize the Health and Human Services Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-Behavioral Health – CBHDA Dues*

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approval to pay County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA) membership dues for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in an amount not to exceed \$19,301, contingent upon the Board's adoption of the FY 2022-2023 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-Behavioral Health – Nevada County Sole-Source Agreement*

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to: A) declare the County of Nevada a sole-source contractor for rural crisis triage services; B) ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and County of Nevada Department of Behavioral Health, a political subdivision of the State of California, for the provision of Telephone Triage Services in an amount not to exceed \$34,500 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 C) authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

*PW-Recycling & Waste – Holiday Landfill Closures*

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to authorize the Inyo County Recycling and Waste Management Program to close the Independence, Lone Pine, and Bishop-Sunland landfills on the following holidays: Christmas Day, December 25, 2022 and New Year's Day, January 1, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

*PW-Recycling & Waste – BSE General Engineering Sole-Source Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to: A) approve the contract between the County of Inyo and BSE General Engineering, Inc. of Descanso, CA, as a sole-source provider, for the provision of the Gas Extraction Well Equipment Project in an amount not to exceed \$47,604.05 for the period of August 17, 2022 through June 30, 2023, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget, B) authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the contract, contingent on all appropriate signatures being obtained; and C) authorize the Public Works Director to sign all other contract documents, including change orders, to the extent permitted pursuant to Section 20142 of the Public Contract Code and other applicable law. Motion carried unanimously.

*Planning – 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element Re-Adoption*

Planning Director Cathreen Richards presented updates to the 6th Cycle Housing Element as required by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Chairperson Totheroh opened a public hearing at 10:42 a.m. Nobody from the public provided comment, but the Board asked questions and made comment. The Chairperson closed the public hearing at 10:52 a.m.

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to: A) re-adopt General Plan Amendment 2021-01/Inyo County - 2021 Housing Element Update and certify that it is a

Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact; and B) direct staff to re-send to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for certification. Motion carried unanimously.

*Emergency Services  
– INF Fire  
Management Update*

Emergency Services Manager Mikaela Torres introduced INF Supervisor Lesley Yen, who gave the Board an update on Inyo National Forest Fire Management and the Great American Outdoors Act.

*CAO – Bishop  
Airport Name  
Change Request*

Mr. Randy Short presented to the Board his request to have the Bishop Airport renamed the “Bishop-Dave McCoy Airport,” in recognition of the late Mammoth Mountain Ski Area founder’s nearly lifelong contributions to the Eastern Sierra’s residents, visitors, and economy. He noted that Mr. McCoy built the largest hangar at the airport, which now houses Sierra Life Flight.

Chairperson Totheroh asked all in attendance for a show of hands as to whether they believed Mr. McCoy is deserving of some kind of honor. Most, if not all, hands were raised. The Chairperson opened the discussion to public comment.

Comments in favor of the name change came from Mr. McCoy’s daughter, Penny McCoy, Randy Gillespie, former County Supervisor Warren Allsup, former Superintendent of Schools George Lozito, Tony Milici, Midge Milici, and Kelli Brown. Pam Vaughan spoke about her request in February 2020 to have the airport renamed for her grandfather, former Second District Supervisor and founder of Bishop Airport Charles Partridge. She said her request went ignored by the Board and she has since decided that if the airport can’t be renamed for either Mr. McCoy or Mr. Partridge, then she is willing to help put together a timeline-like mural honoring many past figures who played a role in the airport’s development.

Live comments were in addition to letters submitted by the proponent in support of the name change, written by Marshall McCoy, the late former Supervisor Linda Arcularius, Randy Gillespie, and Laura Smith, as well as letters of support submitted independently by Teri Roberts-Allsup, Randi Pritchard, Lloyd (Fred) Phillips, Doug Brown, Superintendent of Schools Barry Simpson, Board of Education members Mary Kemp, David Hefner, and Chris Langley, and BOE employees Kim Cash and Tom Snyder. An opposition letter was submitted by Eileen Burger, member of the Northern Inyo Airport Advisory Committee (NIAAC). Two letters supporting the naming of the airport after Charles Partridge were submitted by Tara Joy Partidge and Stacy Sparrow.

Discussion among the Board ensued, with all members extolling Mr. McCoy and his invaluable contributions to the region. Supervisor Roeser pledged her full support for the name change. Supervisors Kingsley and Griffiths said they could support the proposal but are given pause by the unanimous vote by the NIAAC against a name change. Supervisor Kingsley also said he hesitated because the City of Bishop has yet to take a stance on the issue. Supervisor Pucci said he has received many phone calls from individuals both for and against the proposal, and suggested other options could be explored, such as a single, permanent monument at the airport recognizing the contributions of both Mr. Partridge and Mr. McCoy and others. Totheroh said he had a hard time discounting the feelings of the NIAAC, noting that the committee suggested and the proponents rejected naming the terminal after Mr. McCoy. He said he agreed airports should be named geographically rather than after an individual.

Discussion continued, with Board members eventually agreeing they’d like to hear from airport partners such as the City of Bishop, Town of Mammoth Lakes, Mono County, Bishop Paiute Tribe, and Bishop Chamber of Commerce, prior to making a decision.

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley that the County’s partners in the airport facility be advised that the Board is considering the name change to Bishop-Dave McCoy airport and, notwithstanding any comments or feedback from those partners, have staff bring back a resolution to approve the name change. Motion carried unanimously.

CAO Chapman said staff will bring the matter back for consideration on September 20, along with any feedback received from airport partners.

*Recess/reconvene*

The Chairperson recessed the meeting at 1:07 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:34 p.m. with all Board members present.

*Emergency Services – DVNP  
Emergency/Reso # 2022-29* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve Resolution No. 2022-29 ratifying the proclamation of the existence of a Local Emergency and requesting the Governor proclaim a State of Emergency as a result of severe and extensive flood damage in Death Valley National Park and continuing monsoonal weather. Motion carried unanimously.

*Sheriff – Kitchen Budget Amendment* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to: A) amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Kitchen Services Budget (022701) by increasing appropriation in Food and Household Supplies Object Code (5131) by \$45,330 and decrease appropriation in Jail-General Budget (022900) in Salaried Employees Object Code (5001) by \$45,330 (*4/5ths vote required*); and B) approve payment to various food vendors in the amount of \$45,330 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Motion carried unanimously.

*Recess/Reconvene – BOE* The Chairperson recessed the Board of Supervisors meeting at 1:47 p.m. to convene as the Inyo County Board of Equalization (separate minutes) with all members present. The Chairperson adjourned the BOE meeting at 1:54 p.m. to reconvene as the Board of Supervisors with all members present.

*Public Works – Deferred Maintenance Workshop* Public Works Director Mike Errante led a workshop with the Board on deferred maintenance projects, which have been prioritized by safety issues and funding.

*Personnel – New CAO Contract with Nate Greenberg* It was noted that the actual effective date of appointment is September 2, and the agenda contains the wrong date. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Chairperson Totheroh to: A) appoint Nate Greenberg as the County Administrative Officer; B) approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Nate Greenberg for the provision of personal services as the County Administrative Officer at a monthly salary of \$16,879 effective September 2, 2022, and authorize the Chairperson to sign; and C) find that the best interest of the County will be served by waiving eligibility requirement set forth in Government Code Section 24001. Motion carried unanimously.

*Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of August 9, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Chairperson Totheroh to approve the minutes of the special Board of Supervisors meeting of August 5, 2022. Motion carried 4-0-1, with Supervisor Pucci abstaining.

*Public Comment* Chairperson Totheroh asked if there was any public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda.

No public comment was received.

*Board Member and Staff Reports* Members of the Board, CAO Chapman, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Ellis reported on their recent activity, including meetings and projects.

*Closed Session* Chairperson Totheroh recessed open session at 3:03 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/Report* Chairperson Totheroh recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 4:36 p.m. with all Board members present. No action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.

*Adjournment* Chairperson Totheroh adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 6, 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*