

# MINUTES



# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

## March 28, 2023

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 March 28, 2023, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Jennifer Roeser, presiding, Trina Orrill, Scott Marcellin, Matt Kingsley, and Jeff Griffiths. Also present: County Administrator Nate Greenberg, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis, and Office Technician Hayley Carter.

*Closed Session Public Comment* The Chairperson asked for public comment related to Closed Session items and no one requested to speak.

*Closed Session* Chairperson Roeser 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 Real Property Negotiators – Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Government Code §54956.8** – Property: Bishop, Independence, and Lone Pine Landfills. Agency Negotiators: Nate Greenberg, John-Carl Vallejo, Greg James. Negotiating parties: Inyo County and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Under negotiation: price and terms of payment; No. 3 **Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation -** Initiation of litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(d)(4): two potential cases. Facts and circumstances of Case 2: Coso Geothermal failure to pay documentary transfer tax; and 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 – Administrative Officer Nate Greenberg, Assistant County Administrators Sue Dishion and Meaghan McCamman, Deputy Personnel Director Keri Oney, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, Senior Budget Analyst Denelle Carrington, Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann, and Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson.

*Open Session* Chairperson Roeser recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:11 a.m. with all Board members present.

*Pledge of Allegiance* Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Elections Danielle Sexton 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.

*Introductions* The following new Health & Human Services employees were introduced to the Board: Alyssa Alvarado, Office Clerk; Annette Barnes, Residential Caregiver; Julie Cepeda, Social Services Aide; Lyndsey Garrett, Management Analyst; Araceli T. Morales, HHS Specialist; Connor Oney, Cook; Taylor Richards, Social Worker.

*Public Comment* The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda. Public comment was made by Lauralynn Hundley and Ken Gregorich.

*County Department Reports* The Chairperson opened the floor to department reports and there was no one wishing to address the Board.

*Approval of Minutes* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to Approve the minutes

from the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of March 14, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

*Clerk-Recorder –  
eCommerce Software  
Acquisition Approval*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to authorize the addition of eCommerce software and services to the existing agreement with Tyler Technologies, to enter into agreement with AMS/CORE in connection with eCommerce processing of credit card payments, and future eCommerce related agreements within allowable purchasing requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-ESAAA –  
2023-2024 Area  
Plan Update*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to: A) approve the Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging 2023-2024 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.

*Planning Department –  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Commissioner  
Appointments*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to reappoint Todd Vogel as the Third District Planning Commissioner and appointment Howard Lehwald as First District Planning Commissioner. Motion carried unanimously.

*Probation –  
ICA Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Inyo Council for the Arts of Bishop, CA for the provision of an after-school music and arts program for youth in an amount not to exceed \$45,360 for the period of July 1, 2022 through April 30, 2024, 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.

*Clerk-Recorder –  
Ordinance 1294 (\$1  
Fee Addition)*

Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters Danielle Sexton presented for the Board's consideration an ordinance to impose an additional \$1 fee on recorded documents. The Chairperson opened the hearing at 10:31 a.m. and, with no one wishing to speak, closed the public hearing at 10:32 a.m.

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve Ordinance 1294, titled, "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California Imposing an Additional One Dollar (\$1) Fee for Each Instrument That is Recorded by the County to Pay the Direct Cost of Regulation and Oversight of Electronic Recording by the Attorney General," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*Assessor – Change in  
Authorized  
Strength/Admin. &  
Assessment Analyst*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to: A) Change the Authorized Strength in the Assessor's Office by adding either: one (1) Administrative and Assessment Analyst at Range 74 (\$5,649 - \$6,868), or one (1) Senior Administrative and Assessment Analyst at Range 78 (\$6,210 - \$7,545), depending on qualifications; and deleting one (1) Administrative Analyst III at Range 72 (\$5,387 - \$6,544); B) Approve the Administrative and Assessment Analyst/Senior Administrative and Assessment Analyst job description; and C) Reclass the current Administrative Analyst III to an Administrative and Assessment Analyst Range 74, Step E, effective March 30, 2023; and Authorize, that upon certification by the State Board of Equalization, the incumbent will automatically move into the Senior position, the first full pay period following certification. Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works – Road  
Budget Amendment*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Road Budget 034600 as follows: increase appropriation in Construction in Progress Object Code 5700 by \$1,530,000. Motion carried unanimously.

*Planning Department –  
Inyo County 2022  
General Plan Progress  
Report*

Planning Director Cathreen Richards presented a slideshow of the 2022 General Plan Progress Report to the Board.

Chairperson Roeser asked if there was any public comment on this item and there was no one wishing to speak.

The Board directed staff to send the 2022 General Plan Progress Report to the State Housing and Community Development Department and the State Office of Planning and Research.

*Public Works-Airports – Bishop Airport & Air Service Update* Public Works Deputy Director-Airports Ashley Helms made a presentation to the Board on Bishop Airport operations and recent and future projects, and regional commercial air service. She noted that discussions about the future of air service are starting at the regional level. Public comment was made by Linda Chaplin of Independence.

*Recess/Reconvene* The Chairperson recessed the meeting at 12:16 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:53 p.m. with all Board members present.

*CAO – Public Administrator/ Public Guardian Salary Discussion* Public Administrator-Public Guardian (PA/PG) Patricia Barton presented to the Board a request for an increase in salary based on what she deemed a flawed methodology used to create the current salary schedule for elected officials. She stressed that the study compared her position to others throughout the state that are not matches to her position – which is the only stand-alone PA/PG office in California and the only one with an elected PA. She said the comparison used in the study was not a true apples to apples comparison.

Assistant CAO Sue Dishion presented staff’s recommendation to maintain the integrity of the compensation study and policy by deferring a revisit of the policy until a new compensation study is performed. She said a new elected officials compensation study will be performed in conjunction with a broader workforce study, in approximately 2025.

Discussion ensued between the Board and PA/PG Barton, with Board members noting that today’s agenda item is not a judgement of her job performance. Because PA/PG Barton’s position is so unique, the Board discussed finding ways to make it align with PA/PG roles in other counties, where PA/PG duties are often assigned to Health & Human Services. Board members agreed with staff’s recommendation to postpone a revisit to the compensation policy until the new study is complete, but also directed staff in the meantime to work with Ms. Barton on finding the elusive “apples to apples” comparison.

*Public Comment* Chairperson Roeser asked if there was any public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda and there was no one wishing to speak.

*Board Member & Staff Reports* Supervisor Kingsley reported being able to attend a March Madness basketball game. Supervisor Griffiths said he attended a California State Association of Counties executive board meeting in Los Angeles.

CAO Greenberg reported that he and his team are working on a schedule for the FY 23-24 budget process; meeting with Regional Broadband Coordinator Scott Armstrong; reviewing the proposals for interim EMS service submitted to the County; and starting conversations about planning for the record runoff.

*Adjournment* The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, 2023, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

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Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: NATE GREENBERG  
Clerk of the Board*

by: \_\_\_\_\_

*Darcy Ellis, Assistant*