

# MINUTES



# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

**May 16, 2023**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:17 a.m., on May 16, 2023, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Jennifer Roeser, presiding, and Scott Marcellin. Supervisor Matt Kingsley was in attendance remotely pursuant to Government Code 54953(j)(2)(D). Supervisors Griffiths and Orrill arrived later in the meeting. Also present: County Administrator Nate Greenberg, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis, and Office Technician Hayley Carter.

*Pledge of Allegiance* Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Probation – Proclamation Recognizing Penni Brown* Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson read aloud a proclamation to honor Probation Officer Penni Brown and thanked her for her valuable service to the Inyo County Probation Department.

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve a proclamation acknowledging Penni Brown's selection as the Central Region Employee of the Year by the Chief Probation Officers of California. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Griffiths absent.

*Board of Supervisors – Inyo National Forest Seasonal Fire Update* The Board received a briefing on the seasonal fire outlook from Inyo National Forest Supervisor Lesley Yen and Interagency Fire Management Officer Larry Pingel.

*HHS-EMCC – 2023 EMS Provider of the Year* HHS Director Marilyn Mann provided a summary acknowledging long-time local resident and Symons Ambulance owner Judd Symons' more than 34 years of dedicated community service. Deputy HHS Director Anna Scott read aloud a plaque on behalf of the Emergency Medical Care Committee honoring him as the Inyo County 2023 Emergency Medical Service Provider of the Year.

Emergency Medical Care Committee Chair Mike Patterson expressed gratitude for the time spent working with Symons at the EMCC, calling him a paramedic's paramedic who is a master at assessing an emergency situation.

Board members shared heartfelt appreciation and admiration for Mr. Symons:

Supervisor Kingsley: "During the time I worked at the Helitack base and was the helicopter manager, Judd would show up on Search and Rescue flights, I always felt so much better when Judd showed up on a medical call. I have been a fan of Judd's for 30 years plus."

Supervisor Marcellin: "Thank you for being halfway up Gerkin Road that day, I wouldn't be in this seat today if you weren't there, thank you for being there. I wish your dad was here so I could thank him for coming and getting me and bringing me home. Thank you for your commitment, for your family's commitment."

Supervisor Roeser: "Listening to detailed stories about the early days at Mule Days when you were on site was well-worth time spent with you; and to the family that supported Judd and all of you that have done so much for your community over the years, it is appreciated."

Public comment and additional praise was given by fellow EMCC members Wendy Derr and Lisa Davis.

<i>Public Comment</i>	The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was made by Lauralyn Hundley.
<i>County Department Reports</i>	HHS Director Marilyn Mann reminded attendees that May is Mental Health Awareness Month and Lone Pine Behavioral Health will be hosting a wellness activity Thursday; provided an update on the status of EMS services with the new provider Coast 2 Coast; and said that June is National Elder Abuse Awareness Month.  Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson reported that May revisions to the State budget have not affected Probation funding, which includes the Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program Grants.
<i>Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes</i>	Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meetings of May 9, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO-Personnel – LEAA Side Letter</i>	Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to ratify and approve the side letter between the County of Inyo and the Law Enforcement Administrators Association. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO-Personnel – Ordinance 1298 (Elected Official Salaries)</i>	Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Ordinance 1298, titled, "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Amending Subsections 2.88.040(B) and 2.88.040(G) of the Inyo County Code Regarding Certain Elected Official Salaries." Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS – BCSH Agreement Amendment/ HHAP 1 Funding</i>	Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the agreement amendment with the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCSH) of the State of California Department of General Services, adding Inyo County Health and Human Services (HHS) as an additional party to the BCSH contract with Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action, Inc. (IMACA) for the administration of Homeless, Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP) Round 1 funding in an amount not to exceed \$733,546.24 with HHS's responsibility and liability limited to the unspent amount of \$140,027.77 and the sales price for the sale of the building purchased with HHAP 1 funding, which will be transferred by IMACA upon sale of the building with the term of this agreement commencing upon BCSH approval of the agreement through June 30, 2025, and authorize the HHS Director to sign the standard agreement amendment (STD213). Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS – BCSH Agreement Amendment/ HHAP 2 Funding</i>	Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the agreement amendment with the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCSH) of the State of California Department of General Services, adding Inyo County Health and Human Services (HHS) as an additional party to the BCSH contract with Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action, Inc. (IMACA) for the administration of Homeless, Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP) Round 2 funding in an amount not to exceed \$356,764.00 with HHS's responsibility and liability limited to the unspent amount of \$355,200.68 with the term of this agreement commencing upon BCSH approval of the agreement through June 30, 2026, and authorize the HHS Director to sign the standard agreement amendment (STD213). Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Probation Department - Noble Software Group, LLC Amendment No. 8</i>	Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Amendment No. 8 to the agreement between the County of Inyo and Noble Software Group, LLC. of Redding, CA to extend the agreement from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 with the cost of \$6,004.95 for the annual hosting fee (up to 19 Users) and \$800 for quality assurance (IRR Site Access, 8 Users), and to remove Section 23 and add Section 22.5 to the agreement, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – Cerro Gordo Road Closure</i>	Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the road closure on Cerro Gordo Road on Saturday, May 27, 2023 for a footrace held by Brent Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.

<i>Public Works – Big Pine Diversion Emergency Work Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to: A) Find that the work set out in this contract is necessary to respond to an emergency situation and had to be performed on a timeline that prevented us from seeking bids; and B) ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and Clair Concrete of Bishop, CA for the provision of construction services in an amount not to exceed \$135,000 for the period of March 15, 2023 through April 20, 2023 and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO – Third Quarter Financial Review</i>	CAO Greenberg provided a presentation which highlighted quarterly expenditures and incoming revenue. Additional questions by the Board were answered by Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd and Senior Budget Analyst Denelle Carrington.
	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to: A) Accept the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Third Quarter Financial Review as presented; B) Approve the specific budget action items and recommendations discussed in the report and represented in Attachments A & B, and authorize the Auditor-Controller to make the budget adjustments as listed in Attachments A & B ( <i>4/5ths vote required</i> ); C) Authorize the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller to make any additional year-end adjustments, as may be necessary within each fund ( <i>4/5ths vote required</i> ); D) Approve the Preliminary Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Calendar (Attachment C) with regards to the proposed dates for the Budget Hearings and adoption of the Final Budget; E) Direct the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller to prepare a modified rollover budget for the start of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and present it for approval on June 6th or June 13, 2023; and F) Authorize the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller to transfer the balance of General Fund Contingencies on June 30, 2023, to General Reserves and Amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget to reflect changes if needed ( <i>4/5ths vote required</i> ). Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO – Spring Runoff Planning and Response Efforts</i>	CAO Greenberg provided updates on spring runoff planning and response efforts. The following County staff members provided the public with additional updates and information: Public Works Deputy Director-Roads Shannon Platt, Lt. Nate Derr with the Inyo County Sheriff’s Office, Agriculture Commissioner Nathan Reade, and Lead Field Technician with Mosquito Abatement Robert Miller.
<i>Water Department – Standing Committee Meeting Preparation</i>	Acting Water Director Holly Alpert summarized information taken from the agenda for the Inyo/Los Angeles Standing Committee Meeting, scheduled for May 26, 2023, and asked for direction from the Board.
	The Board agreed with the following staff recommendations moving forward: A) that seasonal habitat flows stay at a 200 cubic feet per second minimum; and B) that the flooded acreage for the Black Rock area stay at a minimum of 500 acres.  Public comment was given by Sally Manning.
<i>Recess/Reconvene</i>	The Chairperson recessed the meeting for a break at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:02 a.m. with all Board members present except Supervisor Kingsley who excused himself prior to the break at 10:30 a.m. for another meeting commitment.
<i>HHS-Fiscal Oversight and Special Operations- Division Overview</i>	The Board received a presentation of the Health & Human Services’ Fiscal Oversight and Special Operations Division from the following staff members: Deputy Director of Fiscal and Special Operations Melissa Best-Baker, Disaster Program Manager Taylor Hartshorn, Assistant HHS Director Anna Scott, and HHS Director Marilyn Mann.
<i>Closed Session</i>	Chairperson Roeser recessed open session at 11:56 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present, including Supervisor Kingsley, to discuss the following item: No. 23 <b>Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation</b> - Initiation of litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(d)(4): 1 potential case.
<i>Open Session</i>	Chairperson Roeser recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 1:13 p.m. with the following Board members present: Supervisors Marcellin, Orrill, and Roeser. Supervisor Griffiths excused himself in order to travel to another meeting.

*Report on Closed Session*

County Counsel Vallejo reported that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.

*CAO-Emergency Services – Hazard Mitigation Plan Presentation*

Emergency Services Manager Mikaela Torres gave a presentation on the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan being updated in-house will identify a proposed hazard list, mitigation strategies, and be utilized as a tool for the County and other local stakeholders in the event of an emergency.

Torres invited the community to participate in a survey to collect feedback and said that there will be upcoming community meetings to discuss the plan further, with an additional update made to the plan for public review and comment prior to Board review and approval.

*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 Marcellin said he attended a consultation meeting with the Bishop Tribal Council and Supervisor Griffiths and will be planning a lunch meeting with the Council in August; and will be attending meetings of the Local Transportation Commission, Local Agency Formation Commission, City of Bishop and the Rural Fire Protection District, and for the bridge project kick-off in Bishop.

Supervisor Orrill thanked the Bishop Wellness Center for an invite to the barbeque and Mental Health Awareness event that they hosted last week and said that she has been organizing the Mule Days parade.

Supervisor Roeser said she attended the Wildfire Preparedness Workshop in Starlite and various meetings with the Inyo-Mono Cattle Women's Association, the Veterans Service Officer, Mule Days, community service districts, County Service Area 2, Eastern Sierra Child Support, and Inyo Associates. Roeser said she will be attending the Local Transportation Commission meeting and Mule Days.

CAO Greenberg reminded everyone that there will be no Board meetings for the next two weeks, noting that in that time a vendor will be installing the new audio-visual system in the board room. Greenberg said that he attended recent meetings focused on the public safety radio system, the FY 2023-2024 budget, and a kick-off for the Emergency Medical System study with stakeholders. He added that he is looking forward to a meeting with Northern Inyo Hospital Chief Financial Officer/Interim Chief Executive Officer Stephen DelRossi, has an upcoming Inyo/Los Angeles Standing Committee meeting and meetings for spring runoff preparations, and will be attending Mules Days.

Assistant Clerk of the Board/Public Relations Liaison Darcy Ellis said that she has been attending weekly meetings of the Joint Information Center formed for the spring runoff disaster and is working on a multi-agency Frequently Asked Questions document to ensure consistent messaging and updates to the public regarding spring runoff preparation and safety.

*Adjournment*

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 6, 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*