

County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

June 13, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 9:01 a.m., on June 6, 2023, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Jennifer Roeser, presiding, Matt Kingsley, Trina Orrill, Scott Marcellin, and Jeff Griffiths. Also present: County Administrator Nate Greenberg, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis.

Closed Session
Public Comment

The Chairperson asked for public comment related to Closed Session items and there was nobody wishing to speak.

Closed Session

Chairperson Roeser recessed open session at 9:01 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following item(s): No. 2 Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - Initiation of litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(d)(4): one potential case; 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 - 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 10:10 a.m. with all Board members present except Supervisor Kingsley.

Pledge of Allegiance

County Counsel Vallejo 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

The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was made by Lauralyn Hundley, IHSS *****, and Bob Olin.

County Department Reports

HHS Director Marilyn Mann reminded the Board that June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month. Public Works Director Mike Errante announced a ribbon cutting for North Round Valley Road on Thursday and Public Works Deputy Director-Roads Shannon Platt gave an update on damage to Whitney Portal Road. Public Works Assistant Director John Pinckney gave a report on the boil order issued for the Independence Water System as a result of a power outage. Ag Commissioner Nate Reade updated the Board on the mosquito condition throughout the County, noting that crews are starting to see an increase in mosquito activity and dead birds, which could be an indicator of the presence of West Nile virus in the valley.

Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Scott Marcellin to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of June 6, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk of the Board – Bishop Fire District Commissioner Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Scott Marcellin to appoint Mr. Lloyd Anderson to a four-year term on the Bishop Rural Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners, ending July 1, 2027. Motion carried unanimously.

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Appointment

HHS-Behavioral Health

– Crestwood
Behavioral Health
Amendment 2

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Scott Marcellin to approve Amendment No. 2 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc. of Sacramento, CA increasing the contract to an amount not to exceed \$406,000, and extending the term end date from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2024, 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.

Public Works-Recycling & Waste Management – Brown's Supply Contract Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Scott Marcellin to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Brown's Supply, Inc of Bishop, CA for the provision of cardboard processing in an amount not to exceed \$180,000 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026, 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.

Sheriff – 2023 Patrol and Controlled Substance Operating & Financial Plan Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Scott Marcellin to:

- A) Ratify the agreement 20-LE-11051360-040 between the County of Inyo and USDEA USFS for the provision of controlled substance operations for a funding amount of up to \$5,000 for the period of October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023;
- B) Approve the agreement 20-LE-11051360-040 between the County of Inyo and USDEA USFS for the provision of forest service patrols in funding amount up to \$12,000 for October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget; and
- C) Authorize the Sheriff or designee to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – LTC Appointment

Transportation Coordinator Justine Kokx requested the Board consider letters of interest received by Jeffrey Ray and Deena Davenport for appointment to a single vacancy on the Inyo County Local Transportation Commission. The applicants addressed the Board, which recognized that both individuals were quality candidates and the County would be lucky to have either one serving on the commission. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to appoint Jeffrey Ray to represent Inyo County on the Local Transportation Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Services – Wildfire Mitigation Presentation Supervisor Griffiths introduced and the Board received a presentation from Yana Valachovic, a registered professional forester and scientist with the University of California, on new wildfire mitigation advancements. Wildfire Preparedness Coordinator Kristen Pfeiler provided additional information.

Sheriff – Carport Budget Amendment

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to:

- A) Amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Sheriff General Budget (022700) as follows: increase estimated revenue in AB443 Sheriff Revenue Code No. (4486) by \$18,000 and increase appropriation in Equipment Object Code (5650) by \$18,000 (4/5ths vote required); and
- B) Authorize the purchase and installation of a carport in an amount not to exceed \$18,000, payable to Complex Steel Buildings.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Commercial Air Service Update Mammoth Lakes Tourism Executive Director John Urdi and Inyo County Public Works Deputy Director-Airports Ashley Helms presented a commercial air service update.

BOE Hearing Canceled

It was announced that the Board of Equalization appeal hearing scheduled for 1 p.m. has been canceled, as the appellant has withdrawn her appeal.

Recess/Reconvene

The Chairperson recessed the meeting at 12:43 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:22 p.m. with all Board members present.

CAO – Preliminary

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to adopt the modified Fiscal

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FY 23-24 Budget	Year 2022-2023 Board Approved Budget as the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and approve the Fixed Assets as recommended by staff (4/5's vote required). Motion carried unanimously.
CAO – United Airlines 22-23 Air Service Subsidy Contract	The Board engaged in lengthy discussion about an air service subsidy contract for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, with Board members expressing a desire to have a future plan for splitting the costs of the subsidy with area partners such as the City of Bishop and Town of Mammoth Lakes. Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to: A) Approve the Winter 2022-2023 Commercial Air Service Revenue Guarantee Cost Sharing Agreement with Mammoth Lakes Tourism and authorize the Board Chair to sign; B) Approve the payment of Invoice #2452 from Mammoth Lakes Tourism in the amount of \$266,462. Motion carried unanimously.
Attendance Change	Supervisor Kingsley left the meeting in order to travel to another meeting out of the county.
Board Member & Staff Reports	Assistant Clerk of the Board Ellis thanked the Information Services Department, specifically Assistant Chief Information Officer Jayme Westervelt and Network and Operations Analyst Rochelle Romo for diagnosing and fixing a technical issue with the A/V equipment earlier in the meeting.
	CAO Greenberg provided an update on runoff response.
	Supervisor Griffiths reported attending a veterans housing meeting and meetings of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) and Bishop City Council.
	Supervisor Orrill said she also attended the ESTA meeting, in addition to the Drug Court graduation.
Public Comment	Chairperson Roeser asked if there was any public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was made by Jeffrey Ray.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 20, 2023, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

Attest: NATE GREENBERG Clerk of the Board

by: _____ Darcy Ellis, Assistant

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