

# MINUTES



# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

**June 20, 2023**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:34 a.m., on June 20, 2023, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Jennifer Roeser, presiding, Trina Orrill, Matt Kingsley, and Jeff Griffiths. Also present: County Administrator Nate Greenberg, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis. Absent: Supervisor Marcellin.

- Closed Session*                      The Chairperson asked for public comment related to Closed Session items and there was nobody wishing to speak.
- Public Comment*
- Closed Session*                      Chairperson Roeser recessed open session at 8:34 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present except Supervisor Marcellin to discuss the following item(s): No. 2 **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; and No. 3 **Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation** - Initiation of litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(d)(4): 1 case.
- 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 Marcellin.
- Pledge of Allegiance*                Assistant Clerk of the Board Ellis 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 employees were introduced to the Board: Chief Information Officer Noam Shendar, GIS Analyst Grace Hall, and Correctional Officer Alejandro Lopez-Ruiz.
- Public Comment*                    The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was given by Lauralyn Hundley.
- County Department Reports*            Public Works Director Mike Errante thanked Board members for attending the North Round Valley Bridge ribbon cutting ceremony and said Lower Rock Creek Road is now open. Errante reminded attendees to look for updates on road conditions on the County website.
- Deputy Public Works Director Shannon Platt provided updates on areas affected by flooding and noted that crews have been working non-stop to create enough sandbags to combat the increasing runoff flows.
- CAO-Advertising County Resources – Film Commissioner Contract Extension*            Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to authorize staff to exercise the County's option to extend the current Film Commissioner agreement with Mr. Jesse Steele to June 30, 2024, per paragraph 2.a. of the agreement, and adjust the rate according to paragraph 3.d., pending Board approval of the 2023-2024 budget, and to send Mr. Steele notice of the extension. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Marcellin

absent.

*CAO-Economic Development – The Ferguson Group Contract Amendment No. 3*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Amendment No. 3 to the contract between The Ferguson Group, LLC and County of Inyo for provision of Federal Advocacy Services, extending the term from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$101,000, 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 4-0, with Supervisor Marcellin absent.

*CAO - Broadband Grants Authorized Representative*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to appoint the County Administrator as the Authorized Representative to facilitate the grant application process for two Federal Broadband-related grant applications: 1) USDA Rural Development (RD) Broadband Technical Assistance (BTA) Grant; and 2) FCC Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) Outreach Grant, Round 2. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Marcellin absent.

*HHS-Behavioral Health – Anne Sippi Clinic Contract Amendment No. 1*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Anne Sippi Clinic Treatment Group of Bakersfield, CA, 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 4-0, with Supervisor Marcellin absent.

*HHS-ESAAA – ESAAA Advisory Council Appointments*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to: A) Appoint Rebecca J. Manross to the Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging (ESAAA) Advisory Council to an unexpired two-year term ending December 31, 2023, and B) appoint Joel Ryan to the ESAAA Advisory Council to an unexpired two-year term ending December 31, 2024. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Marcellin absent.

*HHS-Behavioral Health – TeleConnect Therapies Contract Amendment No. 3*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Amendment No. 3 to the contract between the County of Inyo and TeleConnect Therapies of Avalon, CA, increasing the contract to an amount not to exceed \$399,040 and extending the term end date from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2024, contingent upon the Board's approval the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Marcellin absent.

*HHS- Behavioral Health – Iris Telehealth Agreement Amendment*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve an addendum to the contract between the County of Inyo and Thomas Milam MD, Inc. d/b/a Iris Telehealth of Austin, TX, increasing the contract to an amount not to exceed \$220,000 and extending the term end date from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, contingent upon the Board's approval the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Marcellin absent.

*HHS-Fiscal – Anthem HHIP Agreement*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan (Anthem Blue Cross) for the purpose of building partnerships and addressing housing and homelessness on behalf of the Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care, servicing Alpine, Inyo, and Mono counties, in an amount not to exceed \$120,668 for the period of November 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget, and authorize the HHS Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Marcellin absent.

*HHS-Fiscal – CA Health and Wellness HHIP Agreement*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and Health Net, LLC and California Health and Wellness Plan for the purpose of building partnerships and addressing housing and homelessness on behalf of the Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care, servicing Alpine, Inyo, and Mono counties, in an amount not to exceed \$78,417 for the period of January 1, 2023 to October 31, 2023, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget,

and authorize the HHS Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Marcellin absent.

*CAO-Emergency Services – CA Fire Safe Council Subaward Agreement*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to ratify and approve the subaward agreement with the California Fire Safe Council for \$20,000 to be used for capacity-building and authorize the Emergency Services Manager to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Marcellin absent.

*Northern Inyo County Local Hospital District – Update and Presentation*

Chief Financial Officer/Interim Chief Executive Officer for the Northern Inyo County Local Hospital District Stephen delRossi provided the Board with updates on the dire financial situation at Northern Inyo Hospital and discussed possible causes and solutions.

*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 said he attended a meeting of the Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory Committee and had meetings with constituents. Kingsley said that he will be traveling to Redding this week for a Golden State Natural Resources meeting and reminded everyone that the Future Farmers of America/4-H Livestock Auction is going on this weekend.

Supervisor Orrill said she attended meetings of the Eastern Sierra Agency on Aging, the Behavioral Health Advisory Board, the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments, and the Mustang Mesa Community Service District. Orrill said that she also enjoyed the opportunity to serve tea to High School Rodeo Queen candidates and that she attended the North Round Valley Bridge ribbon cutting ceremony.

Supervisor Roeser said that she attended the High School Rodeo event and tea, the North Round Valley Bridge ribbon cutting ceremony, a garden party at 40 Acres, and constituent meetings.

Supervisor Griffiths said he attended an Eastern Sierra Council of Government meeting, the “Towns to Trails” kickoff, and a City-County Liaison meeting.

CAO Greenberg said he attended the North Round Valley Bridge ribbon cutting ceremony, the City-County Liaison meeting, and internal meetings for emergency management, Inyo County leadership development, and staff meetings to discuss the Community Economic Resilience Fund. Greenberg said that he met with Fire Chief Damon Carrington to work on bringing a swift water rescue team to the area ahead of the Fourth of July holiday and mentioned he will be traveling out of county the rest of the week.

*Adjournment*

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 27, 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*