

# MINUTES



# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

**October 3, 2023**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 10:01 a.m., on October 3, 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, Assistant County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Office Technician Hayley Carter.

- Pledge of Allegiance* Office Technician Hayley Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Public Comment* Chairperson Roeser asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was heard from Independence resident Lauralyn Hundley, Joe Luttrell, and Russ Monroe.
- County Department Reports* Deputy Public Works Director John Pinkney provided a brief status report per the request of the Board, on roads damaged by Tropical Storm Hilary and said staff and contractors are working diligently to make repairs as quickly as possible.
- Water Director Dr. Holly Alpert said the Water Department will be providing a tour for the Water Commission this weekend of the Farmers Pond and Freeman Creek areas.
- Introductions* The following new employees were introduced to the Board: Office Clerk Jeanne-Marie C. McFarlin and Office Technician Jennifer Sandstrom, HHS; and Correctional Officer Kobe Talamantes, Sheriff's Office. Animal Control Officer Sandra McVeitty was unable to attend but sent a message to the Board which was read aloud by Undersheriff Martinez.
- CAO-Clerk of 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 September 26, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
- CAO – IMAH Parking Lot Agreement* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the license agreement between the County of Inyo and Inyo-Mono Association for the Handicapped (IMAH) for the real property described as 11 spaces within the parking lot of 207 South Street, Bishop, in an amount not to exceed \$25 per month, and authorize the County Administrator to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
- HHS-Behavioral Health – Iris Telehealth Contract Amendment No. 2* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Amendment No. 2 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Thomas Milam MD, Inc. d/b/a Iris Telehealth of Austin, TX, increasing the contract amount to a new not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
- Public Works – Pine Creek Road Emergency Repair Contract Award* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to award the contract for the emergency repair of Pine Creek Road to Summer Construction, Inc. of Santa Paula, CA in the amount of \$393,744. Motion carried unanimously.
- CAO-Personnel – HHS Director Personal Services Contract* Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Anna Scott for the provision of personal services as the Health and Human Services Director at Range 160, Step E, \$14,043 per month effective

October 12, 2023, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, and direct staff to update the publicly available pay schedule accordingly. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Orrill out of the room at the time of the vote.

*Public Works –  
South Tu Su/See Vee  
Parking Restriction  
Recommendation/  
Reso. No. 2023-32*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve Resolution No. 2023-32, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Requesting Parking Restrictions on Certain Areas of Highway 395 North of Bishop," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO –  
Regional Broadband  
Activities Update*

Regional Broadband Coordinator Scott Armstrong provided the Board with an update on broadband expansion projects and activities.

*CAO –  
Permit-Ready  
Accessory Dwelling  
Unit Prototypes First  
Draft*

Assistant CAO Meaghan McCamman provided a presentation on the Permit-Ready Accessory Dwelling Unit Prototypes program and collected feedback from the Board on the first draft of conceptual ADU designs brought to the County by architects Geoffrey Plagemann and Yvonne St. Pierre from Design Path Studio.

Also present to answer questions were Planning Director Cathreen Richards and Building Technical Official Tyson Sparrow.

*Public Works –  
Sustainable  
Transportation  
Planning Grant  
Acceptance*

Transportation Planner Justine Kokx provided the Board with information on the recently awarded Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant which is designed to assist in the development of an electric vehicle charging infrastructure network.

Chairperson Roeser asked if there was anyone wishing to speak, and public comment was given by Linda Chaplin, Knight Porter, and Lauralyn Hundley.

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to:

- A) Amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Local Transportation Planning Trust Budget 504605 as follows: increase estimated revenue in Other Agencies 4599 by \$17,322 and increase appropriation in Professional Services 5265 by \$17,322;
- B) Authorize the Inyo County Local Transportation Commission (ICLTC) to accept the successful Sustainable Transportation Planning grant from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Division of Transportation Planning, in the amount of \$201,500; and
- C) Authorize the ICLTC Executive Director to execute the grant agreements and other documents related to the grant between the ICLTC and Caltrans for the period of September 28, 2023 through June 30, 2026, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets.

Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works –  
Onion Valley Guardrail  
Project (ZP-21-019)  
Award Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to:

- A) Amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 State Funded Road Budget (034601) as follows: increase estimated revenue in Operating Transfers In 4998 by \$232,950, increase appropriation in Onion Valley Guardrail Project Object Code 5715 by \$232,950, and increase appropriations in Road Budget 034600 Object Code 5801 Operating Transfers Out by \$232,950 utilizing the Road Fund Balance (*4/5ths vote required*);
- B) Approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Coral Construction of Wilsonville, OR for the HSIP Onion Valley Guardrail Project in an amount not to exceed \$1,024,950, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained; and
- C) Authorize the Public Works Director to execute all other project contract documents, including contract change orders, to the extent permitted by Public Contract Code Section 20142 and other applicable laws.

Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Comment*

Chairperson Roeser asked if there was any public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was given by Linda Chaplin.

*Board Member & Staff Reports*

CAO Greenberg said he attended a meeting with Frontier Communications with Supervisor Kingsley and Chief Information Officer Noam Shendar, a meeting with Caltrans on the Independence Sidewalk Project with Supervisors Roeser and Kingsley, and a leadership team meeting with County staff.

Supervisor Roeser shared that the Rural County Representatives of California had recently featured a photo taken by County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo on its social media pages.

Supervisor Griffiths said he attended meetings with constituents, the Bishop Chamber of Commerce Installation of Officers, an Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action meeting, and the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership meeting. Griffiths spoke about upcoming events in the Bishop area for the National Night Out, the Choo-Choo Swap Meet, and Hispanic Heritage Day and said he will be traveling to Riverside County for the California State Association of Counties Executive Board meeting and Retreat.

Supervisor Orrill said she attended an Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging meeting and let attendees know about openings on the Board.

Supervisor Marcellin said he attended a Local Transportation Commission meeting and informed attendees about a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System and Wireless Emergency Alert scheduled to occur tomorrow.

Supervisor Kingsley said he attended meetings with Frontier Communications, with the Los Angeles Board of Water & Power Commissioners for a Great Basin Air Pollution Control District meeting in Mojave, a Caltrans briefing on the status of Highway 127, and Lone Pine High School Homecoming events.

*Adjournment*

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12:43 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 10, 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*