MINUTES

County of Inyo
Board of Supervisors

January 7, 2025

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:33 a.m., on January 7, 2025, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Scott Marcellin, presiding, Jeff Griffiths, Trina Orrill, Jennifer Roeser, and Will Wadelton. Also present: County Administrator Nate Greenberg, Assistant County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis.

Closed Session Public Comment

The Vice Chairperson asked for public comment related to closed session items and there was no one wishing to speak.

Closed Session

Vice Chairperson Marcellin 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 County's Labor Negotiators – Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 –** Regarding employee organizations: Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA); 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 Personnel Director Keri Oney, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, Assistant County Counsel Christy Milovich, Assistant County Counsel Grace Weitz, and Assistant CAO Denelle Carrington.

Open Session

Vice Chairperson Marcellin recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 9:07 a.m. with all Board members present.

Report on Closed Session

County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Board met under Item No. 2 and no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Roeser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Election of Officers

Vice Chair Marcellin turned the meeting over to the Assistant Clerk of the Board for election of officers.

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to elect Vice Chair Marcellin the Chairperson for 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to elect Supervisor Griffiths the Vice Chairperson for 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was received from Lauralyn Hundley and Trevor Warner.

County Department Reports

Public Works Director Mike Errante provided the Board with updates on the Whitney Portal Road repair project, which has been delayed due to shipping issues and is estimated to open mid-month, and the courthouse HVAC project, the second phase of which should be complete by February.

Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of December 17, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

CAO – Board Calendar Revisions

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the following changes to the 2025 Board of Supervisors' January meeting schedule:

A) Cancel the January 15, 2025 Special Meeting;
B) Schedule a Regular meeting for January 21, 2025; and
C) Cancel the January 28, 2025 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Planning – D2, D4 Planning Commission Reappointments

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to reappoint Planning Commissioners Caitlin Morley and Callie Peek to represent the Second and Fourth Supervisor Districts, respectively, for four-year terms ending January 4, 2029. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Letter of Support for LTC Grant Pursual

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a letter of support for the Inyo County Local Transportation Commission to pursue funding for the Climate Adaptation component of the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program through Caltrans to develop an evacuation route resiliency plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works-Airports – DAB Program

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the Inyo County Airport Disadvantaged Business Program and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – LP Sidewalk N.O.C./ Reso #2025-01

Supervisor Wadelton asked that the agenda item be moved from Consent to the Regular Agenda so a constituent could ask a question. Trevor Warner asked whether the lines in front of the Forum could be repainted to clearly delineate three separate parking spots. Public Works Director Mike Errante said staff would look into it.

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Resolution No. 2025-01, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California Authorizing the Recording of a Notice of Completion for the Lone Pine Sidewalk Construction and ADA Improvement Project," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Board of Supervisors – 2025 Committee Assignments

Chairperson Marcellin presented his recommendation for 2025 Board of Supervisors committee assignments. Supervisor Wadelton noted that while, historically, the District 5 Supervisor has been assigned to the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District board and while he is recommended only for the alternate position, he will continue to represent his constituents who are impacted by the dry lake dust. After some additional discussion, the Board directed that Supervisor Wadelton be assigned to the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) Board of Directors instead of Supervisor Orrill. Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the 2025 Board of Supervisors committee assignments as recommended by the Chairperson, with Supervisor Wadelton assigned to the IWVGA board instead of Supervisor Orrill. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Diaz Lake Welcoming & Beautification Project Presentation and Contract Award

Parks and Recreation Manager Daniel Briceno gave a PowerPoint presentation on the upcoming Diaz Lake Welcoming and Beautification Project. Public comment was received from Trevor Warner. Moved by Supervisor Wadelton and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to:

A) Award the contract for the Diaz Lake Welcoming and Beautification Project to Great Western Recreation (Playcore Wisconsin) of Logan, Utah as the successful bidder;
B) Approve the construction contract between the County of Inyo and Great Western Recreation of Logan, Utah in the amount of $714,667.62 and authorize the Chairperson to sign; 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 Works-Airports – Sierra Securities TSA

Public Works Director Mike Errante and Deputy Public Works Director-Airports Ashley Helms reviewed the TSA Training Room Upgrade Project for the Board. Public comment was

Training Room Project Contract/Budget Amendment

received from Trevor Warner. Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to:

A) Amend the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Bishop Airport Operating Budget (Budget 150100) as follows: increase estimated revenue in Federal Other (Revenue Code No. 4552) by $10,750 and increase appropriation in Construction in Progress (Object Code 5700) by $10,750 *(4/5ths vote required);*
B) Approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and the Government Services Administration for the County to complete the TSA Training Room Upgrade Project in an amount not to exceed $185,000, and authorize the Public Works Director to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained;
C) Award the contract for the TSA Training Room Upgrade Project to Sierra Security Systems, Inc. of Bishop, CA as the successful bidder;
D) Approve the construction contract between the County of Inyo and Sierra Security Systems, Inc. of Bishop, CA in the amount of $160,750, and authorize the Public Works Director to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained; and 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.

HHS – ESCoC Housing & ES Community Housing Grant Agreement

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to ratify and approve the Grant Agreement between the Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care and Eastern Sierra Community Housing of Mammoth Lakes for the delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions in an amount not to exceed $379,583 for the period of June 25, 2024 through June 30, 2026, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the Health & Human Services Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Probation – CalAIM Grant Award

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to:

A) Accept the CalAIM grant award in the amount of $2,500,000 from California Department of Health Care Services for the provision of Medi-Cal services in the 90 days prior to release, as requested by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) through its CalAIM 1115 Demonstration request; and
B) Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to sign the participation agreement and to be the County's authorized representative for the Inyo County Probation Department's CalAIM program.

Motion carried unanimously.

CAO – Regional Broadband Update

Regional Broadband Coordinator Scott Armstrong gave a presentation on the status of local broadband, grant funding, and related projects.

Risk – Self Eval and Transition Plan Presentation

Risk Manager Aaron Holmberg, as the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, gave his annual presentation regarding facility access improvements and updates to the Inyo County Self Evaluation and Transition Plan.

Public Comment

The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was received from Linda Chaplin.

Board Member & Staff Reports

Supervisor Roeser welcomed Supervisor Wadelton, said she attended an Emergency Medical Care Committee meeting last night, and thanked colleagues and staff who attended yesterday's swearing-in ceremony.

Supervisor Wadelton said he met with the Olancha-Cartago Fire Department, and reported that he was on the inaugural flight from Bishop to Denver with the new planes and it was a great flight.

Supervisor Orrill announced she recently completed a six-week NACo professional development course on Artificial Intelligence and hoped to see its applications explored in Inyo County.

Supervisor Griffiths said he would be leaving for Washington, D.C. this afternoon and hoped to meet with Senator Padilla while there about fire insurance. He also provided updates on

the Governor's January budget and the Explorer Act to benefit gateway communities like Inyo County.

CAO Greenberg gave a shout out to those who helped put together the holiday potluck in December: Assistant Auditor-Controller Christie Martindale, Assistant Treasurer-Tax Collector Carolynn Phillips, Admin Operations Analyst Rebecca Graves, and Assistant Assessor Allison Krohn. He also said the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments has been tracking the Explorer Act; legislation was signed into law on Saturday that includes $7 million for the Army Corps of Engineers to begin analyzing the Lone Pine Creek diversion; a staff member of Senator Padilla will be visiting the Eastern Sierra on the afternoon of January 14 and staff has planned a tour of Inyo County projects; and an updated Legislative Platform will soon be brought to the Board for approval.

Chairperson Marcellin said he attended a Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control board meeting last week as well as the swearing-in ceremony yesterday for Supervisors Griffiths, Roeser, and Wadelton.

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m. to 9 a.m. Tuesday, January 14, 2025, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Scott Marcellin

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

Attest: *NATE GREENBERG*
Clerk of the Board

by: _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant