

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

March 11, 2025

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:32 a.m., on March 11, 2025, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Scott Marcellin, presiding, Will Wadelton, Jeff Griffiths, Jennifer Roeser and Trina Orrill. Also present: Assistant County Administrator Denelle Carrington, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Israel.

Closed Session Public Comment

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

Closed Session

Chairperson Marcellin recessed open session at 8:33 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): 1 case; No. 3 **Public Employment – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: Public Defender; and No. 4 **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 Administrative Officer Denelle Carrington, Assistant Personnel Director Keri Oney, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, Assistant County Counsel Christy Milovich, and Assistant County Counsel Grace Weitz.

Open Session

Chairperson Marcellin recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:14 a.m. with all Board members present.

Report on Closed Session

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Orrill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Oscar Maciel with the union representing In-Home Support Services workers.

County Department Reports

Public Works Director Mike Errante reported his department received a state Highway Safety Improvement Program grant of \$466,000 for 2.8 miles of Trona Wildrose Road. He added that Public Works will be participating in the April 23 Career Day at Big Pine Schools.

Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters Danielle Sexton reported on new election resources available on her website.

Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of February 25, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

CAO-Personnel – Non-Represented Employees/ Reso. No. 2025-07

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to rescind Resolution No. 2024-39 and approve Resolution No. 2025-07 titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Setting Certain Salary and/or Terms and Conditions of Employment for Non-Represented Employees Employed in the Several Offices

or Institutions of the County of Inyo, Which Shall Supersede any Prior Resolution Pertaining to that Subject to the Extent They are Inconsistent," effective February 27, 2025, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*County Counsel –
GBUAPCD Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District for the provision of legal services in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 per year for the period of April 1, 2024 through termination, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-Behavioral
Health –
MHP Performance
Agreement
Amendment*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve Amendment No. 21-10084 A2 to the Mental Health Plan (MHP) Performance Agreement between the County of Inyo and the State of California's Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), for the provision of county mental health services extending the term end date from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2026, and authorize the Health and Human Services Director to sign the Performance Contract 21-10084 A2 and Contract Certification Clause via DocuSign. Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works-
Recycling & Waste
Management –
Solid Waste Fee
Waiver*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to waive the Solid Waste disposal and gate fees for the Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation Environmental & Air Quality Department event, Saturday, April 26, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works-Road
Department –
Cold Mix Asphalt
Purchase*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to:

- A) Declare Holcim - SWR, Inc. of Las Vegas, NV, the successful bidder for 440 Tons of Cold Mixed Asphalt per Bid No. RD24-03 in the total amount not to exceed \$65,230.00; and
- B) Authorize issuance of a purchase order payable to Holcim - SWR, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$65,230.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works-Road
Department –
Crack Fill Sealant
Material & Rent
Application Equipment
Purchase*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to authorize a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$96,393.94, payable to CRAFCO of Chandler, AZ for a 6-month Rental - Supershot 125D Kettle and 90,000 pounds of RoadSaver Low Tack Sealant. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO –
Business Resource
Center Sublease
Agreement*

Supervisor Roeser asked that the agenda item be pulled from Consent to the Regular Agenda for discussion. She said she had hoped that the Business Resource Center would have local partners to help cover costs, and asked questions about ongoing expenses.

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the sublease agreement between the County of Inyo and Sierra Business Council for the real property described as 269 N. Main Street, Bishop, in an amount not to exceed one dollar (\$1.00) per month for the period of February 11, 2025 through November 30, 2031, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works-Road
Department –
Whitney Portal Culvert
IV Project*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to:

- A) Amend the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Road Budget (034600) as follows: increase appropriation in Construction in Progress #5700 by \$590,000 (*4/5ths vote required*);
- B) As authorized by Public Contract Code section 20395(d), find that cavitation beneath the road surface from a compromised corrugated metal pipe (CMP) on Whitney Portal Road necessitates immediate action to safeguard the road such that following standard competitive bidding procedures would not be in the public interest;
- C) Approve the contract with Spiess Construction in the amount of \$590,000 to perform the necessary emergency repairs on Whitney Portal Road and authorize the Chairperson to sign; and
- D) Authorize the Public Works Director to sign and submit an application for a Regional

General Permit 63 for Emergency Repair and Protection Activities to the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board for this project.
Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works-Airports – Friends of the Lone Pine Airport Presentation Anna Montgomery and Karen Atkinson from Friends of the Lone Pine Airport gave a presentation on the group's activities over the last 15 months and discussed upcoming projects and goals.

Planning Department – Ordinance 1316 (Density Bonus Overlay) Senior Planner Danielle Visuano introduced a proposed ordinance to update Title 18 of the Inyo County Code to reflect the changes and requirements of the State's Density Bonus Law, of which there has been a significant amount since the County adopted its last Density Bonus Overlay ordinance.

Chairperson Marcellin opened the public hearing at 11:30 a.m. and, with nobody wishing to speak, closed the public hearing at 11:30 a.m.

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to:

- A) Find the adoption of the ordinance is not considered a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Government Code section 15061(b)(3); and
- B) Adopt proposed Ordinance 1316 titled, "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Amending Inyo County Code Chapter 18.65 pertaining to DB Districts - Density Bonus Overlay."

Motion carried unanimously.

CAO – CSAC Foundation Contract Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) of Sacramento, CA, for the provision of grant strategy and assistance services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the period of February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026, and authorize the County Administrator to sign.

Planning Department – 2024 General Plan Annual Report The Board received a presentation from Senior Planner Danielle Visuano regarding the 2024 General Plan Annual Progress Report. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to accept the report and direct staff to submit it to the Department of Housing and Community Development and the State Office of Planning and Research. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters – New Legislation Update Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters Danielle Sexton reviewed for the Board legislation passed in 2024 that impacts Clerk-Recorder and Elections operations.

CAO – ESCOG/Wildfire Preparedness Coordination Services MOU Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign the Agreement between Inyo County and the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments for the purposes of wildfire preparedness services.

CAO – Item Postponed The following agenda item was postponed to a future meeting:

24) Consideration and Adoption of California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation and Wildfire Resilience

County Administrator | Nate Greenberg

15 minutes (5min. Presentation / 10min. Discussion)

Recommended Action:

Adopt "California's Joint Strategy for Sustainable Outdoor Recreation & Wildfire Resilience," as published by The California Wildfire and Forest

Resilience Task Force as a guiding document in the County's effort for resource protection, community investment, and public safety.

Public Comment

Chairperson Marcellin asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and comment was made by Treasurer-Tax Collector Christie Martindale.

Board Member & Staff Reports

Supervisors Orrill and Griffiths reported on recent and upcoming meetings they have attended and will be attending, including the recent National Association of Counties Legislative Conference.

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 25, 2025, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.



Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: NATE GREENBERG
Clerk of the Board*

by:



Darcy Israel, Assistant