

# MINUTES



## County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

**September 5, 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 September 5, 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, 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 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 10:07 a.m. with all Board members present.

*Pledge of Allegiance*

Chairperson Roeser 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: Julie Berry, Public Health Nurse-Corrections, and Leticia L. Gonzales, Prevention Specialist, HHS; and Deputy Sheriff Rashell Gosvener.

*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.

*County Department Reports*

Clerk-Recorder Danielle Sexton reported that her office went live with its e-recording software and is busy cleaning up the voter rolls in advance of the March primary, deadlines for which she also reported.

Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson updated the Board on AB 505, providing a hand-out, and widespread opposition to the bill throughout California counties.

Ag Commissioner Nate Reade reported that West Nile Virus and St. Louis encephalitis have been found in mosquito populations in the greater Bishop area and urged the public to be proactive about preventing exposure.

*Auditor-Controller –*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution No. 2023-25, accepting the calculations of the

23-24 GANN Appropriation Limit/ Reso. No. 2023-25 Auditor-Controller – 23-24 Property Tax Rates/ Reso. No. 2023-26	<p>appropriation limitation for the County of Inyo for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution No. 2023-26 setting the property tax rates for 2023-2024, per California Government Code Section 29100. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of August 15, 2023, and the special Board of Supervisors meeting of August 25, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
Clerk of the Board – Mt. Whitney Cemetery District Appointments	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to reappoint Ms. Marlene Cierniak, Ms. Irene Kritz, and Ms. Donna Gruenewald to the Mt. Whitney Cemetery District Board of Trustees, each to three-year terms ending May 31, 2027. Motion carried unanimously.
Environmental Health – CUPA Agreement Approval	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and County of Mono for the provision hazardous materials program management services, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 (or \$100,000 in any fiscal year) for the period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2026, contingent upon the Board's approval of future fiscal year budgets and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
HHS-Social Services – CDA Digital Connections No-Cost Agreement	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the no-cost Standard Agreement with the California Department of Aging for the Digital Connections program for the term beginning February 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, and authorize the HHS Director to sign the contract documents. Motion carried unanimously.
Public Works – Fountainhead Consulting Agreement Amendment No. 4 Board Order & Minutes Correction	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve amendments to the February 21, 2023, Board Order and corresponding meeting minutes regarding approval of Amendment No. 4 to the consulting agreement between the County of Inyo and Fountainhead Consulting Corporation of Anaheim, CA, to reflect the scope of the amendment. Motion carried unanimously.
Public Works-Airports – Maxwell Asphalt, Inc./Lone Pine Airport Taxiway Resurfacing Project	<p>Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) Award the contract for the Taxiway A Resurfacing Project at the Lone Pine Airport to Maxwell Asphalt, Inc. of Salt Lake City, UT as the successful bidder;</li> <li>B) Approve the construction contract between the County of Inyo and Maxwell Asphalt, Inc. of Salt Lake City, UT in the amount of \$158,627.50, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained and approval of the 2023-2024 budget;</li> <li>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; and</li> <li>D) Approve Resolution No. 2023-27, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California Authorizing the Submittal of Applications, Accepting Allocation of Funds, and Authorizing the Execution of Grant Agreements with the California Department of Transportation for an Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Matching Grant," and authorize the Chairperson to sign.</li> </ul> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Public Works-Airports – REACH Air Medical Bishop Airport Commercial Hangar Lease Agreement	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve and ratify the lease agreement between the County of Inyo and REACH Air Medical Services, LLC DBA Cal-Ore Life Flight, LLC of Sacramento, CA for the real property described as 770 Airport Rd., Bishop CA, for an amount in year one of \$3,800 per month for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2027, with four two-year options to extend through December 31, 2035, and authorize the Public Works Director to sign, contingent upon all

appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO – Caltrans’  
Highways to  
Boulevards Grant  
Application/Reso. No.  
2023-28*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to:

- A) Consider the Concept Application for the State of California, Caltrans, Reconnecting Communities: Highways to Boulevards Grant (Cal RC:H2B Grant);
- B) Approve Resolution No. 2023-28 authorizing the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments to submit an application for the California Department of Transportation Reconnecting Communities: Highways to Boulevards Grant; and
- C) Authorize the Chairperson to sign a Letter of Support as a grant Co-Applicant for the California Department of Transportation Reconnecting Communities: Highways to Boulevards Grant.

Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO – Veterans  
Housing Program  
Letter*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the letter to the state Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) raising concerns about the Lead Service Provider Requirements of the Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program (VHHP) and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*Agricultural Comm. –  
Commercial Cannabis  
Permit No. 000140  
Ownership Change*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve a request a change in ownership for commercial cannabis business license number 000140, NanoFarms, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works-Airports –  
Regional Air Service  
Presentation*

Public Works Deputy Director-Airports Ashley Helms introduced a presentation on regional air service that also included Mammoth Lakes Tourism Executive Director John Urdi, Matt Skinner and Bill Tomsich with Airplanners consulting firm, and Mammoth Mountain Ski Area Chief Operating Officer Eric Clark.

The Board engaged in discussion with the presenters related to market comparisons, United Airlines’ introduction of new aircraft, flight trends, construction of a new airport terminal in Bishop, and potential for future growth.

Public comment was made by Lauralyn Hundley and William Holmes.

*Recess/Reconvene*

Chairperson Roeser recessed open session for a break at 1:10 p.m. and reconvened the meeting in open session at 1:45 p.m. with all Board members present.

*CAO –  
EMS Update*

CAO Greenberg provided the Board with update on EMS service in the Bishop area, noting the current interim contract with REACH expires September 22 and will likely be renewed. Supervisor Kingsley stressed the idea that the contract negotiations needed to be progressing on a parallel path with discussions with local volunteer fire departments about County support through subsidies.

*CAO –  
Tropical Storm Hilary  
Update*

CAO Greenberg provided the Board with an update on recovery efforts following Tropical Storm Hilary. He was joined by Emergency Services Manager Mikaela Torres, Public Works Director Mike Errante, and Acting HHS Director Anna Scott. Errante shared photos of some of the road damage. Discussion turned to the significant repair costs being faced, particularly for Whitney Portal Road, and planning efforts to restore meal delivery to Tecopa.

*Correspondence-  
Action –  
Fish & Game  
Commission/Request  
of Request*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to: A) Direct staff to draft and send a letter to the California Fish and Game Advisory Commission requesting the reinstatement of printed copies of the California Fishing Regulations Booklet; and B) authorize the Inyo County Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission to send a similar letter. Motion carried unanimously.

*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*

CAO Greenberg announced he had submitted a Challenge Award application to the

## *Reports*

California State Association of Counties (CSAC), held the third meeting of the Leadership Podcast Club, met with Bishop City Administrator Deston Dishon on cost sharing to provide EMS service, and worked to release the recommended budget.

Supervisor Griffiths said he went to the Tri-County Fair and the Arts & Crafts Fair at the park, attended a CSAC board meeting last week, would be in Tulare tomorrow and Thursday for a Sierra Nevada Conservancy board meeting, and has an Eastern Sierra Transit Authority meeting in Bishop Friday.

Supervisor Orrill reported having meetings with the Building and Safety and Environmental Health departments and attending the CSAC board meeting in Sacramento.

Supervisor Marcellin said he had conversations with constituents about EMS service and Tropical Storm Hilary damage, participated in a phone meeting with Lt. Gov. Elaine Kounakakis' Southern California External Affairs Representative, Jesse Gilgoth, attended a meet-and-greet with Congressman Kevin Kiley last Friday, and spent time at the Tri-County Fair with family.

Supervisor Kingsley reported he has a Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District meeting Thursday and will be visiting Tecopa on Friday, asked that Supervisors bring their contributions for the Rural County Representatives of California auction basket next week, requested a future workshop on the County's Volunteer Policy, and said he will be attending the Tropical Storm after-action report on Monday.

## *Adjournment*

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 12, 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*