

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

September 12, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 10:02 a.m., on September 12, 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.

Pledge of Allegiance Supervisor Marcellin 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, Supervisor Marcellin, and Chairperson Roeser.

County Department Reports Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson reported that he had attended the annual 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb hosted by the Bishop Fire Department and provided an update to the Board on Assembly Bill 505.

Public Works Director Mike Errante provided an update on Tropical Storm Hilary damages and noted that he will bring back an updated list of projects, along with information on funding sources, to the Board at a future meeting.

Acting Health and Human Service Director Anna Scott reported on changes to reforms for the Mental Health Services Act.

Emergency Services Manager Mikala Torres reported that she had attended an Independence Civic Club meeting and the After-Action Review for Tropical Storm Hilary.

Introductions The following new employees were introduced to the Board: Office Clerk Lauren Johnston, Criminal Investigator Brady Peek, and Legal Secretary Jessica Scida, District Attorney's Office.

Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of September 5, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Spiess Construction Co. Contract Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to:

- A) Award the contract for the Lone Pine Sidewalk Construction and ADA Improvements Project to Spiess Construction Co. Inc. of Santa Maria, CA as the successful bidder;
- B) Approve the construction contract between the County of Inyo and Spiess Construction Co. Inc. of Santa Maria, CA in the amount of \$1,888,094.48, 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 Works- Recycling & Waste Management – Landfill Fee Waiver Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve a waiver up to the historical cap of \$100 toward the Bishop Paiute Tribe Friends for the Conservation Open Space Area pilot project. Motion carried unanimously.

<i>Public Works-Road Department – Big Pine Paiute Tribe Fall Fandango Parade/Road Closure</i>	Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the closure of a portion of Bartell Road in Big Pine on October 14, 2023, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 p.m., to accommodate the Big Pine Paiute Tribe Fall Fandango event. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works-Road Department – CA Indian Day Parade/Road Closure</i>	Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve road closures on Pa Ha Lane, Diaz Lane, Barlow Lane, and See Vee Lane, with detours between the hours of 7 a.m. and 12 p.m. on September 22, 2023, for the purpose of the annual Bishop Paiute Tribe and Toiyabe Indian Health Project California Indian Day Parade/Run. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Sheriff – CA Health and Recovery Solutions MOU</i>	Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Inyo and California Health and Recovery Solutions, P.C., for the provision of Correctional Officer Services in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 for the period of September 12, 2023 through June 30, 2024, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, and authorize the Sheriff or designee to sign the MOU and the related HIPAA compliance MOU. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO – FY 23-24 Recommended Budget/Budget Hearings</i>	See separate minutes.
<i>Recess/Reconvene</i>	Chairperson Roeser recessed the meeting at 12:32 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:46 p.m. with all Board members present.
<i>CAO – FY 23-24 Recommended Budget/Budget Hearings</i>	See separate minutes.
<i>CAO – Small Business Resource Center Update</i>	The Board received an update on the Small Business Resource Center from Assistant CAO Meaghan McCamman, who noted that as of July 2023, final architectural plans have been approved and the building permit issued.
<i>CAO – Bishop Operating Area Emergency Medical Services Update</i>	<p>CAO Greenberg provided updates on Bishop Operating Area Emergency Medical Services, noting that the current 30-day contract with REACH Sierra LifeFlight will expire on September 22.</p> <p>Greenberg said that staff are working on a recommendation to bring to the Board for a new interim agreement but anticipate negotiations will not be finalized before the REACH contract expires, meriting the need for another 30-day contract.</p>
<i>Public Comment</i>	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.
<i>Board Member & Staff Reports</i>	<p>Supervisor Kingsley said he attended a Great Basin Air Pollution Control District meeting last week in Bridgeport and spoke with business owners in the Tecopa-Shoshone area. Kingsley asked fellow Board members for gift basket donations to contribute for the Rural County Representatives of California conference/auction in Monterey next week and said he will be attending a Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory meeting tomorrow in Visalia.</p> <p>Supervisor Orrill said she attended an Eastern Sierra Transit Authority meeting, spoke with constituents, and worked on reviewing the Fiscal Year 23-24 proposed budget. Orrill said she</p>

will be attending the RCRC Conference in Monterey next week and shared excitement on learning about her new appointment to the National Association of Counties Energy Environment and Land Use Committee.

Supervisor Roeser said she attended meetings with constituents and reminded Board members that there is a meeting for the Buttermilk Infrastructure and Recreation Planning Initiative meeting tonight.

Supervisor Griffiths said he attended the Sierra Nevada Conservancy meeting in Tulare County, the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority meeting, the Bishop City Council meeting, and a pie auction at Laws Museum with Supervisor Orrill. Griffiths said that he will be attending the Buttermilk Infrastructure and Recreation Planning Initiative meeting, Millpond Music Festival, and the RCRC Conference and reminded everyone about the Blake Jones Derby and Community Auction happening this weekend and the California State Association of Counties Tribal Outreach meeting on Monday.

CAO Greenberg said he has been working on the Fiscal Year 23-24 Budget Presentation and that he attended the Grand Jury Meet and Greet and the Tropical Storm Hilary After-Action Review meeting. Greenberg said he will be attending the Millpond gathering and the Rural County Representatives of California Conference next week.

Assistant Board Clerk Darcy Ellis reminded everyone that the Board will be dark next Tuesday.

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 26, 2023, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: NATE GREENBERG
Clerk of the Board*

*by: _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant*