

# MINUTES



## County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

**September 26, 2023**

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 September 26, 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 8:33 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following item(s): No. 2 **Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: County Administrator; and No. 3 **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 10:05 a.m. with all Board members present.

*Pledge of Allegiance*

Supervisor Orrill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Report on Closed Session*

County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Board met under Item No. 2 and that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported. Vallejo said the Board would meet again to discuss Item No. 3 later in the meeting.

*Introductions*

The following new employees were introduced to the Board: Christian Aukee, Equipment Operator; Sean Marsh, Engineering Assistant; Ramon Sanchez Martinez, Gate Attendant; Christian Nott, Building and Maintenance Worker; Sean Pantenburg, Heavy Equipment Operator; Jonathan Ruelas Soto, Heavy Equipment Mechanic; and Tony Russell, Heavy Equipment Operator.

*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*

Risk Manager Aaron Holmberg gave a shout out to County staff who renovated the Bishop Wellness Center and noted he was pleased with the upgrades made to the facility.

CAO Greenberg recognized Risk Manager Aaron Holmberg for recently completing the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) designation.

Water Director Dr. Holly Alpert distributed copies of the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority newsletter to the Board and said that she had recently participated in a tour provided through the Water Education Foundation.

Acting Health and Human Services Director Anna Scott shared that HHS staff recently participated in the Walk for Life in coordination with Toiyabe Indian Health Project and the Bishop Paiute Tribe and that she attended meetings with the Emergency Medical Care Community and EMS consultants ESCI. Scott provided additional information to the Board on the Aging and Social Services division and provided a handout.

*Clerk of the Board –  
Approval of Minutes*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of September 12, 2023 and the Budget Hearing of September 12, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

*Clerk of the Board –  
Independence  
Cemetery District  
Reappointment*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to reappoint Ms. Frieda LaCues to a four-year term on the Independence Cemetery District Board of Trustees, expiring October 8, 2027. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO –  
Laws Railroad Museum  
Grant Application  
Letter of Support*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a letter supporting Laws Railroad Museum's application to the T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-Risk  
Management –  
Administrative  
Procedure and Policy  
Manuals Updates*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the update to the County's policy and procedures for the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) program and acknowledge and approve the new Opioid Overdose Reversal Agent policy and procedures. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-Risk  
Management –  
Industrial Disability of  
Determination/Reso.  
No. 2023-29*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Resolution No. 2023-29, titled, "Resolution of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors Making A Determination of Industrial Disability of an Employee as Required by Government Code Section 21154 and 21156," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously. (Please note that the Resolution No. referenced on the Agenda was a typo and should have read as No. 2023-29.)

*HHS-First 5 –  
Home Visiting  
Coordination/Mono  
County First 5 Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to ratify and approve the two-year agreement between First 5 Mono and First 5 Inyo for the provision of home visiting coordination services for the period beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025 for \$87,646, contingent upon the Board's adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Budgets, and authorize the First 5 Program Manager to sign contract agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-First 5 –  
IMPACT Legacy/Mono  
County First 5 Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to ratify and approve the two-year agreement between First 5 Mono and First 5 Inyo for the provision of IMPACT Legacy program services for the period beginning August 2, 2023 through June 30, 2025 for \$148,037, contingent upon the Board's adoption of future budgets, and authorize the First 5 Program Manager to sign contract agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-Motor Pool –  
National Auto Group  
Blanket P.O.*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to authorize issuance of a blanket Purchase Order in an amount not to exceed \$694,500, payable to National Auto Fleet Group of Watsonville, CA for the purchase and equipping of patrol and service units for the Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously.

*Planning Department –  
General Plan  
Amendment No.  
2023-02 Public  
Hearing/ Reso. No.  
2023-30*

Planning Director Cathreen Richards provided the Board with a presentation and maps for the updated Housing Element, which was approved and then certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

Chairperson Roeser opened the public hearing at 10:46 a.m. and with no one wishing to provide public comment, closed the hearing at 10:46 a.m.

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to: A) certify that GPA 2023-02/Housing Element Revised is a Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact with

addenda and does not require a Supplemental Negative Declaration; and B) approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution No. 2023-30 adopting GPA 2023-02/Housing Element Revised.

*CAO –  
Fiscal Year 2023-2024  
Final Board Approved  
Budget Adoption/  
Reso. No. 2023-31*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to:

- A) Adopt the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget as recommended by the County Administrator and as amended, and as directed on September 12, 2023; and
- B) Approve Resolution No. 2023-31, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Adopting a Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024," and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

Motion carried unanimously.

*Treasurer Tax-  
Collector –  
Tax-Defaulted Property  
Public Auction*

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to:

- A) Authorize the Treasurer-Tax Collector to conduct a public auction, via the internet, offering for sale to the highest bidder the tax-defaulted parcels of land identified in the attachment that are subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell; and
- B) In the event a parcel does not sell, authorize the Treasurer-Tax Collector to re-offer those parcels for sale within 90 days at a reduced minimum price deemed appropriate by the Treasurer-Tax Collector.

Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-Personnel –  
Assistant Health and  
Human Services  
Director Personal  
Services Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Gina Ellis for provision of personal services as the Assistant Health and Human Services Director at Range 92, Step A, \$9,079 per month effective September 28, 2023, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley out of the room at the time of the vote.

*CAO-Information  
Services –  
Change in Authorized  
Strength*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to authorize a change in the Authorized Strength in the Information Services Division by deleting one full-time Programmer Analyst (Range 71-82) and adding one full-time Network and Operations Analyst (Range 71-82) and update the publicly available pay schedule accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

*Closed Session*

Chairperson Roeser recessed open session to return to closed session at 11:28 a.m. and reconvened the meeting in open session at 12:36 p.m. with all Board members present.

*Report on Closed  
Session*

County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Board met under Item No. 3 and that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.

*Public Works –  
Emergency Road  
Repair Projects Status  
Update*

Public Works Director Mike Errante provided the Board with a presentation/summary of 2023 road damages which included the status of repairs for the March storm event and Tropical Storm Hilary, and estimated costs and possible funding sources.

*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  
Reports*

CAO Greenberg said he traveled to Monterey last week for the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) conference and arrived a day early to attend the Economic Development Summit. Greenberg said he also attended the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Tribal Outreach meeting in Bishop, and a meeting with representatives with Genasys, the new evacuation management platform, and said that he is working on finalizing the After-Action Report for Tropical Storm Hilary and expects to to present it publicly in October.

Supervisor Griffiths said he attended the Millpond Music Festival, an Eastern Sierra Foundation meeting, an employee barbecue for the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority, the CSAC Tribal Outreach meeting, the RCRC conference, a fundraiser auction for the Sierra Land Trust, a stakeholder meeting for the Valley Apartments, and a City-County Liaison Commission meeting.

Supervisor Roeser said she attended the CSAC Tribal meeting.

Supervisor Orrill said she attended the RCRC conference and the CSAC Tribal Outreach meeting.

Supervisor Marcellin said he attended the Millpond Music Festival, the RCRC conference, the CSAC Tribal Outreach meeting, the Bishop Pabanamanina Pow Wow for California Native American Day, a City-County Liaison Commission meeting, and a Local Transportation Commission meeting. Marcellin mentioned that he was invited to participate in the Walk for Life with Bishop Tribe but was attending the RCRC conference so Sheriff Rennie and Assistant CAO Sue Dishion went in his place.

Supervisor Kingsley said he attended the Bishop Rural Fire District meeting and the RCRC conference. Kingsley also mentioned that receiving correspondence from a constituent about the Independence community needing crosswalks and requested the Board send a letter to Caltrans. Kingsley let the Board know that he will not be present for the Board meeting on October 17 as he will be attending the National Wildfire Leadership Council meeting in Yosemite.

### *Adjournment*

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting in memory of Maclain Rossi, former Bishop City Administrator and Inyo County Supervisor Rick Pucci and wife Mary's grandson, at 1:37 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 3, 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*