

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

October 17, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:31 a.m., on October 17, 2023, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Jennifer Roeser, presiding, Trina Orrill, and Jeff Griffiths. Supervisor Scott Marcellin was in attendance remotely pursuant to Government Code 54953(j)(2)(D). Also present: County Administrator Nate Greenberg, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis. Absent: Supervisor Kingsley.

Urgency Item

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve adding an urgency item to the agenda, based on the finding that it needs to be addressed before the next Board meeting on November 7 and only came to the attention of Board members and staff after publication of today's agenda. Motion carried unanimously 3-0, with Supervisors Marcellin and Kingsley absent.

Remote Participation

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to determine that just cause exists pursuant to Government Code 54953(j)(2)(D) and authorize Supervisor Marcellin to remotely attend the October 17, 2023, regular Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion carried unanimously 3-0, with Supervisors Marcellin and Kingsley absent.

Closed Session Public Comment

The Chairperson asked for public comment related to closed session items and there was nobody wishing to speak.

Attendance Change

Supervisor Marcellin arrived via Zoom webinar for Closed Session at 8:34 a.m.

Closed Session

Chairperson Roeser recessed open session at 8:34 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present except Supervisor Kingsley to discuss the following item(s): No. 2 **Conference with Real Property Negotiators – Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Government Code §54956.8** – Property: Bishop Creek Water Association culverts as shown on attached map. Agency Negotiators: Nate Greenberg, John-Carl Vallejo, Grace Weitz, Shannon Platt, John Pinckney, and Mike Errante. Negotiating parties: Inyo County and Bishop Creek Water Association. Under negotiation: price and terms of payment; 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 Administrator Sue Dishion, Deputy Personnel Director Keri Oney, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Senior Budget Analyst Denelle Carrington.

Open Session

Chairperson Roeser recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:00 a.m. with all Board members present.

Pledge of Allegiance

CAO Greenberg 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 indicated that the Board no longer needed to meet under item No.3.

Employee Service

The following employees were recognized for reaching service milestones with the County

Recognition

during the third quarter of 2023:

- Krystal Leonard, 15 years, Probation Department
- Christie Martindale, 10 years, Auditor-Controller
- Tom Hardy, 10 years, District Attorney
- Sarah Petersen, 5 years, Environmental Health
- Elizabeth Porter, 5 years, Library
- Lacie Ross, 5 years, Clerk-Recorder
- Jody Dimas, 5 years, and Elena Vizcaino, 5 years, Sheriff's Office
- Morningstar Willis-Wagoner, 10 years, and Tyler Davis, 5 years, Health & Human Services
- Meaghan McCamman, 5 years, CAO/Administration

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

Environmental Health Director Jerry Oser said that he recently attended the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health, updated the Board on recent State-assisted testing for hazardous algal blooms, and said he will be reaching out to Health Officer Dr. Richardson to work on public outreach concerning vector borne diseases.

Health and Human Services Director Anna Scott reported that the department is monitoring an increase in rabies cases in bats and working to bring increased awareness to the public on transmittal prevention.

Emergency Services Manager Mikaela Torres said she has been working on public outreach geared specifically toward youth engagement and attended the National Night Out in Bishop and the Open House at Independence Fire Department.

Probation Chief Jeff Thomson reminded the Board that there is a Drug Court Graduation scheduled tomorrow.

Water Director Dr. Holly Alpert said her office will be holding public meetings this week for the Technical Group and Water Commission and shared information and a handout on an upcoming Electromagnetic Survey mailing being sent out to the public by the Department of Water Resources.

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 October 10, 2023. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

Clerk of the Board – Big Pine Cemetery District Appointments

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to reappoint Ms. June Shaw to a four-year term and appoint Mr. James R. (JR) Lamia to a four-year term on the Big Pine Cemetery District Board of Trustees, both ending May 31, 2027. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

CAO – Bishop Volunteer Fire District One-Time Funding Distribution

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to authorize the one-time allocation of \$25,000 to the Bishop Volunteer Fire Protection District. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

CAO-Personnel – State Assessment Analyst Certification Program Implementation/ Reso. # 2023-34

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Resolution No. 2023-34, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, implementing a State Assessment Analyst Certification Program in Accordance with Section 674 Through 680 of the Revenue and Taxation Code," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

HHS-Behavioral Health – North American Mental

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and North American Mental Health Services of Redding, CA for the provision of Mental Health Tele-psychiatry services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000

<i>Health Services Telepsychiatry Services Agreement</i>	for the period of November 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent.
<i>HHS-Health & Prevention – Children’s Medical Services Plan FY 2023-2024</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to ratify and approve the Children's Medical Services (CMS) Plan for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to ensure the continuation of children's medical services in Inyo County and authorize the Chairperson to sign certification statements. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent.
<i>Probation – Emergency Mutual Aid Memorandum of Agreement</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the Memorandum of Agreement to provide and to receive mutual aid from the participating counties in case of an emergency or disaster. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent.
<i>Public Works – Big Pine Animal Shelter Project Award Contract</i>	<p>Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Award the contract for the Big Pine Animal Shelter Project at the Big Pine Animal Shelter to Rudolph Construction Co. of Bishop, CA as the successful bidder; B) Approve the construction contract between the County of Inyo and Rudolph Construction Co. of Bishop, CA in the amount of \$270,879.00, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained and approval of the 2023-2024 budget; 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. <p>Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent.</p>
<i>County Administrator – CEDS Submittal to EDA/ Reso. No. 2023-35</i>	Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Resolution No. 2023-35, titled, "Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Approving the Eastern Sierra Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Alpine, Inyo, and Mono Counties as Prepared and Authorizing the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments to Submit to the U.S. Economic Development Administration," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent.
<i>CAO – 23-24 EMS Budget Amendment</i>	<p>Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 EMS - Emergency Medical Services Budget (011404) as follows: increase appropriation in the Professional Services Object Code (5265) by \$15,000; and B) Amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General Fund Contingencies Budget (087100) as follows: reduce appropriation in the Contingencies Object Code (5901) by \$15,000. <p>Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent.</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>Assistant Clerk of the Board and Public Relations Liaison Darcy Ellis reminded attendees that the Board will be dark the next two weeks.</p> <p>Supervisor Griffiths said that he attended an Inyo Associates meeting in Bishop, the swearing-in ceremony for Assistant Sheriff Tim Bachman, an open house for Eastern Sierra Engineering, a strategic planning workshop for IMACA, a school safety meeting, and announced several upcoming events, including the Friday Night Market, Eastside Student Center fundraiser, and the Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance 5K Run & Walk fundraiser on Saturday.</p> <p>Supervisor Orrill said she attended swearing-in for Assistant Sheriff Bachman and a safety meeting with Bishop Unified School District which was attended by multiple agencies.</p>
<i>Adjournment</i>	The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 7, 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*