

# MINUTES



## County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

### November 28, 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 November 28, 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 no one wishing to speak.

#### *Closed Session*

Chairperson Roeser recessed open session at 8:32 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 California Government Code § 54956.9(d)(4): 1 case; No. 3 **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Pursuant to California Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)** – In re: Aqueous Film Forming Foams Product Liability Litigation, United States District Court, District of South Carolina - Charleston Division, MDL No. 2:18-mn-2873, Case No. 2:23-cv-03230; No. 4 **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Pursuant to California Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)** – In re: Aqueous Film Forming Foams Product Liability Litigation, United States District Court, District of South Carolina - Charleston Division, MDL No. 2:18-mn-2873-RMG, Case No. 2:23-cv-03147-RMG; No. 5 **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; and No. 6 **Public Employment – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: Assistant County Administrator.

#### *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*

RCRC Chief Economic Officer Barbara Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### *Report on Closed Session*

County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Board met under Item Nos. 2 through 5 and that no actions were taken during closed session required to be reported. He said the Board would meet again to discuss Item No. 6 later in the meeting.

#### *Recess/Reconvene*

Chairperson Roeser recessed open session at 10:05 a.m. so that technical issues with the audio-visual system could be addressed and reconvened at 10:16 a.m. with all Board members present.

#### *Public Comment*

Chairperson Roeser asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was received from Lauralyn Hundley.

#### *County Department Reports*

Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd and Treasurer-Tax Collector Alisha McMurtrie updated the Board on Transient Occupancy Tax revenue.

HHS Director Anna Scott announced that Public Health and Prevention is holding its annual toy drive until December 15.

Public Works Director Mike Errante gave updates on the Whitney Portal Road and Sheriff's Administration Building repair projects.

*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 November 7, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-Personnel –  
Ordinance No.1303*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Ordinance 1303 titled, "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Amending Subsections 2.88.040(G) of the Inyo County Code Regarding Certain Elected Official Salaries." Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS –  
CDPH TBCB  
Agreement*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to: A) Ratify and approve agreement between the County of Inyo and California Department of Public Health Tuberculosis Control Branch (TBCB) of Sacramento, CA for the provision of additional federal funds for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to enhance the capabilities of tuberculosis prevention and control activities in local public health jurisdictions, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024; and B) authorize the HHS Director to sign the Acceptance of Award, the Subrecipient Eligibility Form, the Certification Regarding Lobbying, the Contractor Certification Clause. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS –  
Future of Public Health  
Funding Annual  
Certification*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and the California Department of Public Health for the provision of Future of Public Health Funding in an amount not to exceed \$423,621 per year for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the Health and Human Services Director to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

*BOS –  
RCRC Strategic  
Planning Presentation*

RCRC Chief Economic Development Officer Barbara Hayes gave a presentation on the organization's Strategic Plan and the ongoing work of its affiliate entities.

*Outside Agency –  
Northern Inyo Local  
Hospital District Update*

Northern Inyo County Local Hospital District from Chief Financial Officer/Chief Executive Officer Stephen delRossi provided an update on district finances and operations.

*CAO-Economic  
Development –  
TFG Legislative Issues  
Update*

Kristi More of The Ferguson Group briefed the Board on legislative issues relevant to Inyo County.

*BOS –  
Lone Pine Fly-in  
Presentation*

Anna Montgomery of Friends of the Lone Pine Airport gave a report on the Fourth Annual Lone Pine Backcountry Fly-in.

*Public Works –  
Friends of the Lone  
Pine Airport MOA*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Inyo and the Friends of the Lone Pine Airport and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

*Recess/Reconvene*

Chairperson Roeser recessed open session at 12:01 p.m. to return to closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 1:11 p.m. with all Board members present.

*Report on Closed  
Session*

County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Board met under Item No. 6 and that no actions were taken during closed session required to be reported.

<p><i>Planning Department – BLM MOU</i></p>	<p>The Board received a presentation from Planning Director Cathreen Richards on a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau of Land Management to become a cooperator in the environmental phase of the proposed Mojave Precious Metals Exploratory Drilling project, if approved by BLM.</p> <p>Chairperson Roeser asked if there was anyone wishing to speak and public comment was given by: Jolie Varela, Michael Prather, David McMullen, Betsy McDonald, Richard Potashin, Derik Olson, Jaime Lopez Walters, Sydney Quinn, Dr. Tom Boo, Wendy Schneider, Penelope LePome, Lynn Boulton, Jared Naimark, and Carl van Warmerdam.</p> <p>Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Inyo County and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Regarding Exploratory Drilling at the "Mojave Property." Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p><i>CAO – ClearGov Subscription Agreement</i></p>	<p>Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the Service Order between the County of Inyo and ClearGov of Maynard, MA for the provision of access to a cloud-based budget and performance management software in an amount not to exceed \$65,625 for the period of December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024, and to approve the annual automatic renewals each year thereafter, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p><i>Recess/Reconvene</i></p>	<p>Chairperson Roeser recessed the regular Board meeting for a break at 2:31 p.m. and reconvened at 2:36 p.m. with all Board members present.</p>
<p><i>CAO – 2024 Board Meeting Calendar</i></p>	<p>CAO Greenberg provided a brief summary on the proposed 2024 Board Meeting Calendar and request to waive the first reading of an ordinance that would allow the Board to adopt annual calendars by resolution.</p> <p>Chairperson Roeser asked if there were any department heads that would like to comment, and input was received from Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd, Clerk-Recorder Danielle Sexton, District Attorney Tom Hardy, Planning Director Cathreen Richards, Treasurer Tax-Collector Alisha McMurtrie, and HHS Director Anna Scott.</p> <p>Chairperson Roeser asked if there was anyone from the public wishing to speak and public comment was received from Mary Roper, Will Waddleton, and Mary Canada.</p> <p>Board members ultimately decided that while they were interested in holding more evening meetings in different communities, additional time would be needed to explore whether changing the locations and frequency of future meetings would be feasible. In the meantime, staff was directed to put together a meeting calendar based on the ordinance currently in place.</p>
<p><i>Public Comment</i></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><i>Board Member &amp; Staff Reports</i></p>	<p>Supervisor Kingsley said he has upcoming community meetings in Tecopa and Olancho.</p> <p>Supervisor Marcellin said he recently attended meetings for the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District and the Northern Inyo Airport Advisory Committee as well as the 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting for the California State Association of Counties. Marcellin congratulated Supervisor Griffiths on being elected CSAC's First Vice President.</p> <p>Supervisor Orrill said she attended a Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting and the annual CSAC meeting.</p> <p>Supervisor Roeser announced an upcoming meeting for the Southern California Edison advisory committee.</p> <p>Supervisor Griffiths thanked Supervisors Orrill and Marcellin for their support at the CSAC meeting; the American Legion for their presence at local cemeteries for Veterans Day; and</p>

Darcia Blackdeer-Lent from Altrusa for work done to restock foster care supplies. Griffiths said he attended the Inyo/Los Angeles Standing Committee meeting.

CAO Greenberg said he attended the annual CSAC meeting, met with The Ferguson Group team to discuss the Strategic Plan, attended the Inyo/Los Angeles Standing Committee meeting, an area managers meeting and a meeting with HHS Director Anna Scott.

Supervisor Kingsley commented on the technical issues with the audio-visual equipment during the meeting and Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis provided the most current status report from the Information Services Department on plans to resolve the ongoing issues.

### *Adjournment*

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 5, 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*