

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

December 12, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:32 a.m., on December 5, 2023, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Jennifer Roeser, presiding, Matt Kingsley, Trina Orrill, Scott Marcellin, and Jeff Griffiths. Also present: County Administrator Nate Greenberg, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis.

<i>Closed Session</i>	The Chairperson asked for public comment related to closed session items and there was no one wishing to speak.
<i>Public Comment</i>	
<i>Closed Session</i>	Chairperson Roeser recessed open session at 8:34 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following item: No. 3 Public Employment – Pursuant to Government Code §54957 – Title: Assistant County Administrator. County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Board would not be meeting to discuss Item No. 2.
<i>Open Session</i>	Chairperson Roeser recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:05 a.m. with all Board members present.
<i>Pledge of Allegiance</i>	Supervisor Roeser led the Pledge of Allegiance.
<i>Report on Closed Session</i>	County Counsel Vallejo reported that no action was taken during closed session required to be reported.
<i>Introductions</i>	The following new employees were introduced to the Board: Rehabilitation Specialist Ryan Navales, Probation; and Shelter Attendant Harlee Bardonnex, Sheriff's Office.
<i>Public Comment</i>	Chairperson Roeser asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was received from Lauralyn Hundley and California Highway Patrol Officer Torey Michner, who introduced recently hired Captain Chris Hamilton to the Board.
<i>County Department Reports</i>	<p>HHS Director Anna Scott informed the Board of upcoming renovations to Bishop Senior Center and Public Works Director Mike Errante answered specific questions about the work being done.</p> <p>Emergency Services Manager Mikaela Torres reported on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) recent emergency declaration of Tropical Storm Hilary and said she has been working with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. Torres also read a statement from Wildfire Preparedness Coordinator Kristen Pfeiler on the recently held Firewise Workshop.</p>
<i>Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes</i>	Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of November 28, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Clerk of the Board – Child Care Planning Council Appointment</i>	Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the appointment of Ms. Katelyne Lent to serve out an unfinished three-year "Discretionary Category" term on the Child Care Planning Council, ending November 4, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO-Broadband</i>	Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the agreement

<i>Coordinator – Onward Contract for LATA Grant Phase 1-B</i>	between the County of Inyo and Inyo Networks, Inc., doing business as Onward, of Rancho Cucamonga, CA, for the provision of detailed network engineering design services as part of the Local Area Technical Assistance (LATA) Grant in an amount not to exceed \$220,000 for the period of December 12, 2023 through January 25, 2024, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO-Personnel – LEAA MOU</i>	Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to ratify and approve the July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Inyo and the Law Enforcement Administrators Association (LEAA). Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-Behavioral Health – DHCS Payment</i>	Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve payment to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) in the amount of \$54,836.00. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-Behavioral Health – Anthem Blue Cross MOU</i>	Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the MOU between the County of Inyo and Anthem of Woodland Hills, CA for the provision of Continuum of Care (CoC) support in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for the period of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the HHS Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS – CCEP Program Funding Agreement</i>	<p>Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and Horne LLP (Horne) of Ridgeland, MS for an amount not to exceed \$203,113.00 for the period of December 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024, for the Community Care Expansion Preservation Program, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets; and B) Authorize the HHS Director, to sign the agreement, certification regarding lobbying and the CDSS Confidentiality and Information Security requirement, and authorize Chief Information Officer to sign the CDSS Confidentiality and Information Security requirement. <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<i>Water Department – Tri-Valley Groundwater Model Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to authorize a contract between Mono County and Inyo County in an amount not to exceed \$19,708.54 for the period July 1, 2023, to July 1, 2027, for the development of a Tri-Valley groundwater model, and authorize the Chairperson to sign the contract, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO-Risk Management – ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan Update/Reso. No. 2023-40</i>	Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Resolution No. 2023-40, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Approving an Updated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for Inyo County," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Clerk of the Board – Cancellation of Upcoming Board Meetings</i>	<p>The Chairperson pulled the agenda item from the Consent Calendar to the Regular Agenda for further discussion and requested future discussion on calendar scheduling.</p> <p>Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the cancellation of the January 2, February 27, and March 26, 2024, Board of Supervisors meetings. Motion carried 4-1, with Supervisor Marcellin voting no.</p>
<i>Board of Supervisors – Rural Partnership and Prosperity Act Letter in Support</i>	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a letter in support of S. 3099: The Rural Partnership and Prosperity Act of 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Film Commissioner Oral Report</i>	Inyo County Film Commissioner Jesse Steele provided the Board with an oral report on recent Film Commission activities.

CAO-Emergency Services – Quarterly Unified Command Meeting Update

Emergency Services Manager Mikaela Torres updated the Board on the quarterly Unified Command meeting which was held on December 7 and noted some of the partners in attendance: the Inyo County Sheriff's, Road, Health & Human Services, Information Services, and Emergency Services departments as well as Bishop Police Department, California Highway Patrol, various local volunteer fire departments, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Tribal representatives, the United States Geological Survey, U.S. Forest Service, National Weather Service, Eastern Sierra Transit, and American Red Cross.

CAO-Personnel – Contract Amendments & Management/Non-Represented Employee Reso. No. 2023-41

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to:

- A) Approve the following:
 - 1. Amendment No. 2 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Allison Krohn for the provision of personal services effective December 21, 2023, and authorize the Chairperson to sign;
 - 2. Amendment No. 2 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Christie Martindale for the provision of personal services effective December 21, 2023, and authorize the Chairperson to sign;
 - 3. Amendment No. 2 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Carolynn Phillips for the provision of personal services effective December 21, 2023, and authorize the Chairperson to sign; and
 - B) Approve Resolution No. 2023-41 titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Setting Certain Salary and/or Terms and Conditions of Employment for Management and Non-represented Employees Employed in the Several Offices or Institutions of the County of Inyo, Which Shall Supersede any Prior Resolution Pertaining to that Subject to the Extent They are Inconsistent," and authorize the Chairperson to sign.
- Motion carried unanimously.

Board Member & Staff Reports

Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis informed the Board that she would not be at the next Board meeting as she will be traveling to New York and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

CAO Greenberg said he attended the Unified Command meeting last week and announced that there will be a volunteer workshop at the Board meeting next week as well as the upcoming launch of a Strategic Planning data collection tool on the County website.

County Counsel Vallejo said he attended a County Counsel Conference last week in Monterey.

Supervisor Griffiths said he attended the Community Wildfire Preparedness meeting as well as meetings of the Arts Council Board, Sierra Nevada Conservancy, and Bishop City Council and participated in various holiday activities.

Supervisor Orrill said she attended the Community Wildfire Preparedness meeting and several meetings with staff and partner agencies. Orrill said that as she is rounding out her first year and her first term, she is excited to move forward and continue learning and growing.

Supervisor Marcellin said he attended a webinar for the Rural County Representatives of California and constituent meetings. Marcellin said that he has learned a lot and has enjoyed his first year serving as a Supervisor.

Supervisor Kingsley explained that he missed last week's meeting due to a dental emergency but was able to attend a Rural County Representatives of California meeting and then fly out to Chicago to visit family.

Recess/Reconvene

Chairperson Roeser recessed the regular Board meeting for a break at 11:20 a.m. and reconvened at 1:03 p.m. with all Board members present.

Public Works –

Deputy Public Works Director John Pinkney introduced the agenda item and summarized the

*Adventure Trails Pilot
Project Update and
Public Hearing*

responsibility of the County regarding the submittal of an evaluation report to Legislature for the Adventure Trails Pilot Project.

County Counsel Vallejo explained options for the submittal of added public comment then clarified the purpose of the hearing is to discuss the content of the report, not an action item regarding the County's formal position on the future of the pilot program.

Chairperson Roeser opened the public hearing at 1:08 p.m. to take public comment.

Public comment was received from Bill Mitchel, Ceal Klingler, Randy Short, Stacey Brown, Glenn Clark, Denise Waterbury, Susan Greenleaf, Steve White, Randy Gillespie, Margy Marshall, Marty Hornick, Doug Brown, Lynn Boulton, Scott Stoner, and Ileene Anderson.

The Chairperson closed the public hearing at 1:55 p.m.

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the submittal of an evaluation report summarizing the Adventure Trails pilot project pursuant to SB 402 with the addition of today's public comment to the Legislature, with no direction given to staff regarding a future agenda item. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

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

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 19, 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