

# MINUTES



## County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

**April 9, 2024**

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 April 9, 2024, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Matt Kingsley, presiding, Scott Marcellin, Jennifer Roeser and Trina Orrill. Also present: County Administrator Nate Greenberg, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis. Attending remotely pursuant to California Government Code 54953(b)(1): Jeff Griffiths.

*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 Kingsley 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 **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, Deputy Personnel Director Keri Oney, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, Assistant County Counsel Christy Milovich, and Assistant Director of Budgets and General Services Denelle Carrington.; and No. 3 **Public Employment – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: Public Defender.

*Open Session*

Chairperson Kingsley recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:12 a.m. with all Board members present.

*Report on Closed Session*

County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Board met under Item Nos. 2 and 3 and that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported. Vallejo said the Board would reconvene later in the meeting for continued discussions.

*Pledge of Allegiance*

County Counsel John Vallejo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Public Comment*

The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was received from Will Wadelton.

*County Department Reports*

Emergency Services Manager Mikaela Torres said an Emergency Services newsletter will be mailed out next week and anew social media campaign for Inyo County Emergency Management is being launched on both Instagram and Facebook and announced that the department has a new logo. Torres also said she recently completed CPR instructor training and will be working to provide CPR training to County employees; discussed upcoming collaborative Earth Day events with Bishop, Big Pine, and Lone Pine tribes; and provided updates on the recent Cartago fire.

Health and Human Services Director Anna Scott shared information about upcoming events in recognition of Child Abuse Awareness Month and noted that HHS will be partnering up with the City of Bishop and Bishop Police Department for a volunteer recruitment fair. Scott said HHS will host a flag raising ceremony and presentation at the Clint Quilter Consolidated Office Building on April 26 in observance of Children's Memorial Day.

*Clerk of the Board –  
Approval of Minutes*

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 19, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

<i>County Counsel – Supervisor Roeser Remote Attendance</i>	Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to determine that just cause exists pursuant to Government Code 54953(j)(2)(D) and authorize Supervisor Roeser to remotely attend the April 26, 2024, special Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO – Design Path Studio Contract Amendment 2</i>	Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Amendment No. 2 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Design Path Studio of Encinitas, CA, extending the term end date from March 30, 2024, through June 30, 2024, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO-Motor Pool – Surplus Vehicle Auction</i>	Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) Declare the vehicles and equipment identified in Exhibit A as surplus;</li> <li>B) Authorize Motor Pool to offer the vehicles and equipment for sale utilizing the Public Surplus auction site; and</li> <li>C) Authorize Motor Pool to utilize either the previously approved consignment auction agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management or another auctioneer for the removal and sale of any vehicles remaining unsold after the Public Surplus process.</li> </ul> Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS – Optimas Services Inc. Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to ratify and approve the proposed contract between Inyo County Health and Human Services (HHS) and Optimas Services Inc. for the provision of Enhanced Care Management readiness consultation services for the period of April 1, 2024, through April 1, 2025, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the HHS Director to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-Social Services – Cal-OAR System Improvement Plan</i>	Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the Cal-OAR System Improvement Plan. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Planning Department- Yucca Mountain Oversight – Hydrodynamics Group, LLC Contract Amendment No. 8</i>	Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Amendment No. 8 to the contract between the County of Inyo and the Hydrodynamics Group (Hydrodynamics) to amend Section 2 – Term of the agreement to be July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2025, and amend the term to be July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2025 on Attachments A-E as applicable, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Planning Department – Daniel B. Stephens &amp; Assoc. Inc. Contract Amendment No. 8</i>	Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to request Board approve Amendment No. 8 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Daniel B. Stephens and Associates, Inc. for the provision of hydrological services to amend all sections relating to the Term of the agreement to be April 25, 2017 to April 25, 2025, contingent upon the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent on all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Planning Department – Lone Pine Architectural Design Review Board Appointments</i>	Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to re-appointment Kathi Hall, Sheyanne Quilter and Matthew Royce to the Lone Pine Architectural Design Review Board. These appointments include one member to serve as the “Qualified licensed architect” (Mathew Royce); one to serve as the “Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce” member (Kathi Hall); and, one to serve as the “public” member (Sheyanne Quilter) pursuant to Section 18.69.020(B) (1), (4) & (5) of the Inyo County Code. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – LSC Transportation Planning Consultants, Inc. Amendment No. 2</i>	The agenda item was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda for further discussion and Public Works Director Mike Errante answered Board member questions.  Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) Ratify and approve Amendment No. 6 between the County of Inyo and LSC Transportation Planning Consultants, Inc. of Tahoe City, CA for the provision of transportation planning services by \$9,900 to an amount not to exceed \$261,132, and extending the term end date from June 30, 2024 to October 19, 2024, contingent</li> </ul>

- upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget;
- B) Update Consultant's billing rates as of March 19, 2024; and
- C) Authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained.

Motion carried unanimously.

*Treasurer-Tax  
Collector –  
Withdrawal from CCA/  
Reso. No. 2024-09*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Resolution No. 2024-09 directing the County of Inyo's withdrawal from the California Cannabis Authority (CCA) and rescission of Resolution 2018-46 and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*Environmental Health –  
MEHKO Grant  
Application  
Authorization/Reso.  
No. 2024-10*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Resolution No. 2024-10, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California Authorizing the Submittal of the Environmental Health Department Micro Enterprise Home Kitchen Operation (MEHKO) Grant Application," and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

*Public Works –  
Assistant Public Works  
Director Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to:

- A) Approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Fred Aubrey for the provision of personal services as the Assistant Public Works Director at Range 92, Step D, \$10,511 per month effective April 11, 2024, and authorize the Chairperson to sign;
- B) Approve the Job Description for the Assistant Public Works Director; and
- C) Direct staff to update the publicly available pay schedule accordingly.

Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-Emergency  
Services –  
Quarterly Unified  
Command Meeting  
Update*

Emergency Services Manager Mikaela Torres and Assistant Sheriff Tim Bachman provided the Board with an update from the quarterly Unified Command meeting that was held on March 7, 2024 and said the next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2024.

Public comment was received from Lynn Greer.

*CAO-Emergency  
Services –  
Mobile Radio Systems  
Update*

Assistant Sheriff Tim Bachman and Chief Information Officer Noam Shandar provided updates on improvements being made to the County land mobile radio system and answered Board member questions.

*Clerk of the Board –  
2024 Board of  
Supervisors Calendar  
Revisions*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve revisions to the Board of Supervisors Calendar for the remainder of 2024, with the added change in the June 25 meeting location from Independence to Bishop. Motion carried 4-1 with Supervisor Marcellin voting no.

*Recess/Reconvene*

The Chairperson recessed the meeting for a break at 12:11 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:26 p.m. with all Board members present.

*Public Comment*

The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items on the agenda and public comment was received from Sharon White.

*Treasurer-Tax  
Collector –  
Public Agencies Post-  
Employment Benefits  
Trust /Reso. No. 2024-  
11*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to:

- A) Approve Resolution No. 2024-11 establishing a Public Agencies Post-Employment Benefits Trust that includes the Other Post-employee Benefits Trust and the Pension Rate Stabilization Trust, which is administered by PARS;
- B) Designate the County Administrative Officer, his designee and/or successor, as the County Plan Administrator and to take actions necessary in that role to administer the PARS agreement; and
- C) Authorize the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller to initiate those financial transactions to make deposits with PARS (trust administrator).

Motion carried unanimously.

*County Counsel/CAO – Gerard Harvey Public Defender Contract* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and Gerard Harvey for the provision of public defender services in an amount not to exceed \$615,000 for the period of April 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

*Board Member & Staff Reports* CAO Greenberg said he attended the HHS “All Staff” day and a kick-off meeting for the California State Association of Counties Grants Initiative and informed the Board that the recruitment flier for Assistant CAO is about to be distributed.

Supervisor Kingsley requested County Counsel provide an update on the Indian Wells Valley at a future meeting, then went on to say that he attended meetings with various agencies to discuss Whitney Portal Road repairs and the Cartago fire, as well as the annual “Blue and Gold” Future Farmers of America dinner and the Cattlemen’s Association dinner.

Supervisor Orrill said she attended a Financial Advisory Committee meeting, a Multiple Listing Service meeting with local real estate agents, and the Cattlemen’s dinner.

Supervisor Marcellin said he attended a joint meeting with the City of Bishop and Bishop Tribe for the Active Transportation Program Grant, a Financial Advisory Committee meeting, and the Cattlemen’s dinner.

Supervisor Griffiths said he attended meetings for the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Committee and the Local Agency Formation Commission.

*Closed Session* Chairperson Kingsley recessed open session at 12:45 p.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to continue discussion and possible action as appropriate on previously noted closed session items.

*Open Session* Chairperson Kingsley recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 2:12 p.m. with all Board members present.

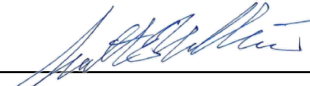
*Report on Closed Session* County Counsel Vallejo reported that no action was taken that is required to be reported.

*Planning Department – Continuance of Appeal Nos. 2023-02 & 2023-03/Barker Solar* Chairperson Kingsley opened the public hearing at 2:13 p.m. and with no one wishing to speak to the Board, the chairperson closed the hearing at 2:19 p.m.

At the request of parties to the appeal and due to objections made by the appellant regarding the noticing of the agenda item, Appeal Nos. 2023-02/Barker Solar and 2023-03/Barker Solar were continued to May 3, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

*Public Comment* Chairperson Kingsley asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was received from Sharon White.

*Adjournment* The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m. to 11 a.m. Friday, April 26, 2024, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

  
 Vice Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

Attest: NATE GREENBERG  
 Clerk of the Board

by:   
 Darcy Ellis, Assistant