

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

May 7, 2024

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 May 7, 2024, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Vice Chairperson Scott Marcellin, presiding, Jeff Griffiths, Jennifer Roeser and Trina Orrill. Also present: County Administrator Nate Greenberg, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis. Absent: Matt Kingsley.

*Closed Session
Public Comment*

The Vice Chairperson asked for public comment related to closed session items and there was no one wishing to speak.

Closed Session

Vice Chairperson Marcellin recessed open session at 8:34 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present except Chairperson Kingsley to discuss the following item(s): **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.

Open Session

Vice Chairperson Marcellin recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:08 a.m. with all Board members present except Chairperson Kingsley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Roeser 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.

*Employee Service
Recognition*

The Board recognized the following employees who reached service milestones during the First Quarter of 2024, many of whom were in attendance to receive their commemorative pins:

- Valerie Behrendt, 25 years; Darcia Blackdeer-Lent, 10 years; Ralph Cataldo, 10 years; Jolie Bostick, 5 years; Maria Miranda, 5 years; Jenny Trimble, 5 years – Health & Human Services
- Carl Olsen, 5 years – Agricultural Department
- Nate Girardin, 15 years; David Dart, 5 years – Sheriff's Department
- Grace Weitz, 5 years – County Counsel
- Nancy Masters, 40 years; Joe Frankel, 15 years; Mikaela Torres, 5 years; Aaron Holmberg, 5 years; Amy Weurdig, 5 years

Public Comment

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

*Whitney Portal Road
Update*

Public Works Director Mike Errante reported that the Federal Highway Administration Central Federal Lands (CFL) Highway Division put the Whitney Portal Road repair project out to bid on May 2, and anticipates a contract award date of May 30, 2024, a "Notice to Proceed" with the repair work by June 10, 2024, and hopefully a fully paved road before winter arrives. He added that 30 additional road signs will be installed along the detour routes this week.

CAO Greenberg provided additional information to the Board on collaborative efforts between the County and U.S. Forest Service to create effective public messaging through press releases and updates posted to agency websites.

County Department Reports

Health and Human Services Director Anna Scott shared information on upcoming May events in observance of Mental Health Awareness Month and Emergency Medical Services Week and provided the Board with an event handout and green ribbons.

Item Pulled

Vice Chairperson Marcellin announced the following item was being pulled from the agenda at the request of the department head for possible consideration at a future date:

14) Change in Authorized Strength - District Attorney

District Attorney | Keri Oney, Tom Hardy

Recommended Action:

- A) Change the Authorized Strength in the District Attorney's Office by deleting one (1) full-time Victim Witness Assistant at Range 54 (\$3,669 - \$4,464) and adding one (1) B-Par Victim Witness Assistant at Range 54PT (\$21.17-\$25.75/hr.);
- B) Approve the hiring of the top applicant from the full-time Victim Witness Assistant recruitment, into the B-Par Victim Witness Assistant position, contingent on future grant funding; and
- C) Direct staff to update the publicly available pay schedule accordingly.

Board of Supervisors – Initiative No. 1935 Opposition Letter/ Reso. No. 2024-12

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve letter and Resolution No. 2024-12 opposing Initiative #1935. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

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 meetings of April 2, 2024, and April 9, 2024. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

Clerk of the Board – Mt. Whitney Cemetery District Reappointment

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to reappoint Mr. Bill Fletcher and Mr. Chris Langley each to two four-year terms on the Mt. Whitney Cemetery District Board of Trustees ending May 31, 2028. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

Clerk of the Board – Independence Cemetery District Reappointment

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to reappoint Ms. Marilyn Bracken to a four-year term on the Independence Cemetery District Board of Trustees ending March 1, 2028. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

CAO-Emergency Services – MiniCRDs Purchase

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to: A) Declare AT&T the successful bidder for two (2) portable emergency satellite-connected LTE cell with Wi-Fi devices; and B) Authorize and approve the purchase of two portable emergency satellite-connected LTE cell with Wi-Fi devices, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$75,452. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

HHS-Behavioral Health – Change in Authorized Strength

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to change the Authorized Strength in the Health and Human Services Behavioral Health Division by reclassifying one (1) APAR Addictions Counselor I-III at Range 59-66 (\$23.81-\$34.10/hr.) as a BPAR Addictions Counselor I-III at Range 59-66 (\$23.81-\$34.10/hr.), and direct staff to update the publicly available pay schedule accordingly. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

HHS-Behavioral Health – Quality Improvement Plan Participation Agreement

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Amendment No. 2 to the agreement between the County of Inyo and California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA), of Sacramento, CA, which specifies that only services rendered and paid from the Flexible Spending Account (FSA) are subject to a 15% administrative fee, and authorize the HHS Director to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

Amendment No 2.

*HHS-Behavioral Health –
DHCS. Mental Health
County Performance
Contract Amendment
No. A1*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Amendment No. A1 to the Mental Health County Performance Contract (CPC) between the County of Inyo and the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) of California, extending the term end date from June 30, 2024, to June 30, 2025, and authorize the HHS Director to sign via DocuSign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

*Probation –
Mutual Aid M.O.A.*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the updated Memorandum of Agreement to provide and to receive mutual aid from the participating counties in case of an emergency or disaster. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

*Public Works –
Northern Inyo Airport
Advisory Committee
Appointments*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to request Board reappoint Mr. Geoff Pope and Mr. Wayne Sayer each to a four-year term on the Northern Inyo Airport Advisory Committee, ending October 31, 2027. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

*Public Works –
L3Harris Surveillance
Equipment Lease
Amendment No. 1*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Amendment No. 1 to the lease agreement between the County of Inyo and L3Harris Technologies of Herndon, VA, modifying the term end date from March 14, 2025 to continue year-to-year as long as the Lessee is under contract with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to operate the Automated Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS-B) facility, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

*Public Works –
2024 Maintained
Mileage Certification/
Reso. No. 2024-13*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to:

- A) Approve Resolution No. 2024-13, titled, "Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Annual Certification of the 2024 Maintained Mileage Log," and authorize the Chairperson to sign; and
- B) Authorize the Department of Public Works to file the resolution with the District 9 Office of the State of California Department of Transportation.

Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

*Public Works –
Whitney Portal Culvert
Repair Project Change
Order No. 2 & N.O.C./
Reso. No. 2024-14*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to:

- A) Approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$52,405.75 for additional work performed by Clair Construction, Inc.; and
- B) Approve Resolution No. 2024-14, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California Authorizing the Recording of a Notice of Completion for the Whitney Portal Culvert Repair Project," and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

*Public Works –
Regional Surface
Transportation
Program Exchange
Funds Agreement/
Reso. No. 2024-15*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to:

- A) Approve the 2023/2024 Federal Apportionment Program Federal Exchange and State Match Program, Agreement No. X23-5948(109), with the California Department of Transportation in the amount of \$673,353 plus a State match of \$100,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$773,353 and authorize the Chairperson to sign; and
- B) Approve Resolution No. 2024-15, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Approving Agreement X-24 5948(109), Federal Apportionment Exchange Program and State Match Program with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)," and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

*Public Works –
Crafco Inc. Contract &
Purchase Authorization*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to:

- A) Declare Crafco, Inc of Chandler, AZ the successful bidder for one (1) truck load of Mastic Material and up to six (6) months' rental of an appropriate Kettle per Bid RD24-01; and
- B) Authorize and approve the contract for the purchase of one (1) truckload of mastic

material and the rental of an appropriate Kettle for six months, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$77,321.40.

Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

*Public Works –
Cerro Gordo Road
Closure*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve road closures on Cerro Gordo Road between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on May 25, 2024, for the purpose of the foot race by Silver Pineapple LLC. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

*Sheriff –
2024 Rural and Small
Department Violent
Crime Reduction
Program Application*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to authorize the submittal of the Department of Justice FY 2024 Rural and Small Department Violent Crime Reduction Program application. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

*Sheriff –
Patrick Leahy
Bulletproof Vest
Program Application*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to authorize the submittal of the U.S. Department of Justice Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Program application for 2024. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

*Treasurer-Tax
Collector –
Step E Hiring Approval*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to authorize the hiring of one (1) Office Technician III, Range 63 (\$4,525 - \$5,507), at Step E (\$5,507). Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

*Board of Supervisors –
Letters to State Fish &
Game Commission and
Legislators*

Supervisors discussed context and content of the proposed letters regarding mountain lion predation and agreed to move forward with sending the correspondence.

Public comment was received from Brian Tillemans.

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve two letters from the Inyo County Board of Supervisors regarding concerns about mountain lion predation on mule deer and endangered Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep populations: one to the California Fish and Game Commission and the other to Inyo County's State legislators. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

*Corr.-Action –
Inyo Council for the
Arts Partnership
Declaration/
Reso. No. 2024-17*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Resolution No. 2024-17, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California Designating Inyo Council for the Arts as the County's Partner to the California Arts Council," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

*Public Works –
Bishop Airport Badge
Rates and Proposed
Reso. No. 2024-16*

Deputy Public Works Director for Airports Ashley Helms provided information on the identification badging process at the Bishop Airport, explained general requirements of the badging program per Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Transportation Security Administration (TSA) regulations, and shared cost analysis information gathered.

Vice Chairperson opened the public hearing at 11:09 a.m. and with no one wishing to speak, closed the public hearing at 11:10 a.m.

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve Resolution No. 2024-16, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Setting Rates for Airport Badges at the Bishop Airport," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

*Clerk-Recorder –
County Clerk, Recorder
and Registrar of Voters
Fees and Proposed
Ordinance*

Clerk-Recorder Danielle Sexton explained the request to repeal Inyo County Code Chapter 2.14.030, which refers to after-hour fees for the issuance of licenses. Sexton said research by her office shows no record of the service ever having been rendered and as it is an unnecessary service, can be removed from the code.

Sexton also provided information to the Board on a cost analysis performed by her department which determined needed adjustments to the department's fee schedule due to

system and procedural changes.

Vice Chairperson Marcellin opened a public hearing at 11:19 a.m. and asked if there was anyone from the public or Board members wishing to provide comment. The Board thanked staff for their diligence in keeping County records and processes current. The Vice Chairperson closed the public hearing at 11:22 a.m.

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to waive the first reading and adopt Ordinance 1305, titled "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Establishing, Increasing and Decreasing Fees for the Offices of the Clerk, Recorder and Registrar of Voters and Repealing Inyo County Code Chapter 2.14.030;" Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

Public Comment

Vice Chairperson Marcellin asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and there was no one wishing to speak.

Board Member & Staff Reports

CAO Greenberg said he has been working on completing the first draft of the Strategic Plan and the 3rd Quarter Budget Review and attended the After-Action Review for the Cartago fire, and an Eastern Sierra government leaders meeting. Greenberg said he has an upcoming meeting with the Bishop Chamber of Commerce and thanked first-responders for their help on the recent Bishop-area Pleasant Fire.

Supervisor Roeser said she attended a Jobs First meeting in Truckee with CAO Greenberg and thanked him for his work on the initiative. Roeser said she attended meetings with the Buttermilk working-group and the OHV working-group, a regional oversight meeting for Child Support Services, and an Emergency Medical Care Committee meeting.

Adjournment

The Vice Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 14, 2024, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.



Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

Attest: *NATE GREENBERG*
Clerk of the Board

by: 

Darcy Ellis, Assistant