

# MINUTES



## County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

### July 23, 2024

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in special session at the hour of 3:30 p.m., on July 23, 2024, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Matt Kingsley, presiding, Scott Marcellin, 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.

#### *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 3:30 p.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following item(s): No. 2 **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9** – Names of cases: *County of Inyo et al. v. Amerisourcebergen Drug Corporation et al* (National Prescription Opiate Litigation – Northern District of Ohio, MDL 2804); and *In Re Purdue Pharma, L.P., et al.*, Case No. 19-23649 (RDD) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.); and No. 3 **Conference with County's Labor Negotiators – Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6** – Regarding employee organizations: Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA); 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*

Chairperson Kingsley recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 5:00 p.m. with all Board members present.

#### *Pledge of Allegiance*

County Counsel Vallejo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### *Report on Closed Session*

County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Board met under Item Nos. 2 and 3, noted the Board decision to add two new defendants to the existing litigation for Item No. 2 and said there was nothing required by law to be reported for Item No. 3.

#### *Public Comment*

The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was received from Mary Roper (who provided the Board with a letter), Lauralyn Hundley, Joe Cantrell, and Robin Flinchum.

#### *County Department Reports*

Public Works Director Mike Errante provided information and pictures on a recent mud slide on Whitney Portal Road and thanked Road crews and California Highway Patrol for providing prompt assistance.

Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson said this week is Probation Services Week throughout the State and shared information about the various planned activities occurring locally to recognize staff.

Board members thanked Chief Thomson for great leadership and Probation Officers for their hard work.

Treasurer-Tax Collector Alisha McMurtrie said that unsecured tax bills will be mailed out tomorrow and offered contact information for both the Treasurer Tax Collector and

<i>HHS-Behavioral Health – Heritage Park Nursing Center Contract</i>	Assessor's Offices. Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and GHC of Upland SNF, LLC dba Heritage Park Nursing Center of Upland, CA for the provision of psychiatric and other professional medical services in an amount not to exceed \$131,400 for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign the contract and the Business Associate Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-Behavioral Health – Crestwood Behavioral Health Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc. of Sacramento, CA for the provision of residential treatment services in an amount not to exceed \$285,430 for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget and authorize the Chairperson to sign the contract and Business Associate Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-Behavioral Health – Anne Sippi Clinic Contract FY 2024-2025</i>	Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Anne Sippi Clinic (ASC) Treatment Group of Bakersfield, CA for the provision of residential treatment services in an amount not to exceed \$94,900 for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget and authorize the Chairperson to sign the contract and Business Associate Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-Behavioral Health – TeleConnect Therapies Contract FY 2024-2025</i>	Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and TeleConnect Therapies of Avalon, CA for the provision of mental health teletherapy services in an amount not to exceed \$118,080 for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-Behavioral Health – Medi-Cal Privacy and Security Agreement</i>	Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) Approve the Medi-Cal Privacy and Security Agreement between the County of Inyo and the Department of Health Care Services to ensure the security and privacy of Medi-Cal Personally Identifiable Information contained in multiple databases used to determine client eligibility, for the term of August 1, 2024, through September 1, 2028; and</li> <li>B) Authorize the Health and Human Services Director to sign the agreement.</li> </ul> Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – Eastern Sierra Engineering Invoices</i>	Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to authorize staff to pay the outstanding invoices from Eastern Sierra Engineering dated May 2, 2024, in the amount of \$6,370.32, June 6, 2024, in the amount of \$3,582.68, and June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$4,203.06. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works-Parks &amp; Recreation – Friends of the Inyo Special Event Permit Fee Waiver</i>	Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to authorize the requested waiver of a special event permit fee for Friends of the Inyo to perform a volunteer trash cleanup day from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on July 24, 2024, at Diaz Lake. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – Whitney Portal Road Repair Project Reimbursement Agreement</i>	Public Works Director Mike Errante provided updates and answered Board member questions.  Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd and CAO Greenberg provided additional background information on funding sources which have been utilized for various road repair projects throughout the County.  Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) Amend the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget, Road Budget 034600 as follows: increase appropriation in Construction in Progress Object Code 5700 by \$3,200,000; and</li> <li>B) Approve Reimbursable Agreement No. 6982AF-24-K-500026 between Inyo County and the Central Federal Lands (CFL) division of the Federal Highways</li> </ul>

Administration (FHWA), requiring Inyo County to provide additional funding beyond that which was previously agreed to and dispersed by the FHWA, and authorize the Auditor-Controller to sign and return to the FHWA for full execution.

Motion carried unanimously.

**CAO –  
Strategic Plan Adoption**

CAO Greenberg provided a presentation which summarized the final draft of the Strategic Plan and answered Board member questions.

Public comment was received from Mary Roper.

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the final draft of the 2024 Inyo County Strategic Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

**CAO –  
Grants in Support and  
Community Project  
Sponsorship Grant  
Programs**

The Board received an overview and brief history of the Grants in Support and Community Project Sponsorship Program from Assistant Clerk of the Board/Public Relations Liaison Darcy Ellis.

Board members asked questions and provided the following recommendations and requests:

- A) Staff will develop administrative policy review recommendations for grant programs; consider incorporating measurable outcomes and time limits for event funding in grant programs; and explore ways to track in-kind County support for events alongside grant funding;
- B) Auditor-Controller will work with CAO to determine appropriate grant receipt and compliance processes in order to ensure transparency of grant monies spent; and
- C) Assistant Clerk of the Board/Public Relations Liaison will make updates to the grant scoring criteria.

Public comment was received from Joe Luttrell, Nick Lara, Robin Flinchum, Tawni Thomson, and Angelica Mora.

**Public Comment**

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**Board Member & Staff  
Reports**

CAO Greenberg said he and Assistant Director of Budget and General Services Denelle Carrington have attended several budget preparation meetings with Departments.

Supervisor Orrill said she attended the National Association of Counties Conference.

Supervisor Kingsley said he attended a public meeting for the recent Quality Fire in Lone Pine.

**Adjournment**

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 6, 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