

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

August 20, 2024

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:35 a.m., on August 20, 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 8:36 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** - Significant exposure to potential litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) Government Code §54956.9: one potential case; No. 3 **Conference with Real Property Negotiators – Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Government Code §54956.8** – Property Description: County lands and rights-of-way containing Digital 395 node sites, community service cabinet sites, anchor sites, and underground fiber optic transmission lines as shown on the maps attached to this agenda item. Agency Negotiators: Scott Armstrong, Nate Greenberg, John-Carl Vallejo. Negotiating parties: Inyo County and California Broadband Cooperative, Inc. Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment; No. 4 **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, Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd, and Assistant Director of Budgets and General Services Denelle Carrington; and No. 5 **Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: County Administrator.

Open Session

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Assistant Clerk of the Board Public Relations Liaison Darcy Ellis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report on Closed Session

County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Board met under Item Nos. 2 through 4 and said that no action was taken that is required to be reported but the Board would continue closed session discussions later in the meeting.

Public Comment

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

County Department Reports

County Counsel Vallejo explained that the Board was originally scheduled to consider purchase of the Bishop, Independence, and Lone Pine landfills at today's meeting, however the agenda item was postponed and will be brought forward at a later date after additional public noticing.

Assessor Dave Stottlemire provided updates and backup documents on the close of the

2024 tax roll and answered Board member questions.

Emergency Services Manager Mikaela Torres and Health & Human Services Director Anna Scott provided updates on the “Willow Street Fire” which occurred in Bishop on August 11. Torres said there was a Community Debrief Session held on August 15 and Scott explained how coordinated efforts with multiple agencies had allowed staff to respond quickly to provide an emergency shelter at the Bishop Senior Center.

Supervisor Griffiths praised HHS for providing oxygen and in-home support services to those in need as a result of the fire.

*Clerk of the Board –
Approval of Minutes*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of August 6, 2024, and special meeting of August 7, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-ESAAA –
Service Plan Approval*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to:

- A) Approve the 2024-2028 Area Plan for Services for Planning and Services Area 16 (Inyo and Mono Counties);
- B) Set the minimum percentages for the subcategory of Supportive Services as recommended by the Advisory Council (50% for access, 10% for legal services, and 5% for in-home services);
- C) Authorize the Chairperson to sign the required Transmittal Letter; and
- D) Authorize Area Agency Director to sign the required Transmittal Letter.

Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-Emergency
Services –
Tropical Storm Hilary
Emergency Terminated*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve staff's recommendation to terminate the local emergency proclaimed in response to flash flooding due to Tropical Storm Hilary in August 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

*Assistant Clerk of the
Board –
Laws Railroad Museum
Letter of Support*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to authorize the Chairperson to sign a letter supporting Laws Railroad Museum's application for a National Medal for Museum and Library Service. Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works –
Federal Aviation
Administration Grant*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to authorize the Public Works Director to sign the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant for the Bishop Airport for the purchase of a runway snowplow. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-Behavioral
Health –
Kings View Contract
Ratification*

The agenda item was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda for further discussion.

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and Kings View Professional Services of Fresno, CA for the provision of Electronic Health Record Information System and All Pay Sources Billing Services in an amount not to exceed \$1,195,744 for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign the contract and the Business Associate Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-Behavioral
Health –
Vista Pacifica
Enterprises Inc.
Contract Ratification*

The agenda item was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda for further discussion.

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Vista Pacifica Enterprises Inc. of Jurupa Valley, CA for the provision of inpatient psychiatric and other professional medical services in an amount not to exceed \$281,780 for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, contingent upon the Board's approval of Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign the contract and Business Associate Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-EMCC –
Committee
Appointments*

The agenda item was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda at the request of HHS Director Anna Scott, who noted that an incorrect name had been provided on the agenda and provided the correct name of the appointed individual.

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to appoint Olancha-Cartago Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jeff Mills to an unexpired term on the Emergency Medical Care Committee ending December 31, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-Information
Services –
Mobile Relay Services
Contract Ratification*

The agenda item was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda for further discussion.

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to ratify the existing Mobile Relay Associates contract to recognize its full 5-year term (from March 2021 to March 2026). Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-Emergency
Services –
FEMA-funded
Unmanned Aircraft
System Policy*

The agenda item was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda at the request of Emergency Services Manager Mikaela Torres so she could announce and explain a change on page 1 of the policy to specify in the Scope that the policy applies to all “FEMA-funded” personnel.

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the proposed Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-Funded Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Policy and Protocol for Inyo County, which is required as part of the FEMA grant funding process, including the Homeland Security Grant Program, for acquiring UAS equipment intended for emergency management purposes. Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works –
Proposed Ordinance &
Repealing Ordinance
No. 1166*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to waive further reading of the proposed ordinance titled, “An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Establishing the Formula for Pricing Fuel Sold at Inyo County Airports, Establishing Landing Fees, and Repealing Ordinance No. 1166 (2011).” and schedule enactment for September 3, 2024, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Administrative Center, Independence. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-Personnel –
Assistant County
Administrator Personal
Services Contract*

Assistant Personnel Director Keri Oney provided information on the salary and benefits for the Assistant CAO position, and noted that after a lengthy nationwide search, Denelle Carrington emerged as the chosen candidate.

CAO Greenberg and Board members expressed excitement at Carrington moving into the vacant position as the most qualified candidate.

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to: A) approve the at-will contract between the County of Inyo and Denelle Carrington for the provision of personal services as Assistant County Administrator at Range 160, Step C, \$13,248 per month effective August 29, 2024, and authorize the Chairperson to sign; and B) Direct staff to update the publicly available pay schedule accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

*Planning Department –
Proposed County-
Mobile Food Facilities
Ordinance*

Planning Director Cathreen Richards provided the Board with a presentation on Mobile Food Facilities, with information on a draft ordinance that would address potential nuisances and eliminate the need for the previously required Conditional Use Permit (CUP).

Chairperson Kingsley opened the public hearing at 11:38 a.m.

Richards, County Counsel Vallejo, and Environmental Health Director Oser answered Board questions regarding enforcement for non-compliance, zoning, penalties, and the removal of food waste as it pertains to County Code.

Public comment was received from Lauralyn Hundley.

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to:

- A) Certify that the action is exempt from CEQA; and
- B) Waive further reading of and enact proposed ordinance titled, "An Ordinance of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors adding Chapter 18.61 Mobile Food Facilities and Subsections 18.44.020 X, 18.48.020 Q, and 18.54.020 K to the Inyo County Code pertaining to Zoning Requirements for Mobile Food Facilities".

Motion carried unanimously.

*County Counsel –
County Property Mobile
Vending Permitting
Ordinance*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to:

- A) Find the proposed project is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act based on the Common Sense Rule; and
- B) Waive further reading of "An Ordinance of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors Amending Sections 7.48.010 and 7.52.040, Repealing Section 12.16.090 and Adding Chapter 12.22 of and to the Inyo County Code Pertaining to Mobile Vending and Permitting for Mobile Vending on County Property" and schedule enactment for September 3, 2024, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Administrative Center, Independence.

Motion carried unanimously.

Recess/Reconvene

The Chairperson recessed the regular Board meeting to return to closed session at 12:03 p.m. and reconvened the meeting in open session at 1:24 p.m. with all Board members present.

*Report on Closed
Session*

County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Board met under Item Nos. 2 through 5 and said that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported. Vallejo said the Board would meet again later in the meeting to further discuss those items.

Recess/Reconvene

Chairperson Kingsley recessed the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors and reconvened as the Inyo County Board of Equalization at 1:24 p.m. (Separate minutes.)

The Chairperson adjourned the Inyo County Board of Equalization meeting and reconvened the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors at 1:36 p.m. with all Board members present.

*Caltrans Presentation
& Letter of Support*

The Board received a presentation from Caltrans District 9 Senior Biologist Katie Rodriguez on the Mammoth Lakes U.S. 395 Wildlife Crossing Project.

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a letter of support for the grant application for Mammoth Lakes U.S. 395 Wildlife Crossing Project. Motion carried unanimously.

*Correspondence-
Action –
Millpond Closure*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to close Millpond Recreation Area to the public from Thursday, September 19 at 2 p.m. through Monday, September 23 at noon, to accommodate the presentation of the 32nd Annual Millpond Music Festival. Motion carried unanimously.

Recess/Reconvene

The Chairperson recessed the regular Board meeting to return to closed session at 1:59 p.m. and reconvened the meeting in open session at 2:53 p.m. with all Board members present.

*Report on Closed
Session*

No action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 3, 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