

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

December 10, 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 December 10, 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 8:34 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following item(s): No. 2 **Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: Chief of Probation 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, Assistant County Counsel Grace Weitz, Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd, and Assistant CAO Denelle Carrington.

Open Session

Chairperson Kingsley recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:11 a.m. with all Board members present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Marcellin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report on Closed Session

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

Introductions

The following new employees were introduced to Board:

- A) **Child Support Services:** Julissa Rock, Child Support Officer
- B) **Health and Human Services:** Liliana Fregoso, HHS Specialist; and Toni Huff, Social Worker Supervisor
- C) **Probation:** Marco Solorio-Millan, Rehabilitation Specialist

Public Comment

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

County Department Reports

Public Works Director Mike Errante said that he attended a California Transportation Commission meeting last week, then provided a brief update on the status of the Mt. Whitney Portal Road repair project, which he said is on schedule for a December completion and early January re-opening of the road.

Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of December 2, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO –
Eastern Sierra
Community Foundation
Funding Application &
Letter of Support*

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve a letter of support for the Eastern Sierra Community Foundation funding application through Sierra Jobs First. Motion carried unanimously.

*County Counsel –
Modification to CA
Building Code/
Ord. 1314*

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Ordinance 1314 titled, "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Modifying Section 14.08.090 of the Inyo County Code Related to the Enforcement of the California Building Code." Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works-
Recycling & Waste
Management –
Tire Amnesty Fee
Waivers*

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to:

- A) Waive all gate and disposal fees associated with the Tire Amnesty Events; and
- B) Authorize payment from Recycling Waste Management to American Refuse, the County's tire hauler, for pickup for these events only, in addition to its existing contract for tire hauling for waste management.

Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works-
Recycling & Waste
Management –
Waste Hauler
Maximum Rate
Adjustments*

The agenda item was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda for further discussion and Supervisor Roeser requested revisiting the franchise agreement at a future date.

- A) Approve the Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment of 3.8% to the portion of the Service Fee Maximum rates not associated with the tipping fees, effective January 1, 2025, in accordance with Franchise Agreements between the County of Inyo and contract waste haulers; and
- B) Adopt the new schedule of Maximum Charges for Waste Hauling Services for Areas A & B in Inyo County as presented in Exhibit A.

Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works –
Jail Admin. Remodel
N.O.C. & Reso. No.
2024-42*

The agenda item was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda for further discussion. Public Works Director Errante provided a slideshow presentation showcasing before and after photos of the project. Supervisor Orrill thanked staff for their hard work.

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve Resolution No. 2024-42, 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 Jail Administration Remodel Project," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO –
City Park Field #6
Improvements/City of
Bishop MOU*

CAO Greenberg introduced Bishop City Manager Deston Dishion who provided information on the Bishop City Park Field #6 improvement project and answered Board member questions.

Public comment was received from John-Carl Vallejo.

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to:

- A) Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the City of Bishop and the County of Inyo Concerning the Field 6 Enhancement Project and authorize the Chairperson to sign; and
- B) Approve the payment of \$250,000 upon receipt of the invoice from the City of Bishop.

Motion carried

*CAO-Budget –
TOT District 5
Improvement Fund
Budget Amendment*

CAO Greenberg provided information on the Transient Occupancy Tax and the history of the District Improvement Fund and explained proposed changes to the policy, which would allow for the continuity of earmarked revenues for districts but would align better with the current budget process. Greenberg said the changes to the policy will allow for one-time allocations with the expanded ability to assist not only County-led initiatives but also outside agency

contributions.

Chairperson Kingsley explained that Death Valley generates the bulk of the TOT tax revenue for Inyo County and suggested a \$100,000 contribution to the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District from the District 5 fund with the remainder contributed to a community center in Death Valley. Kingsley acknowledged that the Board will not decide on where the money goes today and thanked fellow Board members for consideration of his proposed ideas.

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to:

- A) Amend the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 TOT DIST 5 IMPRV FUND Budget (510407) as follows:
Increase estimated revenue in Operating Transfer In (4998) by \$167,749 and increase appropriation in Other Agency Contribution (5539) by \$167,749 (*4/5ths vote required*); and
- B) Revise the TOT District Improvement Fund Budget Policy that was established in December 2022 per the recommendations included in the attached "Revision 1" version.

Motion carried unanimously.

**CAO –
Film Fee Ordinance**

Deputy CAO Meaghan McCamman provided a presentation with background information on existing commercial filming fees and a proposed updated fee schedule, noting that a new film production guide and countywide permit will be on the agenda for review next week.

Chairperson Kingsley opened the public hearing at 11:35 a.m. and with no one wishing to provide public comment, closed the hearing at 11:35 a.m.

Assistant Clerk of the Board/Public Relations Liaison Darcy Ellis assisted McCamman with answering Board questions and credited Administration Operations Analyst Rebecca Graves for her contributions to the project.

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to:

- A) Waive further reading of proposed Ordinance 1315 titled, "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Adding Chapter 5.41 to the Inyo County Code Regulating Commercial Filming Upon All County Owner Property, Requiring Permits Therefore, and Setting Associated Fees and Repealing Ordinance No. 1088 (2004)" and schedule adoption for December 17, 2024 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Administrative Center, Independence; and
- B) Approve Resolution No. 2024-43 titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Setting Rates for Permits for Commercial Photography and Filming on Inyo County Property," and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

Motion carried unanimously.

**County Counsel –
Assessment Appeals
Board Adoption &
Appointments/
Reso. No. 2024-44**

Chairperson Kingsley opened the public hearing at 11:45 a.m., public comment was received from Lauralyn Hundley, and the hearing was closed at 11:47a.m.

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to:

- A) Make the following appointments to the AAB:
 - 1. Jennifer Castaneda to a 3-year term beginning September 2, 2024;
 - 2. Paul Bruce to a 3-year term beginning September 2, 2024;
 - 3. Randall W Van Tassell to a 2-year term beginning September 2, 2024;
 - 4. Stan Smith to a 1-year term beginning September 2, 2024;
 - 5. Terry Walker to a 2-year term beginning September 2, 2024.
- B) Direct Clerk to notify newly selected members of the training requirements set forth in Revenue and Taxation Code section 1624.01; and
- C) Approve Resolution No. 2024-44 titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Rescinding and Replacing Resolution No. 2022-23, Approving Assessment Appeals Board Local Rules, and Establishing Stipends for the Local AAB Members," and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Board Member & Staff Reports Supervisor Roeser said she attended a retirement party for three Public Works Department employees and thanked staff.

Supervisor Marcellin said he also attended the retirement celebration hosted at the Road Department.

Supervisor Griffiths said he will attend a Sierra Nevada Conservancy meeting this Thursday and announced three events in his district happening today, including a retirement party for Bishop City Councilmember Jim Ellis, a dedication ceremony for the McCoy Memorial Highway, and a grand opening for the Small Business Resource Center.

Recess/Reconvene The Chairperson recessed the meeting to return to closed session at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened the meeting in regular session at 2:48 p.m. with all Board members present.


Report on Closed Session No action was taken that is required to be reported.

Adjournment The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2:48 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 11, 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