

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

February 11, 2025

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:31 a.m., on February 11, 2025, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Scott Marcellin, presiding, Will Wadelton, 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 Israel.

*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 Marcellin recessed open session at 8:32 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); 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, Assistant Personnel Director Keri Oney, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, Assistant County Counsel Christy Milovich, Assistant County Counsel Grace Weitz, and Assistant CAO Denelle Carrington; No. 3 **Conference with Real Property Negotiators – Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Government Code §54956.8 – Property: Tecopa Hot Springs Park and Campground. Agency Negotiators: Nate Greenberg, John-Carl Vallejo, Meaghan McCamman, Denelle Carrington. Negotiating parties: Inyo County and Tecopa Hot Springs Conservancy. Under negotiation: price and terms of payment; and No. 4 **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) – Name of case: Sierra Club and OVC v. LADWP et. al. Case No.: S1CVCV01-29768.******

Open Session

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

Report on Closed Session

County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Board met under Item Nos. 2-4 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Marcellin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and comments were received from Lauralyn Hundley and Mark Drew.

County Department Reports

Senior Planner Danielle Visuano provided information on upcoming public outreach workshops to discuss residential infill in the Inyo County for the communities of Big Pine, Independence, and Lone Pine.

Public Works Director Mike Errante said staff have been working on the Big Pine Channel in anticipation of heavy precipitation and announced that Gordon Moose has been promoted to Road Superintendent.

*Clerk of the Board –
Approval of Minutes*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of January 21, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

<i>Clerk of the Board – Letter of Support</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a letter of support for Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center's California State Parks OHV Grant application. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO-Risk Management – Updated Employee Safety Plans</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to adopt updates to the Injury and Illness Prevention Program, the COVID-19 Prevention Plan, the Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan, and the Aerosol Transmissible Disease Exposure Control Plan. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS – ICEMA MOU</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Inyo and Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA) for the use of County office space one day each week and authorize the Health & Human Services Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO – Aspendell Quitclaim Deed and Sale Agreement</i>	<p>Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Approve the Quitclaim Deed and Sale Agreement conveying a 3,049 square foot parcel (APN 014-294-10) to the Aspendell Mutual Water Company for the purchase price of \$1.00; and authorize the Chairperson to sign contingent upon the CEQA review period expiring; and B) Find the sale to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 "minor alteration or expansion of existing facilities," and direct staff to file the corresponding notice. <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<i>HHS-Health & Prevention – Anthem & HealthNet Grant Funding</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to ratify and approve funding from the County's Managed Care partners, Anthem and HealthNet, to support Community Planning for Health Assessment/Community Health Improvement Plan efforts for the Public Health and Prevention Division of Health and Human Services in an amount not to exceed \$27,000 for the period beginning January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 and authorize the Deputy Director of Public Health and Prevention to sign the Grant Agreement and Letter of Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works-Airports – United Airlines License Agreement Amendment 1</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to ratify and approve Amendment No. 1 to the license agreement between the County of Inyo and United Airlines, Inc., with its principal place of business in Chicago, IL, extending the term end date from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2027, and setting the License Fee for years four through six, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works-Parks & Recreation – Portuguese Joe Campground Reservation</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve request from Allan Johnson to reserve all campsites at Portuguese Campground, from Thursday, October 9, 2025 through Sunday, October 12, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works-Parks & Recreation – Tinnemaha Campground Reservation</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve a request from the Moontribe Collective to reserve all campsites at Tinnemaha Creek Campground, from June 8 through June 12, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works-Parks & Recreation – Moontribe Collective Cash Donation</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill pursuant to Inyo County Code Section 6.26.020, to accept a donation of \$7,000 cash from Moontribe Collective to help fund the costs of replacing a pedestrian bridge on behalf of the County. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – See Vee Lane Road Closure</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the temporary closure of See Vee Lane just north of State Route 168 West to allow Four Point Engineering to install a new sewer main across See Vee Lane on February 14, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

<i>Sheriff – Office of Traffic Safety Grant</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to authorize the submittal of the Office of Traffic Safety FY 2025-2026 grant program application. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Sheriff – Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Application and Resolution # 2025-05</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Resolution No. 2025-05, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Authorizing the Submittal of the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Application," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO-Personnel – District Attorney Change in Authorized Strength</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to change the Authorized Strength in the District Attorney's Office by adding one (1) Deputy District Attorney I-IV at Grade 17 - 22 (\$7,661.89 - \$12,705.23) and deleting one (1) Senior Deputy District Attorney at Grade 22 (\$9,778.73 - \$12,705.23). Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO-Information Services – eSentire Inc. Agreement</i>	<p>Chief Information Officer Noam Shendar and Assistant Chief Information Officer Abhilash Itharaju provided a presentation on the County's current cybersecurity posture and roadmap and explained the recent Request for Proposal process for a Managed Security Services provider.</p> <p>CAO Greenberg noted for the record that the incorrect budget unit is listed on the staff report; it should be the Computer Upgrade budget 011808.</p> <p>Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Declare eSentire, Inc., of Canada, the winning bidder of an Inyo County Cybersecurity Request for Proposals, a provider of Managed Security Services for the County of Inyo; B) Approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and eSentire, Inc., for the provision of Managed Security Services in an amount not to exceed \$90,314.50 per year for a period of three years (i.e., not to exceed \$270,943.50 over the course of three years), with recurring expenses to begin no earlier than February 11, 2025, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets; and C) Authorize the Chief Information Officer to sign the agreement and order form. <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<i>CAO – PMO Overview, Project Portfolio Review, 2025 Priority Setting, and Legislative Platform Update</i>	<p>CAO Greenberg briefly explained the responsibilities of the Project Management Office and the work done to implement new business processes, refine and prioritize the County's project portfolio, assist multiple departments in moving numerous important initiatives forward, and support legislative needs at the State and Federal Level.</p> <p>Deputy CAO Meaghan McCamman and Administrative Operations Analyst Rebecca Graves provided a presentation on the core competencies of the team, described the business and technical systems that are currently used to organize, prioritize, and manage the hundreds of projects which have been identified in the work portfolio, shared updates on current and upcoming projects, and answered Board member questions.</p> <p>Senior Associate Jeremiah VanAuken with The Ferguson Group provided an update on current legislative activities and changes and answered Board questions.</p> <p>Deputy CAO McCamman provided an overview of the Draft 2025 Inyo County Legislative Platform. Board members requested staff create a Table of Contents for a more searchable and user-friendly document and provide the Board with both current and redlined versions of the document for review; and in the meantime, Board members would send Ms. McCamman their preferred revisions and/or additions so that they can be incorporated prior to the platform coming back for approval on February 25.</p>
<i>Public Works-Airports –</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to ratify and approve Amendment No. 4 to the agreement between the County of Inyo and Lochner of Chicago, IL,

<i>Lochner Agreement Amendment No. 4</i>	increasing the contract to an amount not to exceed \$459,512, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Recess/Reconvene</i>	The Chairperson recessed the meeting to return to closed session at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:03 p.m. with all Board members present.
<i>Report on Closed Session</i>	No action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.
<i>HHS-Health & Prevention – EMCC Workshop</i>	<p>Health & Human Services Director Anna Scott introduced the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) Chairperson Pete Schleiker, and members Mike Patterson and Lisa Davis, who provided a presentation on short- and long-term needs for improving local EMS services, especially those provided by volunteer fire departments.</p> <p>Board discussion ensued with Scott answering questions about the roles and functions of the EMCC along with Assistant Clerk of the Board/Public Relations Liaison Darcy Ellis, who cited the purpose of the EMCC from the Board Committee Book. County Counsel Vallejo noted that the resolution which established the EMCC was created in 1976 and said staff would investigate the original language for further clarification.</p> <p>CAO Greenberg recommended organized workshops and staff collaboration with the EMCC to promote more robust conversation and to come up with a strategic plan.</p> <p>Board members directed staff to collaborate with volunteer fire department chiefs to update mutual aid agreements; continue the use of County resources to improve countywide emergency communications systems and bring back a strategic plan to present to Board at a future date once information has been gathered from workshops with the EMCC.</p> <p>Public comment was received from Bob Olin and an unnamed Olancho-Cartago resident.</p>
<i>Public Comment</i>	Chairperson Marcellin asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and there was no one wishing to speak.
<i>Board Member & Staff Reports</i>	<p>Supervisor Roeser said she attended meetings of the Northern Inyo Airport Advisory Committee (NIAAC) and the Great Basin Air Pollution Control District (GBUAPCD) and announced the upcoming release of the CalFire “Local Fire Hazard Severity Map.” Roeser said that the Local Transportation Commission is sponsoring an outreach meeting tonight to discuss the development of an EV charging station and Public Works Director Errante provided additional information on how and where to attend the meeting.</p> <p>Supervisor Wadelton reported that Alabama Hills recently became a “Fire-wise Community” and Wadelton said he attended an Inyo Associates meeting and went on tours of Ash Meadows and the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District facility and said he will attend a Senior Transportation meeting tomorrow morning in Lone Pine at Statham Hall.</p> <p>Supervisor Marcellin said he attended meetings of the NIAAC and GBUAPCD.</p> <p>Supervisor Griffiths said he attended meetings of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority and Bishop City Council, participated in the “Point in Time Count,” and said he and Supervisor Orrill will be attending a California State Association of Counties Board meeting in Sacramento. Griffiths let Board members attending the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference know about a California Caucus Briefing that will be held on February 14.</p> <p>CAO Greenberg said he attended meetings with the “Friends of the Lone Pine Airport” and Eastern Sierra Council of Governments and said he will attend an off-site strategic planning meeting tomorrow at the new Business Resource Center.</p>
<i>Adjournment</i>	The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 25, 2025, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: NATE GREENBERG
Clerk of the Board*

by: _____
Darcy Israel, Assistant