

# MINUTES



## County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

**April 8, 2025**

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 April 8, 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 8:33 a.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 Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)** – Name of case: *Jerrie Phillips v. County of Inyo et. al.* (Case No. 24UC71635); 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, Assistant Administrative Officer Denelle Carrington, Assistant Personnel Director Keri Oney, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant County Counsel Christy Milovich.

*Open Session*

Chairperson Marcellin recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:04 a.m. with all Board members present.

*Report on Closed Session*

County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Board met under item 2 and unanimously approved that County Counsel defend against the lawsuit filed by Ms. Phillips. Vallejo said the Board also met under item 3 and no action was taken that is required to be reported.

*Pledge of Allegiance*

Supervisor Roeser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Public Comment*

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

*County Department Reports*

Public Works Director Mike Errante provided an update and photos of the Whitney Portal Road culvert repair project, which he said should be complete by April 30.

*Clerk of the Board –  
Approval of Minutes*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of March 25, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

*County Counsel –  
Lone Pine School  
District Authorization to  
Sell General Obligation  
Bonds*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Resolution No. 2025-09, titled, "Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Authorizing the Board of Trustees of the Lone Pine Unified School District to Issue and Sell General Obligation Bonds of the District on its Own Behalf Pursuant to State Law," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

<i>County Counsel – Owens Valley School District Authorization to Sell General Obligation Bonds</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Resolution No. 2025-10, titled, "Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Authorizing the Board of Trustees of the Owens Valley Unified School District to Issue and Sell General Obligation Bonds of the District on its Own Behalf Pursuant to State Law," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-First 5 – Child Abuse Prevention Council Appointments</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to appoint Stephanie Tanksley and Griselda Ortiz to unexpired 2-year terms on the Inyo County Child Abuse Prevention Council ending December 31, 2026. Motion carried unanimously with the year corrected to 2026 from 2027, as requested by the Assistant Clerk of the Board.
<i>HHS-First 5 – 2024-2027 Innovative Partnerships MOU Letter of Participation</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Sacramento for the provision of Innovative Partnerships Program Northeast Region Child Abuse Prevention Council Partnership July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027, and authorize the Health and Human Services Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-Behavioral Health – Crestwood Behavioral Health Agreement Amendment 1</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Amendment 1 to the sole-source contract between the County of Inyo and Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc. of Sacramento, CA, increasing the contract to an amount not to exceed \$350,000, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-Social Services – Community Service Solutions Agreement Amendment 1</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Amendment 1 to the sole-source contract between the County of Inyo and Community Services Solutions for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Registry, Employer of Record, and Labor Union Negotiations Services, increasing the contract to an amount not to exceed \$314,746; and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Environmental Health – AB 993 Letter of Support</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to authorize the Chairperson to sign a letter of support for AB 993, increasing funding for hazardous materials and waste programs in rural counties. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO – NACo Environment, Energy, and Land Use Steering Committee Draft Policy Resolution</i>	<p>The Board discussed a draft policy resolution that Supervisor Orrill will be introducing to the National Association of Counties (NACo) Environment, Energy, and Land Use Steering Committee for consideration for inclusion in the <i>American County Platform</i> during the national conference later this year. Orrill explained that the resolution calls for a pilot program that would provide federal funding to help with infrastructure and technical training for fire suppression. She thanked Deputy CAO Meaghan McCamman and Jeremiah Van Auken of The Ferguson Group for their assistance and guidance. Supervisor Griffiths called the resolution fantastic and thanked Supervisor Orrill for bringing the matter in front of the whole Board when she was in no way obligated to.</p> <p>Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the draft policy resolution. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<i>Auditor-Controller – CAL-Card Policy</i>	Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd presented the proposed CAL-Card policy, highlighting the history of the program and key aspects of the policy. Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve the Inyo County CAL-Card Policy. Motion carried unanimously.
<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 &amp; Staff Reports</i>	CAO Greenberg said he has been helping with the effort to transition the County's wildfire prevention coordinator over to the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments. He added that the initial grant awards are starting to come in from the Sierra Jobs First initiative. He spoke about the recent "Silver Fire" near Laws and thanked firefighters and emergency personnel, Supervisor Orrill, Assistant CAO Denelle Carrington, Emergency Services Manager Mikaela Torres, and the Inyo County Sheriff's Office for collaborative efforts to protect the community.

Greenberg announced that Torres will be leaving her job with the County and thanked her for her hard work as the Emergency Services Manager. Greenberg also said he attended a kick-off meeting for a new AI policy development working group.

Assistant Clerk of the Board/Public Relations Liaison Israel announced the upcoming launch of a new public-facing portal called "NextRequest," for public records requests, and said that employee training will be forthcoming with the hope of going live sometime next month.

Supervisor Griffiths said one of the highlights of last week was hanging out with a Palisades High School student who shadowed him on his job as Inyo County Supervisor. Griffiths said he attended meetings for the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council and various California State Association of Counties advocacy meetings in Sacramento, Lodi, and Middletown, as well as a CSAC Executive Board meeting. He also reported testifying about the Carrier of Last Resort matter and potential changes to the Brown Act. Griffiths said he has an upcoming meeting for the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority and reminded attendees about the Rotary Club's Earth Day celebration at Bishop City Park this Saturday.

Supervisor Orrill said she attended an Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging Committee meeting and thanked firefighters and mutual aid agencies for their response to the Silver Fire, as well as the offices of the White House Intergovernmental Agency, Congressman Kiley, and Senator Schiff, who reached out to see if resources were needed.

Supervisor Wadelton said he attended the tour of Lone Pine Community Service Wastewater Plant and said he will be traveling to Sandy Valley and other desert communities tomorrow.

Supervisor Marcellin said he attended a twelve-week course with the National Association of Counties Leadership Academy and an RNA-DNA meeting and will be working with HHS on an upcoming audit.

#### *Adjournment*

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 15, 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*