

# MINUTES



## County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

**June 10, 2025**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:32 a.m., on June 10, 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, Assistant County Counsel Christy Milovich, 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 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; and No. 3 **Conference with Real Property Negotiators – Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Government Code §54956.8** – Property: 605 S. Main St., Lone Pine. Agency Negotiators: Nate Greenberg, Meaghan McCamman, John-Carl Vallejo, Christy Milovich. Negotiating parties: Inyo County and Jeffrey Potter. Under negotiation: price and terms of payment.

***Open Session***

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

***Report on Closed Session***

Assistant County Counsel Milovich reported that the Board met under Item Nos. 2 and 3 and said that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.

***Pledge of Allegiance***

Chairperson Marcellin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Introductions***

The following new employees were introduced to Board:

**Public Works** - LTC Transportation Technician Amy Cutright, Heavy Equipment Operator Hans (Chris) Kliks, Solid Waste Maintenance Worker Thomas (Chase) Little, Custodian Anthony O'Banion, and Heavy Equipment Operator Robert Sunman. Heavy Equipment Mechanic Trainee Jose Garcia was unavailable.

***Public Comment***

Chairperson Marcellin asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was received from Lauralyn Hundley, Amy Phillips, and 4-H youth participants Riley and Hannah, who highlighted the upcoming Jr. Livestock Show Auction on June 28 at the Tri-County Fairgrounds.

***County Department Reports***

Assessor Dave Stottlemire announced that representatives from the Department of Housing and Community Development will be available at the Small Business Resource Center in Bishop on July 9 to assist constituents with mobile home registrations and titles.

Assistant CAO Meaghan McCamman provided information on the upcoming launch of a regional housing needs survey and encouraged constituents to participate.

HHS Director Anna Scott announced that June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month, with National Elder Abuse Awareness Day observed on June 15. She encouraged the community to wear purple to raise awareness and highlighted upcoming educational events, including Bingo at the Bishop Senior Center and Lone Pine Statham Hall, with Bishop Police Department Chief Nate Derr serving as caller in Bishop and Inyo Sheriff Stephanie Rennie calling the numbers in Lone Pine.

*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 May 27, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO –  
Staples Contract  
Amendment No. 1*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Staples Contract and Commercial, increasing the contract to an amount not to exceed \$110,000 and extending the term from June 30, 2025 to December 30, 2025, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-Advertising  
County Resources –  
FY 25-26 Film  
Commissioner Contract  
Extension*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to authorize staff to exercise the County's option to extend the current Film Commissioner agreement with Mr. Jesse Steele to June 30, 2026, per paragraph 2.a. of the agreement, pending Board approval of the 2025-2026 budget, and to send Mr. Steele notice of the extension. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-Emergency  
Services –  
CAL FIRE County  
Coordinator Grant  
Agreement*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the sub-award grant agreement with California Fire Safe Council for \$151,500 and authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-Behavioral  
Health –  
Crestwood Behavioral  
Health, Inc. Agreement*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to:

- A) Declare Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc. of Sacramento, CA, a sole-source provider of residential treatment services;
- B) Approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and Crestwood Behavioral Health for the provision of residential treatment services in an amount not to exceed \$450,000 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, contingent upon the Board's approval the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget; and
- C) Authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement and the Business Associate Agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

*Planning Department –  
LAFCo Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and the Inyo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) to provide staff services in the amount not to exceed \$16,486 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, authorize the Chairperson to sign, and direct the Planning Department and County Counsel to provide services as outlined in the contract contingent upon the Board's adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works-Airports –  
TSA Training Room  
Upgrade Project  
N.O.C./  
Reso #2025-20*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Resolution No. 2025-20, 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 TSA Training Room Upgrade Project," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*Item Pulled –  
Public Works –  
2025 Maintained  
Mileage Certification/  
Resolution #2025-21*

The following agenda item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for additional discussion. The Board directed staff to make necessary corrections to the certification, then bring it back for approval at the next Board meeting.

**16) 2025 Maintained Mileage Certification**  
Public Works | Michael Errante

**Recommended Action:**

- A) Approve Resolution No. 2025-21, titled, "Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Annual Certification of the 2025 Maintained Mileage Log," and authorize the Chairperson to sign;  
B) Authorize the Department of Public Works to file the resolution with the District 9 Office of the State of California Department of Transportation.

***Item Pulled –  
Treasurer-Tax  
Collector –  
Easy Smart Pay  
Agreement***

The following agenda item was pulled for discussion and Treasurer-Tax Collector Christie Martindale provided additional information on the new program that will enable taxpayers to make monthly payments on their tax bills and streamline the process for Treasury staff. Martindale responded to questions as Board members voiced their appreciation for the valuable new program.

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the contract between the Inyo County Treasurer-Tax Collector and Easy Smart Pay and authorize the Chairperson to execute the agreement contingent upon all other signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

***Environmental Health –  
MEHKO Workshop***

Environmental Health Director Jerry Oser conducted a workshop on the findings of the public outreach and informational campaign on Micro-Enterprise Home Kitchen Operations (MEHKO) and answered Board questions.

Public comment was received from Lauralyn Hundley (for), Dave Tanksley (against), Lauren Wolfer (for), and Jen Krafcheck and Steve Nixon with the Eastern Sierra Community Service District (against).

Building Technical Official Tyson Sparrow and Code Compliance Inspector Tehauna Tiffany shared insights and recommendations on potential departmental and compliance concerns.

Assistant County Counsel Milovich said the Board has the ability to tailor the ordinance language to Inyo County to ensure reasonable regulation of the MEHKO program, whether as a temporary pilot or a long-term initiative and clarified that any ordinance violations would be treated as nuisances and addressed by compliance staff.

Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd responded to Board inquiries about tax revenue but explained that decision-making on property value consideration would be handled by the Assessor's office. However, she noted that she does not expect a significant impact on property tax.

Board members expressed areas of concern (impacts on neighbors and sewer systems, allowing more commercial operations in residential areas, fire danger, and burden on staff) and with the majority interested in exploring a possible pilot program, directed staff to proceed with gathering additional information to bring back for discussion and review at a date in the near future.

***CAO-  
FY 25-26 Preliminary  
Budget Adoption***

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to adopt the modified Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Board Approved Budget as the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and approve the Fixed Assets as recommended by staff. Motion carried unanimously.

***Recess/Reconvene***

The Chairperson recessed the meeting for a break at 12:32 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:44 p.m. with all Board members present.

***Public Works –  
FY 24-29 Road  
Department Capital  
Improvement Plan***

Road Superintendent Gordon Moose provided a presentation on Inyo County Road Department's Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2024-2029 and along with the help of Public Works Director Mike Errante and Deputy Public Works Director Shannon Platt answered Board member questions about the scheduling and prioritization of projects.

Board members expressed appreciation for the time taken to provide such a thorough and comprehensive report.

**Public Comment**

Chairperson Marcellin 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 Wadelton reported on the recent youth flying event at the Lone Pine-Death Valley Airport and announced upcoming events and public meetings in his district.

Supervisor Orrill said she attended meetings of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership and the Laws Railroad Museum Board and announced an upcoming first responder appreciation day event at Laws on June 22.

Supervisor Griffiths said he attended an American Red Cross/Salvation Army training, a Local Agency Formation Commission meeting and the Eastern Sierra Pride event in Mammoth and said he will travel to Ventura tomorrow for a California State Association of Counties meeting.

CAO Greenberg said he attended meetings for the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments and the Eastern Sierra Wildfire Alliance Strategic Planning group and took calls with local EMS, the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency, and State representatives regarding follow-up of the draft Request for Proposals. Greenberg announced that the new Emergency Services Manager Lisa Cox will start July 17.

Supervisor Marcellin said he attended meetings of the Local Agency Formation Commission and the Farm to Table Co-Op with ES Farm.

Supervisor Roeser provided updates on the local working group for the resource conservation district and the Buttermilk Working Group.


**Adjournment**

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 24, 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