

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

August 5, 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 August 5, 2025, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Scott Marcellin, presiding, Will Wadelton, Jeff Griffiths, and Trina Orrill. Also present: County Administrator Nate Greenberg, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Israel. Absent: Jennifer Roeser.

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 except Supervisor Roeser 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; No. 3 **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9** – Names of cases: *County of Inyo et al. v. Amerisourcebergen Drug Corporation et al* (National Prescription Opiate Litigation – Northern District of Ohio, MDL 2804); and *In Re Purdue Pharma, L.P., et al.*, Case No. 19-23649 (RDD) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.); and No. 4 **Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: County Administrator.

Open Session

Chairperson Marcellin recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:15 a.m. with all Board members present except Supervisor Roeser, who was absent.

Report on Closed Session

County Counsel Vallejo 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

Supervisor Griffiths led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions

The following new employees were introduced to Board:

- **Ag Commissioner:** Ag/Weights & Measures Inspector Harminder Singh Sran
- **Environmental Health:** Environmental Health Specialist Trainee Riley Anderson
- **Health and Human Services:** Prevention Specialist Miranda Morrison
- **Sheriff's Office:** Animal Shelter Assistant David Williams, Correctional Officer Joseph Rael, Deputy Michael Compito, and Deputy Erica Vanderveer.

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 Trevor Warner.

County Department Reports

Public Works Director Mike Errante reported that the slurry seal project for Independence streets starts tomorrow and will continue for nine days, with work on Bishop streets following from August 19-26 and work at Diaz Lake happening August 27. He said staff and the contractors are attempting to provide residents' and stakeholders with as much notice as possible.

Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson said Probation is wrapping up another Youth Summer Escape Program this Friday with a barbecue at the juvenile hall in Independence. He explained that the program gives youth from throughout the county the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities and outings, such as cooking, gardening, arts and crafts, and visits to the Museum of Tolerance and L.A. Zoo.

HHS Director Anna Scott announced that August is Breastfeeding Awareness Month and in observance, Public Health and Prevention will have a "community baby shower" theme for this month's Life Night Event at the Consolidated Office Building.

***Clerk of the Board –
Approval of Minutes***

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of July 22, 2025. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Roeser absent.

***CAO-Emergency
Services –
Fire Hazard Severity
Zones Designation/
Ordinance 1322***

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve Ordinance 1322, titled, "An Ordinance of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors Designating Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ)." Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Roeser absent.

***Public Works –
Walker Creek Road
Bridge Project N.O.C.
& Reso. #2025-29***

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve Resolution No. 2025-29, 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 Walker Creek Road Bridge of the LADWP Aqueduct Project," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Roeser absent.

***CAO-Economic
Development –
Film Commissioner
Written Report***

Board members received a written report from Inyo County Film Commissioner Jesse Steele who also provided updates on filming activities.

***Health & Human
Services-
Health/Prevention –
MCAH Agreement***

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to ratify and approve the Maternal Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Agreement No. 202514 between the County of Inyo and California Department of Public Health in the amount of \$144,849.19 in State and Federal reimbursement for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, contingent upon the Board's adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget, and authorize the MCAH Director and Chairperson to sign the Agreement Funding Application (AFA) Policy Compliance and Certification. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Roeser absent.

***CAO-Emergency
Services –
2025 CALFIRE Wildlife
Prevention Grant***

Inyo County/ESCOG Wildfire Prevention Coordinator Kristen Pfeiler briefed the Board on the CALFIRE Wildfire Prevention grant program, requesting permission to submit applications. Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to:

- A) Authorize the submission of grant applications to the program; and
- B) Authorize the County Administrative Officer or designee to sign all necessary documents to submit the applications.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Roeser absent.

***CAO-Emergency
Services –
2025 Sierra Nevada
Conservancy Wildfire
and Forest Resilience
Grant***

Inyo County/ESCOG Wildfire Prevention Coordinator Kristen Pfeiler explained that she was no longer planning to submit a grant application to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's (SNC) Wildfire Recovery and Forest Resilience Grant Program for riparian fuels reduction work near Lone Pine. She said she would instead be working with the Whitebark Institute, which plans to apply for the grant.

***Correspondence-
Action –
Inyo Council for the
Arts***

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to grant the request to close Millpond Recreation Area to the public from 2 p.m. Thursday, September 18 through 12 p.m. Monday, September 22 to accommodate the 33rd Annual Millpond Music Festival. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Roeser absent.

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 said he attended the recent Southern Inyo Airport Advisory Committee meeting and announced upcoming events such as the Inyo-Mono Night Out, Laws Museum's August 9 celebration of National Hobo Day, and the August 16 annual fundraiser for the Friends of the Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery. He also announced that he just now received word from Independence Fire Chief Joe Cappello that the volunteer fire department had just been approved to provide Advance Life Saving EMS services starting this afternoon.

Supervisor Orrill reported that she hosted a community meeting on July 28 where representatives from Caltrans and Parks and Recreation Manager Daniel Briceno gave updates on their departments' respective projects. She also noted Laws will be holding a "hobo" celebration this weekend.

Supervisor Griffiths said he cooked at the United Methodist Church soup kitchen last Friday and reminded the public that anyone is welcome to come and enjoy a meal there. He reported conducting county visits in his capacity as the California State Association of Counties President, specifically Sierra and Trinity counties.

CAO Greenberg said the Budget Team has been working on the FY 25-26 Budget almost full-time, while he also continues onboarding new Emergency Services Manager Lisa Cox. He also gave a shout-out to Deputy CAO Meaghan McCamman and the rest of the team that organized a successful procurement workshop that drew an estimated 50 attendees.

Supervisor Marcellin thanked the Local Transportation Commission for finding money to rehabilitate the bike path on South Barlow Lane. He reported attending last night's Northern Inyo Airport Advisory Committee and splitting time between Supervisor Orrill's community meeting and the Bishop City Council meeting on July 28.

Assistant Clerk of the Board Israel reported that the Assessment Appeals Board created by the Board of Supervisors in December held its first business meeting last week and will be considering high-profile, high-value assessment appeals at two upcoming meetings on August 20 and September 11.

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 6, 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