

# MINUTES



## County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

### August 19, 2025

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:36 a.m., on August 19, 2025, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Scott Marcellin, presiding, Will Wadelton, Jennifer Roeser and Trina Orrill. Also present: County Administrator Nate Greenberg, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Israel. Attending remotely pursuant to California Government Code 54953(b)(1): Jeff Griffiths.

#### *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 8:37 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 **Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: Water Director.

#### *Open Session*

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

#### *Pledge of Allegiance*

County Counsel Vallejo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### *Report on Closed Session*

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

#### *Public Comment*

The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was received from Lauralyn Hundley, Mason Voehl, and Trevor Warner. Supervisor Roeser asked that today's meeting be adjourned in memory of Dale Renfro, a retired, longtime member of the County Road Department team who recently passed.

#### *County Department Reports*

Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters Danielle Sexton provided key updates on California's redistricting legislation, including Assembly Constitutional Amendment 8 (ACA 8), Assembly Bill 604 (AB 604), and Senate Bill 280 (SB 280), noting the statewide concerns from counties over costs and the need for the State to reimburse them. She explained that the State is preparing for a special statewide election on November 4, 2025, during which voters will decide whether to temporarily adopt a new congressional map.

#### *Ag. Commissioner – Ag. Advisory Committee Appointments*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to reappoint the following individuals to the Agriculture Advisory Committee to three-year terms ending August 22, 2028: Tawni Thomson, representing the Bishop Chamber of Commerce; and Jeri Roen, representing the Business Community At-Large. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of August 5, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

*Planning Department –  
Helix Environmental  
Planning, Inc. and  
Crystal Geyser Roxane  
Contracts*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to:

- A) Approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Helix Environmental Planning, Inc. for the provision of environmental review and processing services for an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Conditional Use Permits 2025-01 and 2025-05/CGR Grant Ranch in an amount not to exceed \$475,652.00 for the period of August 5, 2025 through November 30, 2026, and authorize the Chairperson to sign; and
- B) Approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Crystal Geyser Roxane with the terms and payment provisions specified in the contract for the County to provide environmental review and processing services in the amount of \$545,872.40 related to the EIR for CUPs 2025-01 and 2025-05/CGR Grant Ranch and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

Motion carried unanimously.

*Child Support –  
FY 24-25 CSS Review*

The Board received a presentation from Child Support Services Director Amy Weurdig and Administrative Analyst Courtney Bos regarding the Eastern Sierra Child Support Program, which serves both Inyo and Mono counties. Weurdig noted that August is Child Support Awareness Month and provided an overview of services provided in Fiscal Year 2024- 2025.

*CAO-Information  
Services –  
Emergency Purchase*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to:

- A) Declare Roundstone Solutions, Inc. of Orinda, CA, a sole-source provider of Nutanix nodes;
- B) Retroactively authorize a Purchase Order in an amount not to exceed \$102,782 plus freight (not to exceed \$1,000), payable to Roundstone Solutions, Inc. of Orinda, CA, for three (3) Nutanix NX-1175S-G9 (Single CPU nodes); and
- C) Retroactively authorize the County Administrative Officer's emergency purchase of Nutanix server for Independence data center.

Motion carried unanimously.

*Health & Human  
Services-Behavioral  
Health –  
FY 25-26 Mental  
Health Plan Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) of Sacramento, CA for the provision of Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) and Substance Use Disorder services for the period of July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026, and authorize the Health & Human Services Director, in her role as interim County Mental Health Director, to sign the Standard Agreements and Contractor Certification Clauses via DocuSign. Motion carried unanimously.

*Planning Department –  
Zone Reclassification  
Ord. #1321 & Reso.  
No. 2025-26*

The Board received a presentation from Planning Director Cathreen Richards on Zone Reclassification (ZR) 2024-03/Big Pine Petroleum and General Plan Amendment (GPA) 2024-03/Big Pine Petroleum ("Projects").

Chairperson Marcellin opened the public hearing at 11:11 a.m. and asked if there were any members of the public who wished to provide comment. Public comment was received from a business partner of the property owner, and the Chairperson closed the hearing at 11:14 a.m.

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to waive the second reading and approve:

- A) Ordinance 1321 titled, "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Approving Zone Reclassification No. 2024-03/Big Pine Petroleum and Amending the Zoning Map of the County of Inyo to Reflect This Reclassification;"
- B) Resolution 2025-26 titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Certifying that the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Have Been Met and Making Certain Findings with Respect to and Approving General Plan Amendment No. 2024-03/Big Pine Petroleum," changing the General Plan designation from Central Business District (CBD) to Residential Medium High (RMH) to best match the requested zoning and current land uses on the property; and
- C) Make all required findings pertaining to both projects as listed in the staff report; and Certify that both projects are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act

under the "General Rule" exemption (CEQA Guidelines Section 15061[b][3]) as there is no possibility of a significant effect on the environment.  
Motion carried unanimously.

***Public Works –  
Federal Aviation  
Administration Grants***

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign the forthcoming Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program grants for the Runway 12-30 Runway Safety Area Project, the Replace Navigational Aid Project, the Commercial Service Terminal Environmental Assessment, and the Airport Equipment Storage Building Design. Motion carried unanimously.

***Sheriff –  
Automated License  
Plate Reader System  
Implementation***

Lieutenant Shane Scott provided a review of the Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) policy.

Chairperson Marcellin asked if there was anyone from the public wishing to provide comment on the ALPR as required by California Civil Code 1798.90.55 and there was no one wishing to speak.

***CAO-Personnel –  
PPOA Side Letter***

Moved by Supervisor Wadelton and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the Side Letter between the Inyo County Probation Peace Officer Association and the County of Inyo, effective August 28, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

***Attendance Change***

Supervisor Griffiths excused himself at 11:34 a.m. to attend another meeting.

***Public Comment***

Chairperson Marcellin asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and comment was received from Julie Fritcher.

***Board Member & Staff  
Reports***

Supervisor Roeser said she participated in meetings of the Northern Inyo Airport Advisory Committee (NIAAC), the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), and the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC). She thanked Treasurer-Tax Collector Christie Martindale, Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd, Planning Director Cathreen Richards, and Clerk-Recorder Danielle Sexton for attending the Bishop Rural Fire Protection District Board meeting at her request. Additionally, she provided an update on the Wildlife Services Contract and announced this year's RCRC gift basket theme: Agriculture in Inyo County.

Supervisor Wadelton reported attending Inyo Mono Night Out in Mammoth, a celebration of life in Independence, and the Friends of the Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery Annual Fundraiser Dinner. He shared tragic news of a fire at his home Sunday night and expressed deep gratitude to the Olancho-Cartago and Lone Pine volunteer fire departments, the 911 dispatcher who took his call, CalFire, Inyo County Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, Southern Inyo Hospital Emergency Room staff, and the many friends and neighbors who offered a helping hand. Wadelton said he and his wife Amanda will be visiting Tecopa, Shoshone, and Charleston View this week for constituent meetings.

Supervisor Orrill said she attended the Laws Museum Board meeting, met with several County department heads, and attended the monthly California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Health and Human Services policy update meeting. She noted she will attend the Northern Inyo Hospital Board meeting tomorrow.

CAO Greenberg said he and the Budget Team continue to work on preparing the Budget Book for release by the end of the month and said he attended an Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) Agency Coordinators meeting and held internal meetings with staff.

Supervisor Marcellin said he attended the Probation Department's end-of-year youth program celebration and expressed appreciation for the department's dedication to local youth throughout the summer. He plans to attend the Local Transportation Commission (LTC) meeting tomorrow and reminded everyone about two upcoming farmers markets: the Bishop Tribe's Tuesday Night Market at the Cultural Center and the Eastern Sierra Farm Fresh Market at the Methodist Church on Thursday nights.

*Adjournment*

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 2, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.



Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: NATE GREENBERG  
Clerk of the Board*

by:



*Darcy Israel, Assistant*