

# MINUTES



## County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

### September 2, 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 September 2, 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 Office Technician Hayley Carter.

#### *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: Agricultural Commissioner.

#### *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*

Supervisor Griffiths led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### *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.

#### *Item Pulled – Caltrans Presentation*

Chairperson Marcellin announced that the Caltrans presentation item is being pulled from the agenda to be presented at the September 23 Board meeting instead.

#### *Public Comment*

The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was received from Lauralyn Hundley, along with SEIU Local 2015 Union supporters for In-Home Supportive Service (IHSS) providers: Gina Martinez, Paulina Tamayo, Oscar Maciel (handouts provided to Board), Olga Valle, Ua Lugo, and Lorenzo Carlos.

#### *Department Reports*

Chairperson Marcellin inquired whether any department heads wanted to deliver reports and there was no one wishing to speak.

#### *Auditor-Controller – 2025-2026 Gann Appropriation Limit/ Reso. #2025-30*

Moved by Supervisor Wadelton and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Resolution No. 2025-30, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, California Establishing Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Appropriation Limit under Article XIII of the California Constitution, and Establishing Period for Contesting Such Limits for the County and Board of Supervisors Governed Special Districts," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

<i>Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes</i>	Moved by Supervisor Wadelton and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of August 19, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS – CDPH WIC Division Agreement</i>	Moved by Supervisor Wadelton and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Contract No. 25-10176 between the County of Inyo and California Department of Public Health, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) division for the provision of program implementation of the WIC Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,438,206 for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2028, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the Health and Human Services Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works-Airports – FAA Improvement Grant/Qualcon Contractors, Inc. Contract</i>	<p>Moved by Supervisor Wadelton and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the following contingent upon approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget, and receipt of the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) Award the contract for the Runway 12-30 Safety Area Project to Qualcon Contractors, Inc. of Minden, NV, as the successful bidder;</li> <li>B) Approve the construction contract between the County of Inyo and Qualcon Contractors, Inc. of Minden, NV in the amount of \$1,315,558.00, and authorize the Chairperson to sign; and</li> <li>C) Authorize the Public Works Director to execute all other project contract documents, including contract change orders, to the extent permitted by Public Contract Code Section 20142 and other applicable laws.</li> </ul> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<i>Public Works – Temporary Road Closure</i>	Moved by Supervisor Wadelton and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the temporary closure of North See Vee Lane in Bishop, west of Diaz Lane and south of Barlow Lane extending to the gymnasium (as indicated on the attached map), from 7 a.m.-noon on September 26, 2025, to accommodate the Annual 2025 California Indian Days Parade. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Sheriff – FY 2025-2026 Equipment and Training Program Grant</i>	Moved by Supervisor Wadelton and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to authorize the submittal of the Bureau of Justice Assistance Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, contingent upon the Board's approval of the budget. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Sheriff – OTS Tentative Grant Award Acceptance</i>	Moved by Supervisor Wadelton and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to formally accept the tentative grant award in the amount of \$67,000 from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for the proposed "Traffic Records Improvement Project" (Application #26-006740), contingent upon final approval by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), full execution of a grant agreement with OTS, and upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Auditor-Controller – 2025-2026 Property Tax Rates/ Reso. #2025-31</i>	<p>The item was pulled from the Consent Agenda and moved to the Regular Agenda at the request of Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd for further clarification and Board discussion.</p> <p>Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to adopt Resolution No. 2025-31, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, California Adopting Tax Rates for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, Pursuant to California Government Code Section 29100," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<i>CAO-Economic Development – Bishop Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Bureau Marketing Update</i>	Board members received a report from Bishop Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau members Tawni Thomson and Julie Faber on the results of the FY 24-25 County of Inyo marketing campaign.
<i>Recess/Reconvene</i>	The Chairperson recessed the meeting for a break at 11:17 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:31 a.m. with all Board members present.

***Planning Department –  
Residential Infill  
Workshop***

The Board received a presentation from Planning Director Cathreen Richards on the recent Infill Residential Capacity Study.

Following a robust discussion, the Board directed staff to undertake the following actions:

- 1) Develop a range of options for potential adjustments to property setback requirements, including scenarios for reduction, and initiate public outreach to gather community input.
- 2) Investigate adaptive reuse opportunities for vacant or abandoned buildings, particularly those located along main thoroughfares, and propose strategies to incentivize their conversion into residential use.
- 3) Draft an ordinance and resolution outlining specific zoning amendments that would permit reduced property setbacks, along with proposed updates to the General Plan to address residential density standards.
- 4) Present the findings and draft documents to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation and subsequently return to the Board for final approval.

***Sheriff –  
Integrated Security  
Controls Agreement  
Amendment***

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to ratify and approve an amendment to the agreement between the County of Inyo and Integrated Security Controls (ISC) of Santa Rosa, CA for the provision of security and camera system installation, increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$21,302.00, for a total of \$1,256,072.00, and amending attachment B, Schedule of Fees to include change order one (1) to change camera types for a net increase of \$11,735.00; and change order two (2) to include three additional cameras for \$9,566.00 for the period of June 25, 2024 through project completion, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the Sheriff or designee to sign the amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

***HHS-Behavioral  
Health –  
TeleConnect Therapies  
Agreement***

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to:

- A) Declare TeleConnect Therapies of Avalon, CA, a sole-source provider of teletherapy services;
- B) Ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and TeleConnect of Avalon, CA for the provision of teletherapy services in an amount not to exceed \$118,080 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget; and
- C) Authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement and HIPAA Business Associate Agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

***HHS –  
County of Santa Cruz  
Agreement***

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and the County of Santa Cruz providing that Santa Cruz will act as the Host County for the Local Government Agency (LGA) Consortium for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize Melissa Best-Baker, as the Board-appointed LGA Coordinator, to sign the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

***HHS –  
CalMHSA Loan  
Repayment Program  
Agreement***

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) of Sacramento, CA for the provision of governing the Workforce Loan Repayment Program in an amount not to exceed \$115,000 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the HHS Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

***CAO-Personnel –  
ICDSA MOU***

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to ratify and approve the July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028 Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Inyo and the Inyo County Deputy Sheriff's Association (ICDSA). Motion carried unanimously.

***CAO-Personnel –  
PRISM Vision Program  
MOU***

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to ratify and approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Vision Program, between the County of Inyo and Public Risk Innovation Solutions and Management (PRISM), effective July 1, 2025, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

***CAO-Information  
Services –***

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the Inyo County Artificial Intelligence Usage Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

*Artificial Intelligence  
Usage Policy*

*CAO –  
New Budget Book  
Presentation*

CAO Greenberg provided the Board with a virtual tour of the new digital Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Book and also gave guidance on how to access the book's various features.

*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 Roeser reported meeting with constituents and County staff, attending a Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) advisory committee meeting focused on wildlife management policy, and announced her recent appointment as Chair of the National Association of Counties (NACo) Subcommittee on Public Lands & Recreation.

Supervisor Wadelton said that he traveled to Tecopa for a community meeting involving Animal Control, the Public Works Building & Safety Division, and Environmental Health and toured the proposed site for the Charleston View Fire Department station. In addition, he participated in several community events, including a ribbon-cutting ceremony and the Destruction Derby at the Tri-County Fairgrounds, and announced several upcoming events including an EMT course organized by the Lone Pine and Olancho-Cartago fire departments, a chess tournament hosted by the Southern Inyo Museum and Coso Heritage Society, and a community potluck at Lake Olancho. Wadelton expressed appreciation to Public Works for the recent installation of a bus stop at Lone Pine's Statham Hall.

Supervisor Orrill said she attended meetings of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) and the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA), as well as the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Fair with Congressman Kiley. She also announced her recent appointment as Vice Chair of the National Association of Counties (NACo) Subcommittee on Air Quality.

Supervisor Griffiths said he attended the ESCOG meeting and noted that Supervisor Orrill has also been appointed to the ESCOG Project Oversight Committee for the Eastern Sierra Recreation Collaborative. Griffiths reported that he attended the ESTA meeting and commented on the California Legislature's recent decision to vote down the Carrier of Last Resort bill.

County Administrative Officer Greenberg reported attending the ESCOG meeting and noted that there will be an upcoming Unified Command meeting.

Supervisor Marcellin said that he listened to a Lunch and Learn podcast on cattle grazing and attended an overdose prevention event at Barlow Gym hosted by Health & Human Services and the Probation Department, a Planning Commission meeting, and the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Fair. Marcellin said he will attend an upcoming Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District meeting in Alpine County.

*Adjournment*

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 9, 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*