

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

September 9, 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 September 9, 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 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 9:05 a.m. with all Board members present.

Report on Closed Session

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Marcellin 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 John Muccio, Cameron Mayer, Toni Kizzia, and Patrick Donnelly. Supervisor Marcellin extended birthday wishes to Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Israel.

Supervisor Wadelton requested that the meeting be dedicated to the memory of longtime Lone Pine/Olancho resident Seth Tait, who tragically lost his life in a recent automobile accident. He offered heartfelt condolences to Mr. Tait's family.

County Department Reports

Risk Manager Aaron Holmberg updated the Board on hazardous air conditions caused by smoke from the Garnet Fire in Fresno County and shared online safety tools to help residents stay protected.

Public Works Director Mike Errante announced a public meeting on the Inyo County Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Plan and distributed a handout with event details.

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 September 2, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

*Clerk of the Board –
Letter of Support*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to authorize the Inyo County Fish & Wildlife Commission to send a letter to the California Fish and Game Commission regarding the impact of mountain lions on the local mule deer and bighorn sheep population and authorize staff to send a similar letter from the Board of Supervisors. Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works –
Runway 12-30 Surface
Treatment Project
N.O.C./Reso. #2025-32*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve Resolution No. 2025-32, 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 Runway 12-30 Surface Treatment Project," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works –
Emergency Road
Closure*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve the temporary closure of Sunset Drive, just south of State Route 168 West, on September 16, 2025, to allow Roadway Construction Services to install a new pole and prevent potential hazards or incidents in the area. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO –
Fiscal Year 2025-2026
CAO Recommended
Budget*

Chairperson Marcellin opened the public hearing at 9:28 a.m.

CAO Greenberg thanked the budget team and staff members for their contributions, including Denelle Carrington, Amy Shepherd, Kelsey Gonzalez, Keri Oney, Meaghan Ostrander, Mike Baffrey, Darcy Israel, Miquella Beall, Rebecca Graves, and Hayley Carter, as well as department heads and their fiscal staff. Together with Assistant CAO Carrington and Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd, the team delivered a comprehensive presentation of the CAO Recommended Budget and fielded Board member questions.

Recess/Reconvene

The Chairperson recessed the meeting for a break at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:48 a.m. with all Board members present.

*CAO –
Fiscal Year 2025-2026
CAO Recommended
Budget
(continued)*

The Board continued deliberations. Supervisor Roeser requested more detail on individual trust accounts, while Supervisor Orrill advocated for preserving personnel request information on department-specific pages. The Board requested future agenda items to include: an update on the Ingress and Egress Study, a Municipal Services Review or facility infrastructure analysis, improvements to the Animal Shelter, and deferred maintenance in parks. Supervisor Orrill emphasized that the County is currently out of compliance with Ingress and Egress standards- an issue with serious implications for emergency preparedness, land development, and infrastructure planning, and urged the Board to treat the matter as a top priority.

CAO Greenberg invited department heads to provide input, prompting HHS Director Anna Scott to voice concerns about the exclusion of certain HHS positions from the CAO Recommended Budget. Discussion centered on the two part-time cook positions in the Aging Division. Director Scott noted that the program is severely understaffed, and she and Board members emphasized the importance of maintaining reliable congregate meal services for seniors, especially amid national cuts to food assistance programs. Chairperson Marcellin added that the social interaction these programs offer is vital to seniors' mental health and well-being.

The Chairperson opened the floor for public comment; no one came forward to speak.

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to:

A) Adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget to include:

1. Adding \$363,493 to the General Fund Contingencies budget;
2. Adding \$150,000 to the General Revenues and Expenditures budget to fund an OPEB contribution;
3. Adding \$2,500 of revenue and expenditure into the Board of Supervisors Budget for the District 3 TOT improvement fund;
4. Adding \$25,000 of revenue and expenditure into the ESAAA Budget to increase the two (2) BPAR Food Cooks to two (2) Full-time Food Cooks; and

B) Set adoption of the Final Budget for September 23, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Chairperson closed the public hearing at 12:31 p.m.

**Board of Supervisors –
Change of Meeting
Locations**

Moved by Supervisor Wadelton and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to:
A) Approve relocating the October 21, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting from Tecopa to Independence and
B) Relocate the regular November 4, 2025 meeting from Independence to Tecopa.
Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Chairperson Marcellin asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and Clerk-Recorder Danielle Sexton, who was attending remotely from a conference, reported on the status of the upcoming special election.

**Board Member & Staff
Reports**

CAO Greenberg reported attending the City-County Liaison Committee meeting and said he had two separate meetings with staff, one with Public Works Deputy Director Ashley Helms on a cost-sharing agreement for Eastern Sierra Regional Airport, the other with HHS Director Anna Scott on EMS matters. He noted an upcoming meeting with AP Triton and Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA) to review the EMS Request for Proposals (RFP). Greenberg also highlighted the upcoming Sierra Jobs First Shindig and a regional dinner with partners from the 7 County Region. He announced the soft launch of the OpenGov permitting platform, with a formal rollout expected later this month, and shared that a meeting is being planned to address southeast Inyo County power outages, with outreach efforts underway with Southern California Edison.

Supervisor Griffiths reported attending the City Council meeting, the City-County Liaison meeting, Dan Totheroh's memorial service, and a Drug Court graduation. He also noted plans to participate in the upcoming Sierra Jobs First Shindig and the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Board meeting in Sacramento.

Supervisor Orrill shared that she attended the Laws Board meeting with Deputy CAO Meaghan McCamman and plans to join the Sierra Jobs First Shindig prior to traveling to Sacramento for the CSAC Board meeting.

Supervisor Wadelton shared that he attended the Independence Volunteer Fire Department's pancake breakfast and highlighted an upcoming joint EMT training course hosted by the Olancho-Cartago and Lone Pine fire departments. He also noted several community events scheduled for September 20, including a chess tournament at the Lone Pine Library, the opening of a new exhibit at the Southern Inyo Museum, the Jim Pischel Memorial Golf Tournament at Mt. Whitney Golf Course, and a community potluck at Lake Olancho.

Supervisor Roeser shared details about the upcoming Sierra Jobs First Shindig tours and the second annual Owens Valley Ranch Round-Up fundraiser, scheduled for September 28.

Supervisor Marcellin confirmed his plans to attend the upcoming Ranch Roundup fundraiser and reported participating in both the City-County Liaison meeting and the Great Basin Air Pollution Control District meeting held in Alpine County.

Adjournment

Per Fifth District Supervisor Wadelton's request, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting in memory of Seth Tait at 12:51 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 23, 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