

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

November 18, 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 November 18, 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 Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Israel. Attending remotely pursuant to California Government Code 54953(b)(1): Jennifer Roeser.

Public Comment I

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 – Interim County Administrative Officer Denelle Carrington, Assistant Personnel Director Keri Oney, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant County Counsel Christy Milovich; No. 2A **Public Employment – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: County Administrator; No. 3 **Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: Planning Director; and No. 4 **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)** – Name of case: *Inyo v. Wolverine/Inyo, LLC et. al.* (Case No. 23UC70164).

Open Session

Chairperson Marcellin recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:15 a.m. with all Board members present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Marcellin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report on Closed Session

County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Board met under Items 2- 4 and authorized his office to engage with outside counsel, Mr. Tom Grill of the Law Office of Thomas B. Grill, to assist the county with the bankruptcy matter directly related to the litigation referenced under Item No. 4. Vallejo said the Board took reports from staff on all remaining items and took no other action that is required to be reported by law.

Public Comment II

The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was received from Lauralyn Hundley, Owens Valley School Superintendent Rosanne Lampariello, members of the Owens Valley High School Class of 2026, and Emergency Medical Services Coordinator for the Olancha-Cartago Fire Department Michael Metcalf.

County Department Reports

Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters Danielle Sexton provided updates on the recent Special Election and said that the official certification will likely occur December 2, with the official results brought to Board as a consent item on December 9.

Health & Human Services Director Anna Scott reported that all CalFresh benefits for November have been fully distributed to all eligible Inyo County residents, with no further delays or shortages anticipated. She also shared details about the county's response to the Mono County Pack Fire, including the establishment of an evacuation center at the Tri-County Fairgrounds. Scott expressed gratitude to Public Health Coordinator Ralph Cataldo,

Tobacco Education Supervisor Jessica Burton, and Prevention Program Manager Vanessa Bigham for their support. She also thanked Supervisor Wadelton, Veterans Service Officer Gordon Greene, and Animal Services Manager Katie Bird for their on-site assistance, and extended heartfelt condolences to those who lost their homes in the fire.

Supervisor Griffiths echoed appreciation for staff's efforts during the Pack Fire emergency. He noted that he has been collaborating with HHS staff and the Eastern Sierra Foundation to help direct donated funds from Southern California Edison to support local food banks.

*Clerk of the Board –
Approval of Minutes*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve the minutes from the regular November 4 and special November 7 Board of Supervisors meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

*District Attorney –
Victim/Witness
Assistance Program*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to authorize the District Attorney and the Administrative Assistant to the District Attorney to submit, accept, approve, and sign all grant applications, agreements, and/or other documents, as needed, on behalf of the Inyo County District Attorney's Office for the 2025-2026 Cal OES Victim Witness Assistance Program (VW25029001) Grant on behalf of the County, including any extensions or amendments thereto. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-Behavioral
Health –
Mental Health Director
Appointment*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve the appointment of Anna Scott, Health and Human Services Director, as the Local Mental Health Director and authorize the County Administrator to sign the appointment letter. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-Behavioral
Health –
Alcohol and Drug
Program Administrator
Appointment*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve the appointment of Anna Scott, Health and Human Services Director, as the Inyo County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrator, consistent with California Health and Safety Code (HSC) Section 11800. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-First 5 –
First 5 Children and
Families Commission
Appointments*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to make the following appointments to the First 5 Children and Families Commission: Jessica Bedell to an unexpired 3-year term ending December 5, 2026; and Raquel Anakalea to an unexpired 3-year term ending December 5, 2027. Motion carried unanimously.

*Probation –
Electronic Monitoring
Program*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to:

- A) Appoint the Chief Probation Officer and the Sheriff as Co-County Correctional Administrators;
- B) Review, make comments, changes, additions, modifications, and/or omissions to the rules, regulations and administrative policy for the Probation Department's electronic monitoring program and thereafter; and
- C) Approve the Probation Department's electronic monitoring program.

Motion carried unanimously.

*Sheriff –
2025 ASPCA National
Shelter Grants Initiative
Application*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to formally approve the 2025 American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) National Shelter Grants Initiative Application Submission in the amount of \$95,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS –
James Richardson,
M.D. Contract*

Public comment was received from Jon Klusmire.

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and James Richardson, M.D. of Bishop, CA for the provision of Personal Services as Inyo County Health Officer/Jail Medical Director in an amount not to exceed a base salary of \$7884.61 per pay period for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO- Personnel –
Senior Planner Grade
Adjustment*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to:

- A) Change the salary grade for the Senior Transportation Planner from Grade 14 (\$6,790.88 - \$8,823.20 / month) to Grade 17 (\$7,861.29 - \$10,213.96 / month);
- B) Change the current Senior Transportation Planner from Grade 14, Step G (\$8,823.20 / month) to Grade 17, Step D (\$8,960.74 / month); and
- C) Direct staff to update the publicly available pay schedule accordingly.

Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-Health &
Prevention –
Community Health
Improvement Program*

HHS Deputy Director of Public Health Stephanie Tanksley provided a presentation on the Health and Human Services-Public Health and Prevention Division's first Community Health Improvement Plan.

*Sheriff –
FY 25-26 OHV Grant
Funds*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to:

- A) Amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Off Highway Vehicle Budget 623525 as follows: increase the estimated revenue in State Grants Revenue Code No. 4498 by \$2,333 to \$42,333 and increase appropriation in Internal Charges Object Code 5121 by \$19,671 to \$39,671 and decrease appropriation in object code General Operating Object Code 5311 by \$7,338 to \$2,662 and decrease appropriations in Vehicles Object Code 5655 by \$10,000 to \$0 (*4/5ths vote required*);
- B) Approve Resolution No. 2025-45, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, Inyo County, State of California Approving the Applicant to Apply for Grant Funds for the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Funds;" and
- C) Formally accept the FY 25/26 Off-Road Vehicle Grant in the amount of \$42,333 from the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division (Application #G25-03-30-L01) to support OHV safety enforcement, trail maintenance, and rider education and authorize the Sheriff as the designated agent to negotiate and execute all necessary documents for the project.

Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-First 5 –
IMPACT Legacy
Program
Services/Mono County
Agreement*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to ratify and approve the agreement between First 5 Inyo County and First 5 Mono County for the provision of Improve and Maximize Programs so All Children Thrive (IMPACT) Legacy Program services in an amount not to exceed \$56,639.01 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, and authorize the First 5 Director to sign the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-First 5 –
Grant Award
Notification*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and First 5 California of Sacramento, CA for the provision of Small Population County Funding Augmentation services in an amount not to exceed \$250,589.00 for the period of July 14, 2025 through June 30, 2026, and authorize the First 5 Director to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-Health &
Prevention –
FY 25-26 California
Children's Services
Plan*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to ratify and approve the California Children's Services (CCS) Plan for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to ensure the continuation of medical services to eligible children in Inyo County and authorize the HHS Director to sign certification statements. Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works-Road
Department –
Heavy Equipment
Purchase*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to authorize the following purchase orders in an amount not to exceed \$1,158,342.60, payable to Coastline Equipment Company of Las Vegas, NV for the following equipment:

- \$166,379.71 for a John Deere 320 P-Tier Backhoe Loader;
- \$458,511.70 for a John Deere 672 P-Tier Motor Grader with 6WD;
- \$298,146.74 for a John Deere 624 P-Tier Wheel Loader; and
- \$235,304.45 for an RPM Tech RPM 220 Snow Blower.


Motion carried unanimously.

<i>Public Works-Road Department—Asphalt Roller Purchase</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to authorize a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$90,979.09, payable to Volvo Construction Equipment, Government Sales, CA for a Volvo Asphalt Roller. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Recess/Reconvene –</i>	Chairperson Marcellin recessed the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors for a break at 11:24 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:45 a.m. with all Board members present.
<i>Capital Asset Leasing Corporation</i>	<p>The Chairperson adjourned the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors and reconvened as the Capital Asset Leasing Corporation at 11:45 a.m. (Separate minutes.)</p> <p>The Chairperson adjourned the Capital Asset Leasing Corporation meeting and reconvened the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors at 11:51 a.m. with all Board members present.</p>
<i>Public Comment III</i>	Chairperson Marcellin asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and there was no one wishing to speak.
<i>Board Member and Staff Reports</i>	<p>County Counsel Vallejo reported attending the Inyo-Los Angeles Standing Committee meeting. He noted that he will be out of town beginning Wednesday night but will remain accessible by phone and email.</p> <p>Supervisor Griffiths said he attended the Standing Committee meeting and a meeting of the Eastern Sierra Mussel Collaborators, along with Supervisor Orrill.</p> <p>Supervisor Orrill said that she participated in internal meetings with Mono County, as well as meetings with the Environmental Energy Land Steering Committee and the Eastern Sierra Mussel Collaborators.</p> <p>Supervisor Wadelton said he attended the Board meeting in Tecopa, several constituent meetings, and the annual Southern Inyo Fire Protection District fundraiser, and assisted at the evacuation center established at the Tri-County Fairgrounds in response to the Pack Fire. Wadelton thanked Caltrans and Inyo County Road crews for their response to recent flooding in Southern Inyo due to severe thunderstorms. He also thanked Inyo and Mono first responders, Inyo Mono Veteran Services Officer Gordon Greene, Animal Control Officer Katie Bird, and HHS Director Anna Scott for their service during the Pack Fire emergency.</p> <p>Supervisor Roeser thanked Inyo and Mono first responders and Agricultural Commissioner Nate Reade for their support to ranchers affected by the Pack Fire evacuation. Roeser said she attended a Veterans Day event in Big Pine, a joint meeting with rural fire districts and the City of Bishop and meetings with constituents and the National Association of Counties (NACo) Public Lands Steering Committee.</p> <p>Supervisor Marcellin said he attended the Inyo-Los Angeles Standing Committee and Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District meetings and will participate in a Local Transportation Commission meeting in Bishop tomorrow.</p>
<i>CAO – Eastern Sierra Housing Study</i>	Chairperson Marcellin announced that the presentation by BAE Urban Economics on the Eastern Sierra Regional Housing Needs Study has been postponed and will be rescheduled for a future meeting.
<i>Adjournment</i>	The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 9, 2025, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.



Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: DENELLE CARRINGTON
Interim Clerk of the Board*

by: 

Darcy Israel, Assistant