

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

December 9, 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 December 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: Interim County Administrative Officer Denelle Carrington, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Israel.

Public Comment I

The Chairperson asked for public comment related to closed session items and there was no one wishing to provide comment.

Closed Session

Chairperson Marcellin recessed open session at 8:32 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 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 Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) – Name of case: *Inyo v. Wolverine/Inyo, LLC et. al.* (Case No. 23UC70164); No. 4 **Public Employment – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: County Administrator; No. 5 **Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: Chief Probation Officer; No. 6 **Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: Public Works Director; and No. 7 **Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation** - Significant exposure to potential litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) Government Code §54956.9: two potential cases. Facts and circumstances: Case 1: District Attorney allegation of a Brown Act violation.

Open Session

Chairperson Marcellin recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:11 a.m. with all Board members present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Roeser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report on Closed Session

County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Board met under Item No. 7, regarding the second exposure to litigation item, and reconsidered, re-approved, reauthorized, and re-ratified the County's offer of, and ultimate entry into, a separation agreement with Mr. Greenberg, the substance of which was previously disclosed to the public. This was a 4-1 vote with Supervisor Roeser voting no. Vallejo said the Board would continue closed session for the remaining items later in the meeting.

Public Comment II

The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was received from Lauralynn Hundley and Mark Vincent.

County Department Reports

Water Director Holly Alpert provided information on the newly revamped Water Department website and shared details about its updated features.

Public Works Director Mike Errante announced that December 11 will mark the start of the fifth season for commercial air service at the Eastern Sierra Regional Airport, and shared details on how residents can access discounted flights.

<i>Clerk-Recorder – Elections Results</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to receive the Statement of All Votes Cast at the California Statewide Special Election, November 4, 2025, according to the number of votes for each selection as shown on the Statement of All Votes Cast. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS – Health Net Agreement</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and Health Net for the provision of transitional rent services, for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with annual renewals unless terminated by either party, and authorize the HHS Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS – Anthem Blue Cross Agreement</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and Anthem Blue Cross for the provision of transitional rent services, for the period of December 9, 2025, through December 9, 2026, with annual renewals unless terminated by either party, and authorize the HHS Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS – Health Plan of San Joaquin/Mountain Valley Health Plan Agreement</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and Health Plan of San Joaquin/Mountain Valley Health Plan for the provision of transitional rent services, for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with annual renewals unless terminated by either party, with authority granted to amend and/or finalize the agreement documents pursuant to County Counsel review and authorize the HHS Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works- Recycling & Waste Management – Waste Hauler Maximum Rate Adjustments</i>	<p>Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Approve the Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment of 5.36%, to the portion of the Service Fee Maximum rates not associated with the tipping fees, effective January 1, 2026, in accordance with Franchise Agreements between the County of Inyo and contract waste haulers; and; B) Adopt the new schedule of Maximum Charges for Waste Hauling Services for Areas A & B in Inyo County as presented in Exhibit A. <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<i>Public Works – Bishop Airport/ATM Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and Full Service ATMs of Mammoth Lakes, CA for the provision of an ATM for public use in the Bishop Airport Terminal for the period of November 18, 2025, to November 17, 2028, with an option to extend for an additional three years and authorize the Public Works Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes</i>	<p>The following agenda item was pulled from the Consent Agenda and Assistant Clerk of the Board Israel made record of a correction to the Closed Session time, which was updated in the November 18 minutes after its original publication.</p> <p>Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the minutes from the regular November 18 Board of Supervisors meeting, as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<i>Board of Supervisors – CalOES Region VI Update</i>	Big Pine Fire Chief Damon Carrington provided a presentation and updates on the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Region VI Operational Area Coordination.
<i>CAO – BAE Urban Economics/Eastern Sierra Housing Study Results</i>	BAE Urban Economics Master of City and Regional Planning Principal, Aaron Nousaine, provided a presentation on the findings of the information-gathering phase of the Eastern Sierra Regional Housing Needs Study.
<i>Recess/Reconvene</i>	Chairperson Marcellin recessed the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors for a lunch break at 11:46 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:10 p.m. with all Board members present.

*Planning Department –
GPA 2025-03/BYK
Hectorite Mine and
Reso. #2025-46*

Planning Associate Ryan Standridge provided an overview of General Plan Amendment (GPA) 2025-03 for BYK USA Inc., BYK Hectorite Mine.

Chairperson Marcellin opened the public hearing at 1:16 p.m. and with nobody wishing to provide comment, closed the public hearing at 1:18 p.m.

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to:

- A) Amend the General Plan Land Use Designation for Assessor Parcel Numbers 041-380-01, 041-380-02, and 043-030-04 from State and Federal Lands (SFL) to Natural Resources (NR) to reflect private ownership and the continued use of the site for mineral resource extraction under Conditional Use Permit No. 73-14 and Reclamation Plan No. 90-03;
- B) Find that General Plan Amendment No. 2025-03/BYK USA Inc. ("GPA") is exempt from environmental review under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the "common sense exemption," on the basis that the project proposes only a correction to the General Plan Land Use Map to reflect existing private ownership of parcels formerly designated as state and federal lands and the change to Natural Resources (NR) does not involve any new development or expansion of land uses and has no possibility of causing a significant effect on the environment; and
- C) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-46, 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 Have Been Met and Making Certain Findings with Respect to and Approving General Plan Amendment No. 2025-03 / BYK USA Inc.," and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS –
Payment of Prior-Year
Invoices*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to authorize payment to Inyo County Office of Education for prior-year invoices in the amount of \$580,966.03 for Mental Health Student Services Act. Motion carried unanimously.

Attendance Change

Supervisor Roeser left the meeting at approximately 1:30 p.m. to travel to a meeting of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) board.

*Public Works –
Heavy Equipment
Purchases*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to authorize the following purchase orders in an amount not to exceed \$576,355.85 to the following entities for the following equipment:

- \$217,114.85 payable to Bakersfield Truck Center of Bakersfield, CA for a 2025 Freightliner Ten Ton Dump Truck;
- \$84,950.71 Payable to Quinn Lift of Bakersfield, CA for a Caterpillar Fork Lift;
- \$234,156.20 payable to PB Loader, Bakersfield, CA for a 2025 Ford F550 Regular Cab 4x4 Crane Truck; and
- \$46,250.80 payable to National Auto Fleet Group of Watsonville CA, for a 2025 Ford Ranger (R4H) XLT 4WD Super Crew.

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

*HHS-Health &
Prevention –
Advocates for Human
Potential, Inc. Flex
Pool Grant*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to ratify and approve an amendment to the subcontract with Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. for Flex Pool Planning Grant services under the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program, increasing the contract by \$125,000 to a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,613,504 for the period August 1, 2025 to March 31, 2027, adding certain insurance and AI provisions, and updating contact information, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Roeser absent.

*Clerk of the Board –
2026 Board of
Supervisors Meeting
Calendar/ Reso.
#2025-47*

Assistant Clerk of the Board Israel noted that two dates that were missing from the calendar when it was originally distributed – March 24 and April 7 – have been added. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Resolution No. 2025-47, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Establishing the Board of Supervisors Meeting Schedule for the 2026 Calendar Year," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Roeser absent.

**CAO –
Termination of Lease
Agreement**

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Termination of Lease Agreement for New Independence Courthouse Property and authorize the Chairperson to execute the Termination. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Roeser absent.

Public Comment III

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 volunteered as a food server at a community Thanksgiving feast, visited the set of the upcoming Tremors movie, and traveled to San Jose to participate in the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Annual Conference.

Supervisor Orrill shared she attended a family Thanksgiving gathering as well as the CSAC Conference and provided information on a community meeting she will host tomorrow with local emergency response agencies. Additionally, Orrill announced that the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority was recently awarded \$11 million in grant funding to construct a terminal at Eastern Sierra Regional Airport.

Supervisor Griffiths said he attended the CSAC Conference and a Drug Court graduation ceremony and has upcoming meetings of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority and the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments, which he will attend alongside Supervisor Orrill.

County Counsel Vallejo said he will attend a meeting of the Indian Wells Groundwater Authority tomorrow.

Assistant Clerk of the Board Israel said she attended the California Clerk of the Board Annual Conference in San Jose and provided updates on recruitment efforts for the Water Commission, the Fish and Wildlife Commission, and the Emergency Medical Care Committee.

Supervisor Marcellin noted his participation in the CSAC Conference, a Local Transportation Commission meeting, and the Bishop Paiute Tribe's Paya Walk and provided information on an upcoming Caltrans town hall meeting for the Manor Market Complete Streets Project.

Recess/Reconvene


Chairperson Marcellin recessed the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to return to Closed Session at 1:52 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:26 p.m. with all Board members present.

**Report on Closed
Session**

No action was taken during Closed Session that is required to be reported.

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 16, 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