

# MINUTES



## County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

**May 12, 2026**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:31 a.m., on May 12, 2026, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Trina Orrill, presiding, Will Wadeldon, Jeff Griffiths, Jennifer Roeser and Scott Marcellin. Also present: CAO David Fraser, 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 speak.
- Closed Session** Chairperson Orrill 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 – County Administrative Officer David Fraser, Assistant County 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 **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9** – Name of case: *Matthew Blankers v. Inyo County, Shaw HR Consulting, Inc. and Does 1-25 Inclusive* (Case No. 1:25-cv-01005-JLT-CDB); No. 5 **Public Employment – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: County Administrator; and No. 6 **Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: County Administrator.
- Open Session** Chairperson Orrill recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:11 a.m. with all Board members present.
- Pledge of Allegiance** Northern Inyo Hospital CEO Dr. Christian Wallis led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Report on Closed Session** County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Board met and took staff reports and that there is nothing to report as required by law. He said that the Board would return to closed session later in the meeting.
- Introductions** The following new employees were introduced to Board:
- District Attorney: District Attorney Deputy IV Meredith Stevenson
  - Probation: Rehabilitation Specialist Jennifer Schindler
  - Sheriff: Deputy James Clark and Deputy Raphael Goorevitch.
- 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, Cassidy Moyer, Marilyn Mann, Gina Martinez, Ua Lugo, and Matthew Paruolo.
- Board Member Reports** Supervisor Marcellin said he attended meetings of the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District (GBUAPCD), the Northern Inyo Airport Advisory Committee (NIAAC), and a California State Association of Counties (CSAC) class on Senate Bill 827. He said he will be attending upcoming meetings of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) and the Bishop Tribal Council.

Supervisor Roeser said she met with constituents, attended the National Public Lands Advisory Committee at the Western Interstate Region (WIR) meeting, met with Assistant Sheriff Bachman, and attended the Buttermilk Partners Working Group regarding the Climbing Ranger Program. She also noted that she has upcoming Mule Days events.

Supervisor Wadelton said he assisted with an aid station for the annual Wild West Marathon in Lone Pine and attended the GBUAPCD meeting. He said that he has an upcoming Behavioral Health Advisory Committee (BHAC) meeting and the Olancho-Cartago Safety Days event and informed the Board that he will briefly step away from today's Board meeting to speak at the Caltrans annual Road Workers Memorial but will return afterward.

Supervisor Griffiths said he attended a Bishop City Council meeting and an Eastern Sierra Transportation Authority (ESTA) meeting.

Supervisor Orrill said she attended meetings of the NIAAC, the Government Coalition out of San Jose, ESTA, and the Bishop City Council, as well as the Judges Candidate Forum. She also announced that she will be hosting a community workshop tomorrow at the Quilter Consolidated Office Building tomorrow night.

***Attendance Change***

Supervisor Wadelton excused himself from the meeting at 10:52 a.m. to attend the Caltrans Road Worker Memorial ceremony.

***County Department Reports***

HHS Director Anna Scott announced that May is Mental Health Awareness Month and highlighted the completion of the Progress House Kitchen and Laundry Room Remodel Project. She shared before and after photos of the improvements and thanked the Board, Public Works, and Engineering Assistant Cherish Hegi for assistance in bringing the project to completion.

Environmental Health Director Jerry Oser provided the Board with an update on the Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operation (MEHKO) bill, noting that it has died. He also shared details about an upcoming collaborative community event with Inyo and Mono counties, and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to collect tick specimens for testing. Director Oser also provided an informational update on hantavirus.

***CAO-Risk Management – PRISM Joint Powers Agreement Amendment and Resolution #2026-16***

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign proposed Resolution No. 2026-16, which approves the amendment to the Public Risk Innovation, Solutions, and Management ("PRISM") Joint Powers Authority (JPA) agreement and authorizes the Chairperson to execute the amended agreement. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Wadelton absent.

***HHS-First 5 – Child Abuse Prevention Council Appointments***

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to appoint Jeff Thomson, Darcia Blackdeer-Lent, Melissa Best-Baker, and Victoria Begay each to an unexpired two-year term on the Inyo County Child Abuse Prevention Council ending December 31, 2027. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Wadelton absent.

***Probation – Noble Software Group, LLC. Agreement Amendment No. 11***

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve Amendment No. 11 to the agreement between the County of Inyo and Noble Software Group, LLC of Redding, CA to extend the agreement from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, July 1, 2027 to June 30, 2028, and July 1, 2028 to June 30, 2029, with the cost of \$7,629.30 for the annual hosting fee (up to 19 Users) and \$1,016.40 for quality assurance (IRR Site Access, 8 Users) for a total of \$8,645.70 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, \$8,010.77 for the annual hosting fee (up to 19 Users) and \$1,067.22 for quality assurance (IRR Site Access, 8 Users) for a total of \$9,077.99 for Fiscal Year 2027-2028, \$8,411.30 for the annual hosting fee (up to 19 Users) and \$1,120.58 for quality assurance (IRR Site Access, 8 Users) for a total of \$9,531.88 for Fiscal Year 2028-2029, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Wadelton absent.

***Public Works – Environmental Science Associates Agreement***

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and Environmental Science Associates of San Francisco, CA for the provision of airport environmental services in an amount not to exceed

\$355,510.00 for the period of May 12, 2026 through June 30, 2028, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Wadelton absent.

*Public Works –  
Eastern Sierra  
Engineering  
Agreement  
Amendment No. 1*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve Amendment No.1 to the agreement between the County of Inyo and Eastern Sierra Engineering of Bishop, CA, increasing the contract by \$51,700 for a total amount not to exceed \$115,400, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Wadelton absent.

*Public Works –  
Diaz Lake Welcoming  
and Beautification  
Project N.O. C. and  
Resolution #2026-17*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve Resolution No. 2026-17, 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 Diaz Lake Welcoming and Beautification Project," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Wadelton absent.

*Public Works –  
Cerro Gordo Road  
Closure*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the road closure of Cerro Gordo Road east of State Route 136 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on May 23, 2026, to accommodate a foot race hosted by Silver Pineapple LLC. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Wadelton absent.

*County Counsel –  
Gibbs Giden Locher  
Turner Senet &  
Wittbrodt LLP  
Agreement  
Amendment No. 3*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve Amendment No. 3 to the agreement between the County of Inyo and Gibbs Giden Locher Turner Senet & Wittbrodt LLP for legal services and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Wadelton absent.

*Public Works –  
South Barlow Lane  
Bike Path - Pavement  
and Machine Operator*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to per Inyo County's purchasing policy, find that the estimate for hiring a pavement machine and operator for the South Barlow Lane Bike Path Repavement Project is less than \$25,000. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Wadelton absent.

*Public Works –  
South Barlow Lane  
Bike Path - Materials  
Testing*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to per Inyo County's Purchasing Policy, find that the estimate for materials testing for the South Barlow Lane Bike Path Repavement Project is less than \$25,000. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Wadelton absent.

*Board of Supervisors –  
NIH District Update*

Northern Inyo Healthcare District CEO Dr. Christian Wallis provided updates and a financial report and said that recently received federal COVID-19 funds will offer temporary relief, but the district must make significant changes to create a more sustainable future.

Dr. Wallis said stabilizing hospital operations and addressing existing debt could require a temporary increase in property taxes. Additionally, he outlined long-term strategies for expanding facilities and services to generate consistent revenue. He said that strengthening partnerships and sharing resources with regional healthcare providers including Mammoth Hospital, Southern Inyo Hospital, Toiyabe Indian Health Project, and the Bishop Care Center will help to build a stronger, more collaborative healthcare network.

*Attendance Change*

Supervisor Wadelton returned to the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

*Bishop Chamber of  
Commerce and Visitors  
Bureau Presentation*

Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau Marketing Director Julie Faber provided an overview and update on tourism-related data gathered over the last year. Faber said, thanks to \$40,000 in County grant funding for marketing, the Chamber was able to build effective advertising campaigns for regional air service and fall colors, and attend travel and adventure shows to further promote the region.

*CAO-Personnel –*

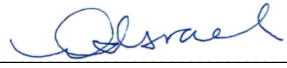
Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to:

<i>Deputy County Counsel Personal Services Contract and Resolution #2026-18</i>	<p>A) Approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Eric Chilton for the provision of personal services as the Deputy County Counsel III at Grade 21, Step C, \$10,426.80 per month effective, May 13, 2026, and authorize the Chairperson to sign; and</p> <p>B) Approve Resolution No. 2026-18 titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Rescinding and Replacing Resolution 2026-06 and Setting Salary and/or Terms and Conditions of Employment for Management Employees Employed in the Several Offices or Institutions of the County of Inyo," and authorize the Chairperson to sign.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<i>Recess/Reconvene</i>	<p>Chairperson Orrill recessed the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors for a break at 12:14 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:50 p.m. with all Board members present.</p>
<i>Probation – Mobile Unit Van Purchase</i>	<p>Probation Chief Jeff Thomson noted for the record that the original funding request did not include the required taxes and fees and provided the Board with updated documentation reflecting the corrected total.</p> <p>Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to:</p> <p>A) Declare La Mesa RV of West Sacramento, CA the successful bidder for the procurement of a Ford Transit AWD 350HD van; and</p> <p>B) Authorize the purchase of one Ford Transit AWD 350HD van from La Mesa RV of West Sacramento, CA, at an amount not to exceed \$142,652.01.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<i>Public Works-Parks &amp; Recreation – Program Update</i>	<p>Parks Manager Daniel Briceño briefed the Board on the past year's park and campground upgrades, sharing before and after photos of facilities throughout the county. Briceño said that he and Deputy CAO Meaghan McCamman are still working to update the Parks Plan. Supervisors requested its completion prior to budget time and thanked staff for the excellent work performed.</p>
<i>HHS – James Richardson M.D. Agreement</i>	<p>Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to:</p> <p>A) Declare James Richardson, M.D. a sole-source provider of Health Officer and Jail Medical Director services;</p> <p>B) 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 \$205,000 for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget; and</p> <p>C) Authorize the Chairperson to sign.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<i>Public Comment III</i>	<p>The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and there was no one wishing to speak.</p>
<i>Recess/Reconvene</i>	<p>Chairperson Orrill recessed the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to return to closed session at 1:31 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 2:54 p.m. with all Board members present.</p>
<i>Report on Closed Session</i>	<p>County Counsel Vallejo reported that there was no action taken during closed session that is required to be reported.</p>
<i>Adjournment</i>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 26, 2026, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.</p>



Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

Attest: *DAVID FRASER*  
*Clerk of the Board*

by:   
*Darcy Israel, Assistant*