

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

June 9, 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 June 9, 2026, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Trina Orrill, presiding, Will Wadelton, Jeff Griffiths and Scott Marcellin. Also present: Assistant CAO Denelle Carrington, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Israel. Attending remotely from 25 Bryant St., Annex II, Bridgeport, CA pursuant to California Government Code 54953(b)(1): Jennifer Roeser.

*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 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, Assistant County Counsel Christy Milovich, HHS Director Anna Scott, Community Services Solutions Executive Director Amanda Phillips, and Liebert, Cassidy, Whitmore Partner Jack Hughes; No. 3 **Public Employment – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: Public Works 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 Orrill recessed Closed Session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:15 a.m. with all Board members present.

Pledge of Allegiance

4-H member Elizabeth Schmidt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report on Closed Session

County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Board met and took staff reports but no action was taken which is required to be reported. Vallejo said the Board will return to Closed Session at around 12:30 p.m.

Introductions

The following new Health & Human Services employees were introduced to Board:

- Case Manager Alondra Figueroa
- Caregiver Residential Jasmin Franco
- Prevention Specialist Anastasiya Moiseyeva
- HHS Specialist Hailey Thomas
- Program Manager-Disaster Lorenzo Tovar
- Caregiver Residential Kaylee Vasquez

Board Member and Staff Reports

Supervisor Wadelton reported attending the Friends of Lone Pine Airport youth event, a Local Transportation Commission (LTC) meeting, and a community meeting in Darwin. He spent Election Day in Tecopa and assisted with transporting ballots to the Elections Office in Independence. He noted upcoming travel to Ridgecrest for an Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority meeting, and other upcoming meetings and events including a tour of

the Fort Independence Paiute Community, the Olancho-Cartago Fire Department's "Safety Days," and a Lone Pine Town Hall meeting. Wadelton also thanked Assistant Public Works Director Cap Aubry, the Solid Waste team, and the jail crew for their cleanup work at the Cottonwood Charcoal Kilns.

Supervisor Marcellin said that he attended the LTC meeting, a 211 platform training webinar, and a Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCo) meeting.

Supervisor Griffiths said that he attended the Inyo County/Los Angeles Department of Water & Power Standing Committee meeting, the LAFCo meeting, the Alice Piper Day Celebration and Book Launch of *Alice Piper Speaks Up*, and a visit to Mendenhall Park to observe recent improvements. He also attended the 211 webinar, the Pride Festival, and a Bishop City Council meeting and announced that a Flag Day celebration will take place on June 14.

Supervisor Orrill reported attending the Inyo/L.A. Standing Committee meeting, and a Homeland Security Advisory Committee meeting. She announced that the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District (GBUAPCD) will provide a presentation at the National Association of Counties (NACo) Conference in July. Orrill also noted that the High School Rodeo is underway in Bishop this week and that the Blue Heron Farm has opened for the season.

Supervisor Roeser thanked Inyo staff and the office of Mono County Supervisor John Peters for assisting with the logistics of her remote participation from Bridgeport and explained that she is away attending her father-in-law's celebration of life.

County Department Reports

Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters Danielle Sexton provided updates on the June election and thanked volunteer poll workers, including Supervisor Wadelton, and staff members who supported Election Day operations. She recognized the Public Works Maintenance Department, Information Services, Inyo County Free Library, the Bishop Paiute Tribe, the Tri-County Fairgrounds, and the Elections Office staff, all of whom dedicated significant time serving their community. Sexton said she expects to certify the election results on June 25, with a report to the Board at the June 30 meeting.

Deputy Public Works Director Ashley Helms provided air service updates, highlighting a 30% increase in service and reported that the County is well beyond the 10,000 enplanement goal for the season. She also said that the State Inspector from the Caltrans Division of Aeronautics recently inspected Inyo County airports and recommended rehabilitation of the Independence Airport runway. Helms added that the new lease for the Independence Airport is under consideration by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power today. In response, Supervisor Orrill noted that the lapse in the previous lease resulted in the County missing out on \$1.5 million in grant funding.

Deputy CAO Meaghan McCamman reported on the Round 5 draft guidelines for the statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program and said she intends to submit a formal response to address significant concerns with the plan, which she said disadvantages rural communities and effectively prevents Inyo County from competing for grant funding.

HHS Director Anna Scott informed the Board of an unexpected closure of the Bishop Senior Center due to necessary remediation of flood damage in the kitchen. She said she is hopeful that staff will be able to reopen the center and resume services by the end of the week and that updates and information will be provided to the public via press release.

Public Comment I

The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was received from an unknown gentleman who is an IHSS provider, Gina Martinez, Lauralyn Hundley, Inyo/Mono 4-H Program Representative Amy Phillips and 4-H members Elizabeth Schmidt, Katie Schmidt, and Irene Schmidt.

Clerk of the Board – Bishop Fire District Appointments

Chairperson Orrill announced that the following agenda is being postponed to a future meeting:

Bishop Rural Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners Appointments
Clerk of the Board | Assistant Clerk of the Board

Recommended Action:

Reappoint Ms. Suzanne Butler and Mr. Donald Kunze each to a four-year term on the Bishop Rural Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners ending July 1, 2030.

*Clerk of the Board –
Approval of Minutes*

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve the minutes from the regular May 26, 2026 Board of Supervisors meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

*Clerk of the Board –
Big Pine Cemetery
District Board
Appointments*

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to reappoint Ms. Rosemarie Todd and Mr. Robert Vance each to an unexpired four-year term on the Big Pine Cemetery District Board of Trustees ending May 31, 2030. Motion carried unanimously.

*Clerk of the Board –
Mt. Whitney Cemetery
District Board
Appointment*

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to appoint Mr. Joshua Reinig to an expired four-year term on the Mt. Whitney Cemetery District Board of Trustees ending May 31, 2027. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-Personnel –
Atkinson, Andelson,
Loya, Ruud & Romo
Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton:

- A) Declare Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo a sole-source provider for Legal Services - General Labor and Employment Advice; and
- B) Approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo for the provision of Legal Services - General Labor and Employment Advice, for an amount not to exceed \$420,000 for the term July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, contingent upon the Board's adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign the contract and HIPAA Business Associate Agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-Information
Services –
CA Broadband
Cooperative Letter*

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a letter to the California Broadband Cooperative (CBC) Board requesting an immediate pause in negotiations regarding CBC last-mile assets and a reconsideration of the intended approach. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-Behavioral
Health –
Vista Pacifica Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton:

- A) Declare Vista Pacifica Enterprises Inc. of Jurupa Valley, CA a sole-source provider of inpatient psychiatric and other professional medical services;
- B) Approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Vista Pacifica Enterprises Inc. of Jurupa Valley, CA for the provision of inpatient psychiatric and other professional medical services in an amount not to exceed \$278,000 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
- C) Authorize the Health and Human Services Director to sign the contract and the Business Associate Agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works-
Recycling & Waste
Management –
Brown's Supply
Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Brown's Supply of Bishop, CA for the provision of cardboard processing in an amount not to exceed \$180,000 for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO – Fiscal Year
2026-2027 Preliminary
Budget*

Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd provided a brief overview, and Assistant CAO Denelle Carrington clarified for the record that some information had been inadvertently duplicated.

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to adopt the modified Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Board Approved Budget as the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and approve the Fixed Assets as recommended by staff (4/5ths vote required). Motion carried unanimously.

*Planning Department –
General Plan
Amendment #2025-04
(Leatham),
Resolution #2026-22
and Ordinance 1328*

Associate Planner Cynthia Draper provided a presentation to the Board on the following actions for a portion of a parcel located at 2290 Dixon Lane in the Bishop area (APN 010-352-18):

- Proposed Resolution approving General Plan Amendment No. 2025-04/Leatham changing the General Plan land use designation from Light Industrial (LI) to Retail Commercial (RC) to best match the requested zoning and the proposed reuse of the existing building; and
- Proposed Ordinance titled, "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Approving Zone Reclassification No. 2025-03/Leatham and Amending the Zoning Map of the County of Inyo to Reflect this Reclassification," which would rezone a portion of the parcel from Light Industrial (M-2-0.5) to General Commercial (C-1-10,000).

The Chairperson opened the public hearing at 11:37 a.m. and asked if there was anyone wishing to provide comment. Public comment was received from Lynne Greer, Shane McNulty, son of the proponent, also addressed the Board. The public hearing was closed at 11:42 a.m.

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to:

- A) Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution No. 2026-22, 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 (CEQA) Have Been Met and Making Certain Findings with Respect to and Approving General Plan Amendment No. 2025-04/Leatham," and approve the Conditions of Approval associated with the project; and
- B) Adopt Ordinance 1328, titled, " An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Approving Zone Reclassification No. 2025-03/Leatham and Amending the Zoning Map of the County of Inyo to Reflect this Reclassification," subject to the findings and conditions therein.

Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS –
EMCC Appointment*

HHS Director Anna Scott announced requests from Ms. Amanda Wadelton and Mr. Dennis Freundt to be appointed to an at-large position on the Emergency Medical Care Committee, noting that only one of the individuals can be appointed. She also distributed Mr. Freundt's resume, which was being submitted in addition to the original request. Supervisors Griffiths and Orill advocated for Mr. Freundt, while Supervisors Marcellin and Roeser advocated for Ms. Wadelton. Supervisor Griffiths moved to appoint Mr. Freundt but the motion died for lack of a second. Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to appoint Amanda Wadelton to an unexpired 2-year term on the Emergency Medical Care Committee ending December 31, 2027. Motion carried 4-1 with Chairperson Orrill voting no.

*HHS-Behavioral
Health –
ICOE Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to:

- A) Declare Inyo County Office of Education a sole-source provider of Prevention and Early Intervention Services;
- B) Ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Inyo County Office of Education for the provision of Prevention and Early Intervention services in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for the period of November 3, 2025 through June 30, 2026; and C) Authorize the HHS Director to sign the contract and Business Associate Agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-Behavioral
Health –
Behavioral Health
Integrated Plan*

Supervisors received a presentation from HHS Director Anna Scott on the Behavioral Health Integrated Plan (Fiscal Year 2026-2027 through Fiscal Year 2028-2029).

Moved by Supervisor Wadelton and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to:

- A) Approve the plan and authorize the Behavioral Health Director to make non-substantive revisions if further revisions are requested by the California Department of Health Care Services; and
- B) Authorize the HHS Director and County Administrator to sign the plan submission documents.

Motion carried unanimously.

Recess/Reconvene

Chairperson Orrill recessed the meeting at 12:15 p.m. to return to Closed Session and reconvened the meeting at 2:28 p.m. with all members present except Supervisor Roeser.

Report on Closed Session

County Counsel Vallejo said that no action was taken during Closed Session that is required to be reported.

SB 1329 Opposition Letter

Assessor David Stottlemire briefed the Board that numerous California counties oppose Senate Bill 1329 due to its departure from traditional market-based appraisal standards and its constraints on assessors' independent valuation authority. He added that, if approved, the letter should now be addressed to the Chair of the Assembly Committee, as the bill has already been passed by the Senate.

Moved by Supervisor Wadelton and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a letter opposing Senate Bill 1329, which could have significant negative impacts on Inyo County's tax base if approved. Motion carried unanimously 4-0 with Supervisor Roeser absent.

*BoS –
2026-2027 Budget
Narrative Discussion*

Assistant Clerk of the Board Israel briefly outlined the purpose of the budget narrative and asked the Board whether they had any concerns or identified any corrections needed in the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Board of Supervisors budget narrative.

The Board did not request any changes and thanked Ms. Israel for her hard work.

Public Comment II

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone wishing to comment on items not included on the agenda and no one from the public came forward.

Supervisor Wadelton inadvertently omitted from his earlier report that he attended the Concert in the Rocks event.

Supervisor Marcellin also provided one last comment and thanked the Road Department and contracted crew for completing repairs on the Barlow Lane bike path. He also thanked the Local Transportation Commission (LTC) for providing the grant funding that made the project possible.


Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2:37 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 23, 2026, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.



Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: DAVID FRASER
Clerk of the Board*

by: 

Darcy Israel, Assistant