

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

July 14, 2026

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:30 a.m., on July 14, 2026, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Trina Orrill, presiding, Will Wadelton, Jeff Griffiths, Jennifer Roeser and Scott Marcellin. Also present: CAO David Fraser, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Office Technician Hayley Carter.

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 8:31 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 Real Property Negotiators – Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Government Code §54956.8** – Property: APN 004-020-09. Agency Negotiators: Meaghan McCamman, John-Carl Vallejo, David Fraser, Denelle Carrington. Negotiating parties: Nathan Sill. Under negotiation: price and terms of payment; No. 4 **Conference with Real Property Negotiators – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8** – Property: 605 S. Main St., Lone Pine, CA 93545. Agency Negotiator: Denelle Carrington, Meaghan McCamman, John-Carl Vallejo. Negotiating Parties: Inyo County and Jeff Potter. Under Negotiation: price and terms of payment; No. 5 **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. 6 **Public Employment; Public Employee Performance Evaluation; Public Employee Separation/Dismissal/Release – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: Public Works Director; No. 7 **Public Employment – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: County Administrator; and No. 8 **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 10:08 a.m. with all Board members present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) President and CEO Patrick Blacklock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report on Closed Session

County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Board met in closed session and that no actions were taken which are required by law to be reported, but he was directed to report that the County and the Public Works Director have entered into a separation agreement under which the director will retire in six months, in December of this year.

Public Comment II

The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda. Public comment was received from Valerie Spake, District Representative for Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil, who expressed her appreciation to County staff, including Deputy CAO Meaghan McCamman, for their collaborative support throughout her tenure in the Senator's Office. She then presented a resolution recognizing Wild Iris as Inyo County's Non-Profit of

the Year to its executive director, Dominic Hays. Additional public comment was received from Lauralyn Hundley.

Board Member Reports

Supervisor Griffiths reported that he attended a meeting in Washington, D.C. with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Intergovernmental Affairs, participated in a call with the Governor's Office of External Affairs, and took part in the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) Co-LAB Summit. He thanked Elaine Kabala and staff for their hard work on the event.

Supervisor Orrill said that she attended a meeting with Congressman Tom McClintock, the ESCOG Co-LAB Summit, the farm to table dinner at Blue Heron Farm, and the Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting.

Supervisor Marcellin said that he attended the ESCOG Co-LAB Summit, the FAC meeting, and constituent meetings.

Supervisor Wadelton said that he attended meetings of the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District (GBUAPCD) Board, the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee, and the Emergency Medical Care Committee; held a meeting with Congressman McClintock; participated in the Tule Duck Decoy Workshop with Seth Tsosie that was held at the Eastern California Museum; and a had meeting with California State Senatorial candidate Jaron Brandon.

Supervisor Roeser said that she attended meetings of the GBUAPCD, Community Service Area #2 (CSA2), and the California State Parks & Recreation Commission, and had several meetings with constituents. She said that she also attended the playground grand opening ceremony and barbeque at Mendenhall Park and announced that there will be a Wilkerson Community meeting tomorrow.

County Department Reports

Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters Daniel Sexton reported that the candidate filing period for the November 2 election is open and noted that she and Assistant Clerk-Recorder Caroline Nott will travel throughout the County to provide on-site filing assistance and daily updated candidate lists posted to the County website.

HHS Director Anna Scott briefly updated the Board on the CARESTAR grant, noting the EMCC subcommittee has drafted the implementation plan and presented it last week. She said that the next steps include stakeholder engagement and determining consultant needs, including legal counsel.

Probation Chief Jeff Thomson announced upcoming events, including a Drug Court graduation on July 22 and Probation Services Week, July 20–26. He read aloud a drafted recognition and distributed handouts, noting that next Thursday will be an All-Staff Day as part of the week's celebrations.

Deputy CAO Meaghan McCamman Ostrander reported that over the last year, the Project Management Office (PMO) and Public Works have partnered with the High Sierra Energy Foundation to assess County facilities. While performing this work, the Foundation purchased and donated a new water heater for the Bishop Senior Center after the old unit was found to be inadequate. She also reported that the PMO submitted comments to the Office of Management and Budget on proposed changes to 2 CFR Part 200 (Uniform Administrative Requirements).

Introductions

The following new employees were introduced to the Board:

- **Health and Human Services** - Prevention Specialist Ryan Graves-Soutome, Integrated Case Worker April Hensley, Integrated Case Worker Felicia Landa
- **Library** - Librarian Greta Langhenry
- **Clerk-Recorder** – Office Technician Justin Stine.

Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve the minutes from the regular June 23, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting and the special meeting of June 29, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

***Clerk of the Board –
AAB Reappointments***

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to: A) reappoint Ms. Terry Walker and Mr. Randy Van Tassell each to three-year terms on the Assessment Appeals Board ending September 1, 2029; and B) reappoint Mr. Stan Smith to an unexpired three-year term on the AAB ending September 1, 2028. Motion carried unanimously.

***Clerk-Recorder –
Election Consolidation
Request***

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to:

- A) Order consolidation of the election for the Measure provided within Resolution #06-26 from the Lone Pine Fire Protection District of Inyo County with the November 3, 2026 General Election, including the canvass of the election results, in accordance with Elections Code Division 10, Part 3 (EC 10400-10418); and
- B) If the Board chooses, direct the County Auditor to review the measure and determine if the substance of the ballot measure, if adopted, would affect the revenues or expenditures of the county (EC 9160[c]).

Motion carried unanimously.

***HHS-Health &
Prevention –
FY 26-27 CCS Plan***

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve the California Children's Services (CCS) Plan for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 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.

***Planning Department –
Caltrans Contract/
Resolution # 2026-27***

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to approve Resolution No. 2026-27, titled: "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Authorizing Cathreen Richards, the Inyo County Planning Director, to Enter into a Contract with the California Department of Transportation of the County of Inyo for a Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Titled, 'The Big Pine 395 Corridor and Community Enhancement Plan,'" and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

***Public Works –
Big Pine Senior Center
ADA Restrooms
Project Change Orders
No. 1 and 2***

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to authorize the Inyo County Assistant CAO to approve and sign Change Order No.1 in the amount of \$4,720.00 and Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$3,062.59 to Mark Gadea Construction, of Bishop, CA for additional work provided related to the Big Pine Senior Center ADA restrooms project. Motion carried unanimously.

***CAO-Public Works –
Inyo County Code
Revision to Section
2.36.040***

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to waive further reading of the proposed ordinance titled, "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Revising Section 2.36.040 of the Inyo County Code Relating to Road Commissioner Duties of the Public Works Director," and schedule enactment for July 28, 2026, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Administrative Center, Independence. Motion carried unanimously.

RCRC Presentation

The Board received a presentation from Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) President and CEO Patrick Blacklock on the organization's 2025-2027 Strategic Plan and other RCRC activities.

***CAO-Economic
Development –
Film Commissioner
Contract Amendment
No. 1***

Deputy CAO Meaghan McCamman Ostrander explained that the County's contract with Film Commissioner Jesse Steele is ending and requested a one-year sole-source extension to finish ongoing projects. The Board asked for a future Film Commission report, and Supervisor Roeser noted a website access issue, which McCamman Ostrander said is being addressed.

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Wadelton to:

- A) Declare Jesse Steele a sole-source provider of film commissioner services; and
- B) Ratify and approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract between Inyo County and Jesse Steele for personal services as film commissioner, extending the term through June 30, 2027, contingent upon the Board's adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment III

Chairperson Orrill explained that while the meeting is not yet concluded, she wished to announce that today's adjournment will be in memory and honor of Judd Symons, a lifelong local resident and longtime emergency services provider. She added that a letter included

with the agenda will be sent to his family expressing the County's gratitude for his service to the community.

Chairperson Orrill asked if there was anyone wishing to comment on items not included on the agenda and there was no one wishing to speak.

Recess/Reconvene

Chairperson Orrill recessed the meeting at 11:30 a.m. to return to closed session and reconvened the meeting at 2:07 p.m. with all members present.

Report on Closed Session

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

Memorial Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m. in memory and honor of Judd Symons, to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 28, 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