

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

August 21, 2018

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 10 a.m., on August 21, 2018, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Dan Totheroh, presiding, Rick Pucci, Jeff Griffiths, and Mark Tillemans. Absent: Matt Kingsley.

- Pledge* Supervisor Tillemans led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Public Comment* Chairperson Totheroh asked for public comment during the first public comment period and there was no-one wishing to address the Board.
- County Department Reports* Information Services Director Scott Armstrong reported that Mike Hays received his GIS Professionals Certification in July.
- Planning Director Cathreen Richards provided an update on short-term vacation rentals and permit applications/complaints received.
- Water Department Director Dr. Bob Harrington reported that the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority agreed at its emergency meeting last week to take over administration of the groundwater sustainability grant from the County, and the Department of Water Resources seems satisfied with the arrangement. He also reported on a briefing given at the regular OVGA meeting regarding possible water brokerage in Indian Wells Valley.
- Probation Chief Jeff Thomson reported that the bail reform bill is possibly about to pass the Senate, and also offered an update on efforts to work with the schools and HHS.
- Introductions* HHS Director Marilyn Mann introduced new employees Megan Leplat, HHS Specialist I, Veronica Castro, Cook, and Tiffany Waetermans, Residential Caregiver; while Undersheriff Eric Pritchard introduced Jody Dimas, Dispatcher, and Lacie Leslie, Animal Control Officer.
- HHS-ESAAA – Advisory Council Appointments* Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to appoint Georgette Noble and Kelli Huntsinger to the Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council, to complete two (2) unexpired two-year terms ending December 11, 2019. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent.
- Public Works – SIAAC Appointments* Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to appoint Ms. Rebecca Brinegar and Mr. Paul Lamos to complete two (2) unexpired four-year terms ending June 1, 2019 and Mr. Travis Powell, Mrs. Beverly Vander Wall and Mr. Neil Woodruff to complete three (3) unexpired four-year terms ending June 1, 2020 on the Southern Inyo Airport Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent.
- Public Works – Tom’s Carpet Contract* Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to: A) approve the construction contract, in the amount of \$19,012, with Tom’s Carpet of Bishop for the Progress House Flooring Project and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent on all appropriate signatures being obtained; and B) authorize the Public Works Director/ Acting Public Works Director to execute all other Project Contract documents, including Contract Change Orders, to the extent permitted by Public Contract Code Section 20142 and other applicable laws. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent.
- Public Works – AIP Grant Submittal/ Reso # 2018-34* Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to: A) approve a resolution titled, “A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California Authorizing the Submittal of Applications, Accepting Allocation of Funds, and Authorizing the

Execution of Grant Agreements with the California Department of Transportation for an Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Matching Grant;” and B) authorize the Public Works Director/ Acting Public Works Director to sign any documents required to apply for and accept subject funds on behalf of the County of Inyo. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

*Sheriff – OCSD MOU
Ratification*

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to: A) ratify and approve an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between Inyo County and the Olancho Community Service District, effective July 1, 2018, for Limited Advanced Life Support and Advanced Life Support, and authorize the payment of \$10,000 annually to support the program; and B) authorize the Sheriff to sign the Memorandum of Understanding, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

*Public Works –
New Coso Heritage
Society Lease
Ratification*

Acting Public Works Director Mike Errante noted an error in the Agenda Request Form’s Summary Discussion, clarifying that the lease comes with two one-year extension options. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to ratify and approve the lease agreement with the New Coso Heritage Society, Inc., Southern Inyo Museum, in the amount of \$12 per year for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

*HHS-Behavioral
Health – Medi-Cal
Mental Health
Managed Care Plan*

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to ratify the Standard Agreement between Inyo County Mental Health and California Department of Health Care Services for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022 as the Inyo County Medi-Cal Mental Health Managed Care Plan and designate the HHS Deputy Director of Behavioral Health, in her role as the County Mental Health Director, to sign both copies of each contract as well as complete the Certification Clause. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

*HHS – Assistant
HHS Director*

HHS Director Marilyn Mann said she was excited to introduce a contract in coordination with Personnel and the County Administrator to bring a new Assistant HHS Director on board this September. She said the candidate, Meaghan McCamman, has a background in public health issues and has previously enjoyed hiking in this area with her husband. Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve a contract between the County of Inyo and Meaghan McCamman for the provision of personal services in the position of Assistant Director of the Health and Human Services Department at Range 92, Step E, \$9,431 per month, effective September 20, 2018, and authorize the Acting County Administrator to sign.

*Information Services
– Department Update*

Information Services Director Scott Armstrong provided the Board with an update on the department, its staffing, current and future projects, and challenges faced in completing projects or by the County as a whole in terms of technology. Supervisor Griffiths asked about the timeline for completion of the automated agenda system and was told that right now it’s fluid but staff is moving forward. Supervisor Griffiths said he appreciated all the progress Information Services has made on numerous projects and initiatives over the last year.

*Here It Comes
Emergency*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to continue the local emergency known as the “Here It Comes Emergency” that was proclaimed in anticipation of run-off conditions from near-record snowpack posing extreme peril to the safety of property and persons in Inyo County. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

*Rocky Road
Emergency*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to continue the local emergency known as the “Rocky Road Emergency” that was proclaimed as the result of flooding, mud, and rock landslides and deep snow drifts over portions of Inyo County caused by an atmospheric river weather phenomena that began January 3, 2017 and continued throughout February. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

*Land of EVEN Less
Water Emergency*

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to continue the local emergency known as the “Land of EVEN Less Water Emergency” that was proclaimed as a result of extreme drought conditions that existed until recently in the County, while considering how to address the ongoing hydrologic issues in West Bishop. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent.

<i>Gully Washer Emergency</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to continue the local emergency known as the “Gully Washer Emergency” that resulted in flooding in the central, south and southeastern portion of Inyo County during the month of July, 2013. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent.
<i>DV Down But Not Out Emergency</i>	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to continue the local emergency known as the “Death Valley Down But Not Out Emergency” that was proclaimed as a result of flooding in the central, south and southeastern portion of Inyo County during the month of October, 2015. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent.
<i>Correspondence- Action – SIH District Election Consolidation</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to consolidate the Southern Inyo Healthcare District Election of Directors with the Statewide General Election to be held on November 6, 2018. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Kingsley absent.
<i>Recess/Reconvene</i>	The Chairperson recessed the meeting at 10:55 a.m. for a break and reconvened the meeting at 11:01 a.m. with all Board members present except Supervisor Kingsley, who was absent.
<i>Planning – Enact Ordinance 1233 (Shipping Containers)</i>	Planning Director Cathreen Richards provided an overview of the ordinance considered last week, when the Board had a lengthy discussion about rules and regulations for accessory buildings and waived the first reading of said ordinance. The Chairperson asked for public comment. Sharon White asked if the ordinance is adopted today, whether it would stand as written and that would mean no limit to the number of accessory buildings/shipping containers that can be placed on a property, and also whether existing accessory buildings/shipping containers will be “grandfathered in.” Richards explained that existing code requires the structures be 10 feet apart, a rule that by virtue of lot size does limit the number of structures permissible in many cases. She also said the Planning Department can seek remedies for existing zone code violations that are reported to them, when the violating party applies for a new permit. White said she doesn’t think the ordinance addresses the impact of unsightly structures on property values. Supervisor Tillemans said last week’s discussion was quite thorough and the Board did take that issue into consideration but ultimately had to consider the impacts of over-regulation on the County as a whole. He also said that Supervisor Kingsley recognized the tough position the Board was in with regard to homeowners’ concerns. Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to enact an ordinance titled, “An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, adding Section 18.06.496 and Amending Section 18.78.150 of the Inyo County Code Regarding Shipping Containers and Other Accessory Structures.”
<i>Public Comment</i>	The Chairperson asked for public comment during the final public comment period. Linda Chaplin of Independence spoke in favor of local community pools and the important role they play for recreation and teaching life skills.
<i>Board and Staff Reports</i>	Chairperson Totheroh reported that the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority voted at its emergency meeting last week to take over administration of the State Groundwater Management Act grant from the County. Supervisor Griffiths, as president of the Eastern Sierra Foundation, announced that the foundation is expanding its assistance to students to include transportation aid to students in the South County and Tri-Valley area. He also reported on an Eastern Sierra Council of Governments meeting and discussions regarding a Joint Powers Authority; a Sierra Business Council meeting in Mammoth; a Board installation for the Bishop Chamber of Commerce; and a Laws Museum Board of Directors meeting. Acting CAO Quilter reported he will be having a meeting with regional FAA representatives this week and reminded the Board about the joint meeting with the Town of Mammoth Lakes Town Council at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 28.

Adjournment

Chairperson Totheroh adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 28, 2018 in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: CLINT G. QUILTER
Acting Clerk of the Board*

by: _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant