

# MINUTES



# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

**April 2, 2019**

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 April 2, 2019, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Rick Pucci, presiding, Dan Tothoroh, Jeff Griffiths, Mark Tillemans, and Matt Kingsley.

- Public Comment* Chairperson Pucci asked for public comment during the first public comment period and there was no-one wishing to address the Board.
- Closed Session* Chairperson Pucci recessed open session at 8:31 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following items: No. 2 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** – Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9 (*one case*); No. 3 **CONFERENCE WITH COUNTY'S LABOR NEGOTIATORS [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6]** – Regarding employee organizations: Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA); Elected Officials Assistant Association (EOAA); 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 – Administrative Officer Clint Quilter, Assistant County Administrator Rick Benson, Deputy Personnel Director Sue Dishion, County Counsel Marshall Rudolph, Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann, and Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson; and No. 4 **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION [Pursuant to Government Code §54957]** – Title: Chief Probation Officer.
- Open Session* Chairperson Pucci recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:02 a.m. with all Board members present.
- Pledge* Chairperson Pucci led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Report on Closed Session* County Counsel Rudolph reported that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.
- Public Comment* Chairperson Pucci asked for public comment during the second public comment period and there was no-one wishing to address the Board.
- County Department Reports* Assistant County Administrator Rick Benson reported that the Frisbee golf course at Millpond is ready to open after a year and a half of planning and work.
- Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson provided an update on legislation discussed at the recent Chief Probation Officers of California conference, and reminded the Board about the Every 15 Minutes event April 3-4.
- Introductions* HHS Director Marilyn Mann introduced new Prevention Specialist Micaela E. Muro to the Board; Public Works Director Mike Errante introduced new Account Technician III Jaime James; and Sheriff Hollowell introduced new Office Technician I Chelsea Roster.
- Public Works – Airport Tech I-II* Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tothoroh find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for one (1) Airport Technician I-II exists within the Airport budgets, as certified by the Public Works Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and the Auditor Controller; B) where internal candidates may meet the qualifications for the position, and the vacancy could possibly be filled by an internal candidate, but an external recruitment is most appropriate to ensure

qualified candidates apply; and C) authorize the hiring of one (1) Airport Technician I-II, Range 50 (\$2,860 - \$3,478) or Range 54 (\$3,135 - \$3,814), depending upon qualifications. Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works – Add Engineering Assistant I*

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to:

- A) Change the authorized strength in the Public Works Department by:
  - 1. Defunding one (1) Deputy Director position, Range 88 (\$7,034 - \$8,547); and
  - 2. Adding one (1) Engineering Assistant I, Range 71 (\$4,675 - \$5,683), or one (1) Engineering Assistant II, Range 75 (\$5,141 - \$6,249), depending on qualifications; and
- B) Find that, consistent with the Adopted Position Review Policy:
  - 1. The availability of funding for either of the requested positions exists by defunding a Deputy Director position in the Public Works Budget, as certified by the Public Works Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and the Auditor Controller;
  - 2. There exists an eligibility list from the recent Engineering series recruitment, which may include a qualified candidate and if that list is exhausted, an open recruitment is most appropriate to ensure qualified candidates apply; and
  - 3. Approve the hiring of one (1) Engineering Assistant I, Range 71 (\$4,675 - \$5,683), or Engineering Assistant II, Range 75 (\$5,141 - \$6,249), depending on qualifications.

Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-Advertising Co. Resources – FY 17-18 CPSP Grant Payments*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the following final payments from the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Advertising County Resources Budget: \$3,033 to the Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce for the Wild Wild West Marathon and Ultra runs; \$1,750 to the Friends of the Inyo for the 2018 Owens Lake Bird Festival; and \$400 to the Amargosa Conservancy for the Highway 127 Visitor Guide. Motion carried unanimously.

*Parks & Recreation – Mid State Containers P.O.*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve a purchase order in the amount of \$13,591 payable to Mid State Containers of Nipomo, CA for the purchase of two (2) 40-foot storage containers. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-ESAAA – Advisory Council Appointments*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to appoint Roger Rasche and Sandra Lund to the Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council, each to unexpired two-year terms ending December 11, 2020. (*Notice of Vacancy resulted in requests for appointment from Mr. Rasche and Ms. Lund.*) Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works – Bishop Glass Blanket P.O.*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve a blanket purchase order in the amount of \$30,000 payable to Bishop Glass of Bishop, CA. Motion carried unanimously.

*Road Department – Crack Seal Purchase & Kettle Agreement*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the purchase of crack seal material from and enter into a six-month agreement for a crack sealing kettle with Pavement Preservation Specialities, Inc. dba: Environmental Concepts of Tehachapi, CA in an amount not to exceed \$190,036.25, and authorize the Public Works Director or designee to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*Road Department – John Deere Flex Wing Rotary Cutter Purchase*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the purchase of one (1) John Deere R15 Flex Wing Rotary Cutter from Valley Truck and Tractor, Inc. of Elk Grove, CA in an amount not to exceed \$22,020.89. Motion carried unanimously.

*Sheriff – 2019 Domestic Cannabis Grant*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to: A) approve the 2019 Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program Letter of Agreement in the amount of \$14,000, contingent upon adoption of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget; B) authorize Sheriff Hollowell to sign the agreement and all necessary documents; and C) authorize Treasurer-Tax Collector Alisha McMurtrie to sign as the authorized agency representative to enable electronic fund transfer when available. Motion carried unanimously.

<i>BOS-Tillemans – Landfill Fee Waiver/Reso# 2019-14</i>	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve Resolution No. 2019-14, titled, “A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Waiving Solid Waste Disposal and Gate Fees for Trash and Litter Removal During the Big Pine Community Clean-up,” and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>BOS-Kingsley – Landfill Fee Waiver/Reso# 2019-15</i>	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Resolution No. 2019-15, titled, “A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Waiving Solid Waste Disposal and Gate Fees for Trash and Litter Removal During the Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation Earth Day Community Clean-up Event,” and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Planning – West-wide Energy Corridors Region 5 Comment Letter</i>	Planning Director Cathreen Richards presented for the Board’s review and approval draft correspondence in response to the review of the West-wide Energy Corridors Region 5 and draft correspondence, in response to that review. Supervisor Griffiths thanked Richards for drafting the letter and asked that something be added to mention the Department of Interior’s lack of communication on the matter, considering he only found out this segment of the study was complete via an email in his junkmail folder. Supervisor Totheroh suggested adding reference to the “millions of yearly visitors” who will also be impacted by visual blight. Earl Wilson of Lone Pine said he has been on the project notification list for years and was also not notified of the study’s release. Supervisor Kingsley said he agreed with the suggested changes, and noted this letter is consistent with past comment letters sent by the Board. Staff was also directed to strengthen the language about not adding transmission lines west of the Alabama Hills and staying in existing corridors.
<i>Correspondence- Action – Authorize Letter Supporting SB 395</i>	Supervisor Pucci presented a request from the Inyo County Fish and Wildlife Commission to send a letter supporting SB 395, and provided details on the legislation. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to authorize the Inyo County Fish and Wildlife Commission to send a letter to Senator Bob Archuleta in support of SB 395 – the Wildlife Safety Act – and to have staff draft and the Chairperson sign a similar letter of support from the Board of Supervisors. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Recess/Reconvene</i>	The Chairperson recessed the meeting for a break at 10:56 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:03 a.m. with all Board members present.
<i>Recycling &amp; Waste Management – Franchise Agreements Workshop</i>	Assistant County Administrator Rick Benson and the Board held a workshop on the draft franchise agreements with the County’s waste haulers. Benson noted the agreements have been in the works for many years. He reviewed the terms and conditions of the agreements for the haulers and the County, and, after additional discussion with the Board, said he would return next week for approval of the agreements along with floor rate changes, to be effective July 1, 2019. He noted if the franchise agreements are approved, they will necessitate changes to County Code. The Board engaged in additional discussion about the agreements. Roger Brown of Bishop Waste Disposal thanked the County for its assistance. Benson agreed to bring the agreements back for approval next week.
<i>Public Comment</i>	Chairperson Pucci asked for public comment during the final public comment period.  Earl Wilson of Lone Pine reported that the Secretary of the Interior had signed a secretarial order to establish a task force to facilitate and prioritize the implementation of S. 47, the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (Dingell Act).
<i>Board Member and Staff Reports</i>	Supervisor Totheroh said he would be attending a meeting of the Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging as well as the Every 15 Minutes demonstration at Bishop High School.  Supervisor Kingsley said he and the Ag Commissioner met with cannabis growers regarding interest in increased licenses for the Southeast County, and noted that the Blue and Gold FFA fundraiser is coming soon.  Supervisor Griffiths said he was involved with last week’s Banff Film Festival, and attended meetings of the First 5 Commission, IMACA Board of Directors, and Tri-County Fairgrounds Board of Directors.

CAO Quilter reminded the Board of the annual Southeast Inyo meeting scheduled for April 16 in Furnace Creek and Tecopa.

*Adjournment*

Chairperson Pucci adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 9, 2019 in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

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Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

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

*by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Darcy Ellis, Assistant*