

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

December 19, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:36 a.m., on December 19, 2023, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Jennifer Roeser, presiding, Scott Marcellin, Matt Kingsley and Jeff Griffiths. Also present: County Administrator Nate Greenberg, Assistant County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, Deputy County Counsel Grace Weitz, and Office Technician Hayley Carter. Absent: Supervisor Orrill.

<i>Closed Session</i>	The Chairperson asked for public comment related to closed session items and there was no one wishing to speak.
<i>Public Comment</i>	
<i>Closed Session</i>	Chairperson Roeser recessed open session at 8:36 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present except Supervisor Orrill to discuss the following item(s): No. 2 Conference with Real Property Negotiators – Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Government Code §54956.8 – Property: 269 N. Main St., Bishop. Agency Negotiators: Nate Greenberg, John-Carl Vallejo, Meaghan McCamman, and Sue Dishion. Negotiating parties: Inyo County and SSWI9 LLC. Under negotiation: price and terms of payment; No. 3 Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to potential litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) Government Code §54956.9: one potential case; and No. 4 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 Nate Greenberg, Assistant County Administrator Sue Dishion, Assistant County Administrator Meaghan McCamman, Deputy Personnel Director Keri Oney, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, County Counsel Christian Milovich, and Senior Budget Analyst Denelle Carrington.
<i>Open Session</i>	Chairperson Roeser recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 9:44 a.m. with all Board members present except Supervisor Orrill.
<i>Attendance Change</i>	Deputy County Counsel Grace Weitz stepped in for County Counsel John Vallejo for open session.
<i>Pledge of Allegiance</i>	HHS Director Anna Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance.
<i>Report on Closed Session</i>	Deputy County Counsel Weitz reported that no action was taken during closed session required to be reported.
<i>Public Comment</i>	Chairperson Roeser asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was received from David Tanksley.
<i>County Department Reports</i>	Chairperson Roeser asked if there were any department heads wishing to report and no one requested to speak.
<i>Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes</i>	Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of December 5, 2023. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Orrill absent.

CAO-Emergency Services – EMPG Program Application and Reso. No. 2023-42

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to:
A) Approve the submittal of the Fiscal Year 2023 EMPG Program Application and authorize the County Administrator, as the designated Authorized Agent, to sign the grant application, as well as any and all accompanying documents, by approving the "Governing Body Resolution (No. 2023-42);" and
B) Authorize the Chairperson to sign the resolution and resolution addendum letter.
Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Orrill absent.

CAO-Emergency Services – Wildlife Preparedness Outreach Grant/Stipend Acceptance

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to accept a grant award in the amount of \$3200 from the California Fire Safe Council (CFSC) and CalOES and authorize Wildfire Preparedness Coordinator to sign subaward agreement.
Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Orrill absent.

HHS-Health & Prevention – Home Visiting Supervisor Hiring Approval

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the hiring of one (1) Home Visiting Supervisor at Range 70, Step E (\$6,502). Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Orrill absent.

Planning Department – Yucca Mountain 2023 Certification of Funds

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to:
A) Certify that \$41,712.37 in funds provided to Inyo County as an Affected Unit of Local Government (AULG) under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, as amended, have been expended in accordance with the provisions of that Act, Public Law 97-425 and the 2010 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (Public Law 111-85);
B) Authorize the Chairperson to sign the certification; and,
C) Direct staff to submit the certification to the U.S. Department of Energy.
Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Orrill absent.

Public Works – Pine Creek Road Repair Project N.O.C./Reso. No. 2023-43

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Resolution No. 2023-43, 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 Pine Creek Road Repair Project," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Orrill absent.

Sheriff – Correctional Officer III Step C to E Increase Approval

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to authorize the step increase for Correctional Officer III, Range 70 C (\$5,997) to the E Step (\$6,621), retroactive to the date of hire, October 26, 2023. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Orrill absent.

CAO-Personnel – LWOP Approval

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to grant an employee leave without pay for up to 90 days effective December 24, 2023, in accordance with Article X, Leaves, 10.4 of the Inyo County Personnel Rules and Regulations. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Orrill absent.

CAO – Design Path Studios Contract Amendment No. 1

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Design Path Studios of Encinitas, CA, extending the term end date from December 31, 2023, through March 30, 2024, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Orrill absent.

HHS-Behavioral Health – SB 43 Deferred Implementation/ Reso. No. 2023-44

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Resolution No. 2023-44, titled, "Deferring Implementation of the Changes Made to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5008 by Senate Bill 43 (2023-2024 Reg Session)," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Orrill absent.

CAO-Emergency Services – 2023 HSGP Application & Reso. No. 2023-45

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to:
A) Approve the submittal of the Federal Fiscal Year 2023 HSGP application and authorize the County Administrator, as the designated Authorized Agent, to sign the grant application, as well as any and all accompanying documents, by approving Governing Board Resolution No. 2023-45; and
B) Authorize the Chairperson to sign the addendum letter.
Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Orrill absent.

Sheriff – Dispatch Technology Upgrade & Budget Amendment

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to:
A) Amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Jail CAD RMS Project Budget #022950 as follows: increase estimated revenue in Operating Transfers In Revenue Code No. 4998 by \$70,000 and increase appropriation in Special and Professional Services Object Code 5265 by \$70,000; and
B) Amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 AB443 Fund #502709 as follows: increase appropriations Operating Transfer Out Object Code 5801 by \$70,000.
Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Orrill absent.

Public Works – Deferred Maintenance Project & Budget Amendment

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to:
A) Amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 ESAAA Budget (683000) as follows: increase estimated revenue in Federal Other (4552) by \$100,000 and increase appropriation in Operating Transfers Out (5801) by \$100,000; and
B) Amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Deferred Maintenance Budget (011501) as follows: increase estimated revenue in Operating Transfers In (4998) by \$100,000 and increase appropriation in Maintenance of Structures (5191) by \$100,000.
Motion carried 4-0 with Supervisor Orrill absent.

Board of Supervisors – Volunteer Workshop

CAO Nate Greenberg provided a workshop on volunteer opportunities and outlined roles in which community-based organizations have been able to assist in supplementing resources. Greenberg explained the ways in which volunteers are utilized and highlighted opportunities and constraints on how the volunteer programs operate.

Board members asked questions and provided their input on volunteer participation within the County.

Chairperson Roeser began a roundtable discussion, and the following attendees were heard: Deputy Public Works Director Ashley Helms, Clerk-Recorder Danielle Sexton, Randy Short, Lauralyn Hundley, Dan Berry, and Anna Montgomery with Friends of the Lone Pine Airport.

Additional questions were answered by Deputy County Counsel Weitz and Risk Manager Aaron Holmberg.

The Board thanked everyone for their participation and directed staff to look into a more user-friendly policy which encourages and assists those wishing to volunteer with the County.

Public Comment

Chairperson Roeser asked if there was any public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda and comment was received from Lauralyn Hundley.

Board Member & Staff Reports

Supervisor Kingsley said he attended the Independence Fruitcake Festival.

Office Technician Hayley Carter reminded attendees that there is no Board meeting next week and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.


Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11:43 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 9, 2024, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.



Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: NATE GREENBERG
Clerk of the Board*

by: 

Darcy Ellis, Assistant