

# MINUTES



# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

**December 10, 2019**

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 December 10, 2019, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Vice Chairperson Matt Kingsley, presiding, Dan Tothoroh, Jeff Griffiths, and Mark Tillemans. Absent: Chairperson Pucci.

*Public Comment* Vice Chairperson Kingsley asked for public comment during the first public comment period and there was no-one wishing to address the Board.

*Closed Session* Vice Chairperson Kingsley recessed open session at 8:30 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present except Chairperson Pucci to discuss the following items: No. 2 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** – Significant exposure to potential litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9 (one potential case). Circumstances: threatened litigation regarding Portagee Joe Campground; and 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, Deputy Personnel Director Sue Dishion, County Counsel Marshall Rudolph, Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann, and Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson.

*Open Session* Vice Chairperson Kingsley recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10 a.m. with all Board members present except Chairperson Pucci, who was absent. Vice Chairperson Kingsley announced that Chairperson Pucci is recovering from a medical procedure and wished him a speedy recovery.

*Pledge* Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis 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* Vice Chairperson Kingsley asked for public comment during the second public comment period.

Deena Davenport-Conway of Independence inquired about the status of the veterans walkway project for Big Pine. CAO Quilter and Vice Chairperson Kingsley explained that there were issues with LADWP that were not getting resolved, and the grant funding was about to expire after multiple extensions, so the funding was used on another project.

*County Department Reports* Risk Manager Aaron Holmberg announced that he had completed the annual risk management safety inspections of County facilities, which a number of things that staff is doing really well and other things that can be improved. He thanked department heads and staff for their cooperation and commitment to safety, and Public Works for their assistance addressing the identified deficiencies.

Child Support Services Director Susanne Rizo thanked the Public Works Department for its assistance repairing the CSS office's leaky roof.

*County Resources –  
Film Commissioner  
Mid-Year Report*

Report to the Board, and provided additional updates on recent filming activity, the Museum of Western Film History, and the Lone Pine Film Festival – including the news that actors Giovanni Ribisi and Jason Lee visited the museum yesterday and discussed with Langley their desire to film a Western in the area.

*Child Support  
Services – Child  
Support Attorney I-  
III/Change in  
Authorized Strength*

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans for the Board to:

- A) Find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: 1) the availability of funding for the requested position exists in the non-general Child Support fund, as certified by the Child Support Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; 2) the position could be filled by internal recruitment; however, an open recruitment would be more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; and 3) approve the hiring of one (1) Child Support Attorney I-III, Range 81-86 (\$5,806 - \$8,302), depending upon qualifications;
- B) Change the authorized strength within the Child Support Department by deleting one (1) Child Support Supervisor, Range 72, and one (1) Child Support Officer I, Range 57; and
- C) Reclassify the Administrative Analyst II, Range 70 (\$4,660 - \$5,668), to a Program Manager, Range 74 (\$5,121 - \$6,225).

Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.

*HHS – BPAR  
Registered Dietician  
Nutritionist/Change in  
Authorized Strength*

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to:

- A) Change the Authorized Strength in the Health and Human Services WIC, ESAAA and CHDP programs by: 1) Deleting one Registered Dietitian Nutritionist at Range 74 (\$5,021 - \$6,103/month); 2) Adding one B-Par Registered Dietitian Nutritionist at Range PT74 (\$26.90 - \$32.70/hr.); and
- B) Approve the reclassification of the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist to a B-Par Registered Dietitian Nutritionist.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.

*Ag Commissioner-  
Cannabis –  
License Deadline  
Extension/Reso  
# 2019-56*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve Resolution No. 2019-56 titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California Extending the Deadline for Commercial Cannabis Business License Requirements," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.

*Motor Pool – Bishop  
Ford Bid Award and  
Purchase*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to: A) declare Bishop Ford the successful bidder for one (1) 2020 Ford Expedition per Bid No. MP 09 2019 and B) authorize the purchase of one (1) 2020 Ford Expedition from Bishop Ford in an amount not to exceed \$45,397.00. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.

*Public Works –  
BPMP Deck Sealing  
N.O.C./Reso #  
2019-57*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve Resolution No. 2019-57 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 Inyo County BPMP Deck Sealing Project," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.

*Public Works – So.  
County Striping  
Project N.O.C./Reso  
# 2019-58*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve Resolution No. 2019-58 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 South County Striping Project," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.

*Water Dept. –  
Direction for OVGA  
Reps*

Water Director Dr. Aaron Steinwand sought direction from the Board to the County's Owens Valley Groundwater Authority representatives in advance of the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority meeting scheduled for December 12, 2019 in Bishop, CA. He distributed a final agenda and reviewed the agenda items, including review of a proposed Mission Statement for the OVGA. It was the consensus of the Board to review the Mission Statement after it's been vetted at the upcoming meeting, and for staff to continue moving in earnest on the development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan in the absence of definitive news from the Department of Water Resources on the basin's priority status.

*Planning – Tribal*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to keep the same appointments from 2019 to Tribal Consultation Committees, for each of the recognized Tribes

*Consultation  
Committee  
Appointments*

in the County, for terms beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020:

- Bishop Paiute Tribe – Supervisors Totheroh and Pucci
- Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley – Supervisors Tillemans and Totheroh
- Ft. Independence Indian Community of Paiutes – Supervisors Tillemans and Kingsley
- Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribe – Supervisors Kingsley and Tillemans
- Timbisha Shoshone Tribe – Supervisors Kingsley and Griffiths

Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.

*HHS-ESAAA –  
Facility Rental  
Deposit Waiver*

HHS Director Marilyn Mann presented a request to start waiving the deposit fees for the use of County facilities for local fire departments and civic clubs, citing the financial and administrative inconvenience for small entities with long-standing histories of using the facilities responsibly. She said the waiver does not apply to events where alcohol is being served. Suzi Dennett of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District thanked the Board for considering the waiver, which would eliminate a problematic process for the SIFPD. Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to authorize Health and Human Services (HHS) to waive required deposits associated with facility use rental policies for facilities managed by HHS for specified entities, including fire departments in each community and civic organizations associated with respective townships housing a rental facility. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.

*HHS-Public Health &  
Prevention – Health  
Management  
Associates MOU  
Ratification*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to ratify and approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Health Management Associates and the Inyo County Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for the period of April 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, and authorize the Director of HHS to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.

*Sheriff – Sun Ridge  
Systems Sole Source  
and Payment  
Ratification*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to: A) declare Sun Ridge Systems, Inc. of El Dorado Hills, CA a sole-source provider of annual support services; and B) ratify and approve payment to Sun Ridge Systems, Inc. of El Dorado Hills, CA in the amount of \$23,606 for annual support services. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.

*Public Works –  
Budget  
Amendment/Wadell  
Engineering  
Amendment 2*

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to:

- A) Amend the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Bishop Air Rehab Runway Budget 12-30 (Budget 631100) as follows: 1. increase revenue in Federal Grants (Revenue Code 4555) by \$277,168; 2. increase appropriation in Professional Services (Object Code 5265) by \$267,168; and 3. increase appropriation in External Charges (Object Code 5124) by \$10,000; and
- B) Approve Amendment No. 2 to the agreement between the County of Inyo and Wadell Engineering Corporation (WEC) of Burlingame, CA, to increase the contract to an amount not to exceed \$393,633.00 and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.

*Public Works -  
Wadell Engineering  
Amendment 20  
Ratification*

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to ratify and approve Amendment No. 20 agreement between the County of Inyo and Wadell Engineering Corporation of Burlingame, CA, extending the term end date from June 30, 2019 to December 31, 2019, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.

*Information Services  
– CivicPlus Renewal  
Ratification*

Information Services Director Scott Armstrong presented a request to ratify renewal of the maintenance agreement with CivicPlus, for the County's automated agenda and Board streaming systems. Supervisor Kingsley said he loves the automated agenda and wondered if the next step in the program could be incorporating a way for citizens – especially the residents of the far-flung areas like Tecopa – to comment on items remotely. Armstrong said he would look into the possibility. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to ratify and approve the renewal of a Software Maintenance Agreement between CivicPlus, Inc. and the County of Inyo for the County's Board streaming and agenda automation system for the period of December 1, 2019 through November 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$11,220.00. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.

*CAO-Personnel –*

CAO Quilter presented for Board approval ratification of a contract for the County's upcoming

*Segal Company  
Contract*

classification and compensation study. Supervisor Griffiths said he thinks the study is an important process that has been in the works for a while, and was glad the union, Personnel, and Administration were in agreement on proceeding with it. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Segal Waters Consulting DBA The Segal Company (Western States) Inc. for the provision of Compensation and Classification Consulting in amount not to exceed \$95,000 for the period of December 4, 2019 through December 4, 2020 and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.

*Clerk of the Board –  
Approval of Minutes*

The Assistant Clerk of the Board noted that Supervisor Totheroh had pointed out a few minor errors in the minutes, which have been corrected. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve as corrected the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meetings of November 12, 2019, November 19, 2019, and November 26, 2019. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.

*Correspondence-  
Action – LPUSD  
Bond Election  
Consolidation*

Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd addressed the Board to discuss the Lone Pine Unified School District's proposed General Obligation Bond in what she described as an effort to ensure the voting taxpayers of the district are fully aware of what they're being asked to approve. She explained that, if passed by voters, the bond measure will become the second largest in Inyo County, raising the tax rate so significantly in the district that it will have the highest rates in the county. She said her calculations show a rate of \$90 for every \$100,000 in valuation – and stressed that voters need to understand the bond will change the tax rate upon which their property tax bills are based. Supervisor Griffiths thanked Shepherd for the information. County Counsel Rudolph added that while the district is requesting the Board consolidate the General Obligation Bond election with the upcoming primary, statute requires the Board to do so, making the approval a ministerial, perfunctory action. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to order the consolidation of the Lone Pine Unified School District's General Obligation Bond Election with the March 3, 2020 Direct Primary Election. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.

*Public Comment*

Vice Chairperson Kingsley asked for public comment during the final public comment period.

Suzi Dennett of Tecopa expressed sadness at the absence of Earl Wilson from today's meeting in the wake of his passing. She called Wilson one of the most enjoyable gatekeepers for democracy that she has ever met, and suggested a memorial plaque on "his" chair in the Board room. Supervisor Kingsley said a plaque was already in the works and he hoped its dedication and/or unveiling could coincide with a memorial being planned for Wilson in the new year.

*Board Member and  
Staff Reports*

Assistant Clerk of the Board Ellis reported that the memorial plaque for Earl Wilson's chair had been ordered.

Supervisor Griffiths reported attending the CSAC Annual Conference last week in San Francisco, where he moderated a panel on foster care programs and was nominated to the Executive Committee, as well as last night's Bishop City Council meeting. He also announced that the next Inyo Associates meeting will be held in Bishop at Astorga's.

Supervisor Totheroh reported attending the CSAC Conference last week and a Continuum of Care meeting yesterday.

Supervisor Kingsley reported attending the CSAC Conference last week as well as a public meeting on the Alabama Hills management plan. He also announced that the Shoe City in Independence opens this Saturday and the annual Christmas Mixer at the Dow Villa in Lone Pine will be held this Thursday evening.

*Adjournment*

Vice Chairperson Kingsley adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 17, 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*