

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

January 14, 2020

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 9:02 a.m., on January 14, 2020, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Matt Kingsley, presiding, Dan Tothoroh, Jeff Griffiths, Rick Pucci, and Mark Tillemans.

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

Closed Session Chairperson Kingsley recessed open session at 9:03 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following items: No. 2 **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 Leslie Chapman, Deputy Personnel Director Sue Dishion, County Counsel Marshall Rudolph, Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann, and Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson.

Open Session Chairperson Kingsley recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:02 a.m. with all Board members present.

Pledge Supervisor Tillemans 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.

Item Pulled Chairperson Kingsley announced the following item was being pulled from the agenda:

15. **Public Works - Airports** – Request Board ratify and approve the Lease Agreement between the County of Inyo and REACH Air Medical Services, LLC for the hangar space located at Hangar A, Bishop Airport, Bishop, CA for an initial period of five years with four, two-year options to extend, for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2024, with the first annual amount of \$31,200 payable to the County in quarterly installments of \$7,800, contingent upon the Board's adoption of future budgets; and authorize the Chairperson to sign contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained.

Public Comment Chairperson Kingsley asked for public comment during the second public comment period.

Inyo Council for the Arts Executive Director Lynn Cooper presented to the Board an annual State of the Arts report, and updated the Board on noteworthy projects and activities, including collaborations with Inyo County and the Probation Department.

County Department Reports HHS Director Marilyn Mann distributed to the Board copies of the new Preserving Wellness newsletter and provided an update on the Governor's Proposed Budget.

Assistant County Administrator Leslie Chapman reported that she anticipates there being Prop 68 per capita funding left over after the Diaz Lake water project and said she will return with an agenda item to consider other potential projects for the balance.

HHS-Behavioral Health – Program Chief Authorized Strength Change

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to:

- A) Amend the authorized strength in HHS Behavioral Health by:
 - 1. deleting one (1) full-time Licensed Addictions Supervisor at Range 82 (\$6,198 - \$7,526) and the alternate classification of Addictions Supervisor at Range 70 (\$4,660 - \$5,668);
 - 2. deleting one (1) Office Clerk III at Range 52 (\$3,057 - \$3,714); and adding one (1) full-time Program Chief at Range 84 (\$6,507 - \$7,908);
- B) Approve the amended Program Chief job description for use in both children's and adult treatment programs; and
- C) Find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy:
 - 1. the availability of funding for two Program Chiefs exists in the non-General Fund budgets of Mental Health, Substance Use Disorders and Drinking Driver Program, as certified by the HHS Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller;
 - 2. Where internal candidates may meet the qualifications for the position, the vacancy could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, but an open recruitment is more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply;
 - 3. approve the hiring of two (2) full-time Program Chiefs at Range 84 (\$6,507 - \$7,908), one of which will not be hired until the retirement of an existing employee in May 2020; and
 - 4. If an internal candidate is hired as a result of the open recruitment, authorize the Department to backfill the resulting vacancy.

Motion carried unanimously.

Recycling & Waste – CalRecycle Grant Applications/Reso # 2020-01

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Resolution No. 2020-01, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Authorizing Submittal of Application for Payment Programs and Related Authorizations," in relation to CalRecycle grants, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS-Behavioral Health – Whole Person Care Capacity Funding/Reso # 2020-02

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Resolution No. 2020-02, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Authorizing the County to Participate in the One-Time Funding Opportunity to Initiate Whole Person Care Capacity," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS-First 5 – Postpartum Support Sole-Source Contract

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to: A) declare Postpartum Support International of Portland, OR a sole-source provider of perinatal mood disorder training services; and B) approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Postpartum Support International for training services in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the period of January 15, 2020 to April 15, 2020, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

PW – ESA Contract Amendment 1

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Amendment No. 1 to the agreement between the County of Inyo and Environmental Science Associates of Sacramento, CA, for the Environmental Assessment and Initial Study of the Bishop Airport Part 139 Operating Certificate and the Amendment of United Airlines Operations Specifications, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Department – Twin Mountain Sole-Source Blanket P.O.

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to declare Twin Mountain Rock Venture LLC of Sun Valley, CA a sole-source provider of black rock cinder sand; and B) authorize issuance of a blanket purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, payable to Twin Mountain Rock Venture LLC of Sun Valley, CA for black rock cinder sand to be used for ice control. Motion carried unanimously.

BOS – 2020 Committee Assignments

Chairperson Kingsley announced he did not plan to change any of the committee assignments from 2019 if the Board concurred. The rest of the Board supported the plan. Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve the 2020 committee assignments unchanged from 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

For the purposes of Form 806 reporting, separate motions were required for the Eastern Sierra

Transit Authority, Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District, and Local Agenda Formation Commission:

- Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to assign Supervisors Totheroh and Griffiths to the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board of Directors for calendar year 2020. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to assign Supervisors Totheroh and Kingsley to the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District, and assign Supervisor Griffiths as the alternate, for calendar year 2020. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to assign Supervisors Pucci and Griffiths to the Local Agency Formation Commission, and assign Supervisor Totheroh as the alternate, for calendar year 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

*County Counsel/CAO
– Indian Wells Valley
GSP Report*

Assistant County Counsel John Vallejo, Inyo County's alternate on the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA) board, gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Supervisors on the upcoming vote regarding the Groundwater Sustainability Plan, which includes a conceptual project to import water into the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin via the LADWP Aqueduct. He described the economic implications of and rationale behind the plan for the overdraft Indian Wells basin, as well as the ramifications the move would have for the Owens Valley groundwater basin. He also said the County was approached by IWVGA representatives on possible groundwater banking opportunities but no agreements or proposals have been developed. Supervisor Kingsley, the Board's representative on the IWVGA board, explained that the Indian Wells basin is in trouble and looking to Inyo County for a solution. He said the rest of the IWVGA board's constituents have benefited from the basin being in overdraft for 50 years while Inyo County has experienced little growth in comparison. He said, with talks about expanding and growing Ridgecrest, it seems the residents of the Indian Wells basin do not recognize the dire situation they're in, even though Vallejo has communicated this from the IWVGA board dais many times. He said it is encouraging that LADWP has said it won't be a partner to the plan and wants to make sure Inyo County is comfortable with any other options before supporting those. Chairperson Kingsley said his intention is to have Inyo County vote "no" on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan – something the County has relayed to both IWVGA staff and board members already – and that he, Vallejo, and CAO Quilter are working on a statement for the January 16 meeting. Discussion ensued among the Board and Vallejo, with the Board expressing its support of the "no" vote. The Chairperson solicited public comment. Alan Bacock of Big Pine said he recognizes the serious issues faced in the Indian Wells Groundwater Basin, but the Owens Valley basin must resolve its own issues with LADWP and uphold the Long-Term Water Agreement before it can be in a position to help other basins. Mike Prather of Lone Pine said he appreciates the planned "no" vote, adding that any water banking should take place in Inyo County and importing water via the aqueduct is akin to the camel getting its nose under the tent. Wendy Schneider, executive director of Friends of the Inyo, said the organization supports Chairperson Kingsley's plan for a "no" vote and would be submitting letters stating as much to the IWVGW and state Department of Water Resources. The Board reiterated its support for the "no" vote and its concerns about the IWVGA proposal. Chairperson Kingsley said Inyo County would be making it clear that it is committed to working with the rest of the IWVGA board on solution, just not this one. He read aloud the last two sentences of the statement Vallejo would be giving at the IWVGA meeting: "We support a project that addresses their reality head-on and provides a potential for the economy in their basin to grow and the people in that basin to thrive. We look forward to continuing to work with our partners here to help make the AVEK (Antelope Valley-Eastern Kern Water Agency) project or other solutions a reality."

*Public Works –
Independence Water
System Surcharge*

Deputy Public Works Director Chris Cash presented a proposed temporary monthly surcharge to be applied to Independence Water System users only in order to recoup costs spent on emergency replacement of the Independence water main transmission line. He said the Public Works Department sent out a notice to affected ratepayers at least 45 days in advance of today's hearing, and believes staff has met the requirements of Prop 218. He said if approved, the temporary surcharge would take effect February 1. Cash also noted, and the Assistant Clerk of the Board confirmed, that zero protest letters were received from affected ratepayers. Supervisor Tillemans said the lack of protests is credit to the solid groundwork laid by Public Works and the consultant several months ago in communicating the issue to residents. The Chairperson opened the public hearing at 11:25 a.m. and, with no-one present to comment, closed the public hearing at 11:25 a.m. Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by

Supervisor Totheroh to: A) find and determine that it has not received written protests to the proposed surcharge from a majority of the affected parcels; and B) approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution No. 2020-03, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Approving a Temporary Monthly Surcharge for Independence Water System Services." Motion carried unanimously.

Risk – Proposed Authority Delegation Ordinance

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to: A) introduce, read title, and waive further reading of a proposed ordinance titled, "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Amending Subsections (B) and (C) of Section 1.28.040 of the Inyo County Code, Pertaining to Delegation of Authority to Compromise or Settle Claims Against the County;" and B) schedule ordinance for enactment at 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 21, 2020 in the County Administrative Center, Independence. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS- Health/Prevention – MOU with HMA Ratification

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to ratify and approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Inyo and Health Management Associates (HMA) for the provision of additional funds for implementation of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for substance use disorder (SUD) in the County Jail, and authorize the HHS Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes

Moved by Supervisors Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meetings of December 17, 2019 and January 7, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Member and Staff Reports

Supervisor Tillemans reported attending last night's meeting of the Big Pine Civic Club, which will be hosting a District 4 candidates' forum next week. He added that this week's Local Transportation Commission meeting has been canceled and said he will be communicating with community members about the upcoming Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation meetings.

Supervisor Totheroh said he attended the Owens Valley Groundwater Association meeting last week.

Supervisor Griffiths reported attending board meetings of the Inyo Council for the Arts, Owens Valley Groundwater Authority, and Eastern Sierra Transit Authority, and attended the Bishop City Council meeting. He added he will be attending the 2020 RCRC officer installation ceremony on Wednesday and a meeting of the CSAC Executive Board Thursday, with plans to be back in Lone Pine in time for the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation meeting.

CAO Quilter reported that CSAC and RCRC analyses of the Governor's Proposed Budget have been sent out, and he will be having department heads review the budget.

Chairperson Kingsley reported meeting with a climber's association last week as well as attending the Great Basin Air Pollution Control District board meeting and joining Supervisor Pucci in meeting with the BLM regarding consultation on the Alabama Hills Management Plan. He noted there will be an Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation meeting in Lone Pine later this week, a Tremors reunion event Friday and Saturday in Lone Pine, and a celebration of life for Earl Wilson on Saturday in Independence.

Recess/Reconvene - Lunch

The Chairperson recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:40 a.m. and the Vice Chairperson reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. with all Board members present except Chairperson Kingsley.

Recess/Reconvene – Board of Equalization

Vice Chairperson Griffiths recessed the Board of Supervisors meeting at 1:30 p.m. and reconvened as the Board of Equalization (separate minutes to be approved at next Board of Equalization meeting) with all members present except Chairperson Kingsley. The Vice Chairperson recessed the Board of Equalization meeting at 2:44 p.m. and reconvened as the Board of Supervisors with all members present except Chairperson Kingsley.

Adjournment

Vice Chairperson Griffiths adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, January, 21, 2020 in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

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

by: _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant