

# MINUTES



# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

## August 20, 2021

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in special session at the hour of 7:32 a.m., on August 20, 2021, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present via webinar per California Governor Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-08-21: Chairperson Jeff Griffiths, presiding, Dan Totheroh, Rick Pucci, Jennifer Roeser, and Matt Kingsley. Also present: Deputy Personnel Director Sue Dishion standing in for County Administrator Leslie Chapman, Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis, County Counsel Marshall Rudolph, and Assistant County Counsel John Vallejo.

- Public Comment* Chairperson Griffiths asked if there was any public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda.
- The Assistant Clerk of the Board did not receive any emailed comments and nobody requested to speak to the Board via the "hand-raising" feature on Zoom.
- Closed Session* Chairperson Griffiths recessed open session at 7:32 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following item(s): No. 2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9** – Names of cases: *LADWP v. Inyo County et al.* (CA 5th District Court of Appeal Case No. F081389) and *Inyo County v. LADWP* (Kern County Sup. Ct. Case Nos. BCV-18-101260-TSC, BCV-18-101261-TSC, and BCV-18-101262-TSC).
- Open Session* Chairperson Griffiths recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 8:38 a.m. with all Board members present.
- Pledge of Allegiance* Chairperson Griffiths led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Report on Closed Session* Assistant County Counsel Vallejo reported that no action was taken in Closed Session that is required to be reported.
- County Administrator – Bishop Locksmith COB Payment* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve a payment of \$12,268.14 to Bishop Locksmith for keying doors, making keys and the labor associated with it for the Bishop Consolidated Office Building. Motion carried unanimously.
- Public Works – Spiess Terminal Building Project Contract* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to: A) award the contract for the Project to Spiess Construction Co., Inc. of Santa Maria, CA as the successful bidder; B) approve the construction contract between the County of Inyo and Spiess Construction Co., Inc. of Santa Maria, CA in the amount of \$886,700.00, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained and the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget; and C) authorize the 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.
- Public Works – Master Agreement 09-5948S21/ Reso # 2021-44* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve Resolution No. 2021-44, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California Approving Administering Agency-State Master Agreement No. 09-5948S21, Authorizing the Chairperson of the Board to Execute the Agreement, and Authorizing the Director of Public Works to Execute Program Supplements to Master Agreement No. 09-5948S21," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Working –  
Sterndahl  
Enterprises Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to award the contract for the HSIP Centerline Striping Project to Sterndahl Enterprises Inc. of Sun Valley, CA as the successful bidder; B) approve the construction contract between the County of Inyo and Sterndahl Enterprises Inc. of Sun Valley, CA in the amount of \$134,878.40, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained; and C) authorize the 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.

*CAO-Emergency  
Services – County  
Campground  
Campfire Ban*

Emergency Services Manager Kelley Williams introduced an item requesting the Board to consider and potentially authorize prohibiting campfires at County managed campgrounds due to extreme fire danger. She reviewed recent actions taken by the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to prohibit open flames in their jurisdictions. Assistant County Counsel Vallejo noted that the Board was being asked to only consider campfire bans at County-operated campgrounds – not on private land and not at campgrounds operated by concessionaires. Williams noted the ban would apply to seven campgrounds: Pleasant Valley; Baker Creek; Tinnemaha; Taboose; Portuguese Joe; Independence; and, Diaz Lake. Board members agreed that any restrictions should be consistent with those adopted by the BLM and expected to be adopted by the USFS. Supervisor Roeser asked whether the ban would apply to cigarette smoking, and after some discussion, the Board agreed smoking could be allowed in designated areas only. Sydney Quinn from Big Pine commented by email that the restrictions should be as consistent as possible with the County’s federal partners. Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the following prohibitions on County-operated campgrounds, to be lifted concurrent with the BLM’s restrictions unless otherwise directed by the Board, and to delegate staff the authority to implement them in the field as appropriate:

- No setting building, maintaining, attending, or using a campfire, charcoal grill or open flame of any kind;
- No smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or camp trailer or while stopped/standing in a designated developed campground with a three-foot diameter area barren or cleared of all flammable materials and away from facility doors, windows and air ducts;
- No other open flames.

Motion carried unanimously.

*Adjournment*

Chairperson Griffiths adjourned the meeting at 9:14 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 7, 2021 in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

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Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: LESLIE L. CHAPMAN  
Clerk of the Board*

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