

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

September 27, 2022

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 9:01 a.m., on September 27, 2022 in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present per California Assembly Bill 361: Vice Chairperson Jennifer Roeser, presiding, Jeff Griffiths, Rick Pucci, and Matt Kingsley. Also present: County Administrator Nate Greenberg, Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis, Office Clerk Hayley Carter, and County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo. Absent: Chairperson Totheroh

- Pledge of Allegiance* Supervisor Pucci led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Public Comment* Vice Chairperson Roeser asked if there was any public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda and there was none.
- County Department Reports* Vice Chairperson Roeser opened the floor to Department Reports and there were none.
- Coroner – Madera County Contract* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the two-year agreement between the County of Madera and the County of Inyo for the provision of supplemental autopsy services in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.
- Coroner – Margot Fleming Contract* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Margot Fleming for provision of coroner services for the term of October 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$65,000, contingent upon the adoption of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.
- Personnel – Hanson Bridgett LLP Contract* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Hanson Bridgett LLP for the provision of Specialized Law Enforcement Legal Services and Employment Advice, in the amount of \$100,000 for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign the contract and HIPPA Business Associate Agreement, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.
- HHS-Behavioral Health – Iris Telehealth Medical Group Contract* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and Iris Telehealth Medical Group of Austin, TX for the provision of telepsychiatry services in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.
- HHS-Behavioral Health – ICOE North Star Counseling Contract* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to: A) declare Inyo County Office of Education (ICOE) of Independence, CA a sole-source provider for Prevention Early Intervention (PEI) Services; B) ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and ICOE for the implementation of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) PEI North Star Counseling Program Services in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for the period of August 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, contingent upon the Board's approval the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget; and C) authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures

being obtained. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.

*HHS-First 5 –
Kern Regional Center
Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Kern Regional Center of Bishop, CA for the provision of First 5 Community Grant services in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for the period of September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.

*Planning –
USGS Joint Funding
Agreement*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the Joint Funding Agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey for wells and springs monitored in the Amargosa Desert in the amount of \$8,000 for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.

*Road Department –
Road Closure
for Fall Fandango*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the closure of a portion of Bartell Road in Big Pine on October 8, 2022, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 p.m., to accommodate the Big Pine Paiute Tribe Fall Fandango event. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.

*Water Department –
OVGA Well
Permit Input*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve request from Owens Valley Groundwater Authority to forward well permit applications for OVGA input and direct staff to implement appropriate procedures. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.

*Emergency Services
– Loan Assistance*

Supervisor Griffiths asked that the agenda item be pulled from Consent and moved to Departmental for discussion. He and the rest of the Board praised the plan to assist victims of the recent fires. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to make a finding of public benefit pertaining to the County's provision of zero or low-interest loans to victims of recent fires and delegate authority to the County Administrative Officer to negotiate and enter into such loans. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.

*Public Works –
Capital Improvement
Program
Presentation*

Public Works Director Mike Errante, Deputy Public Works Director John Pinckney, and Road Superintendent Shannon Platt gave the Board a presentation on the Capital Improvement Program for 2021-2027.

*Treasurer-Tax
Collector – Operator
Allowance Recission*

Treasurer-Tax Collector Alisha McMurtrie presented a draft ordinance to the Board that would rescind the Transient Occupancy Tax operator allowance and a draft policy outlining how revenues formerly designated as operator allowance are managed and distributed. Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd explained that the policy cannot be completed until after the November election, when voters will decide if TOT collection should be extended to campgrounds and RV parks. The Board requested a workshop to discuss the final policy for TOT operator allowance redistribution in the communities from which it is collected. Auditor-Controller Shepherd agreed to a workshop in November, after the election, and approval of the final policy in December. She said, in the meantime, the Treasurer-Tax Collector will move forward with the ordinance to rescind the operator allowance.

*CAO-Economic
Development – SBC
Small Business
Center MOU, Lease
Agreement*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to: A) approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Inyo and Sierra Business Council to operate the Small Business Resource Center in Bishop for the period of September 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025, with potential extensions to December 31, 2031, and authorize the Chairperson to sign; and B) approve the lease agreement between the County of Inyo and Sierra Business Council for the real property described as 269 N. Main St. Bishop, in an amount not to exceed \$1 per month for the period of October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2031, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.

*Clerk of the Board –
Approval of Minutes*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of September 6, 2022. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.

<i>Recess/Reconvene</i>	Vice Chairperson Roeser recessed the meeting at 10:02 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:02 a.m. with all Board members present except Chairperson Totheroh, who was absent.
<i>CAO-Economic Development – inyocountyvisitor.com Updates</i>	Julie Faber of Alpen Arete gave a presentation on recent updates to the Inyo County Visitor website. The Board and Ms. Faber engaged in a conversation about marketing efforts.
<i>CAO – ESCOG Pilot Project/Reso # 2022-37</i>	Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Executive Director Elaine Kabala reviewed for the Board ESCOG's efforts to obtain a \$5 million planning grant for regional economic development from the Community Economic Resiliency Fund. She noted that ESCOG needs the approval of member agencies in order to move forward. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve Resolution No. 2022-37, titled, "Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Approving Program of Work to Be Known as the 'ESCOG: Community Economic Resiliency Fund Pilot Project,'" and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.
<i>Recess/Reconvene</i>	Vice Chairperson Roeser recessed the meeting at 12 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:39 p.m. with all Board members present except Chairperson Totheroh, who was absent.
<i>CAO-Final FY 22-23 Budget Approved/ Reso # 2022-36</i>	CAO Chapman, at her very last Board meeting, reviewed her last budget – the proposed FY 2022-2023 Final Board Approved Budget. She said the spending plan includes the changes to the CAO Recommended Budget that were directed by the Board during budget hearings on September 20. The changes included distributing excess Fund Balance thusly: \$351,247 to Contingencies, \$500,000 to General Reserves, \$300,000 to the OPES: Trust, and \$500,000 to the Accumulated Outlay Capital Budget. The changes raised the total budget to \$131,981,852 from \$130,080,065. Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to adopt the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as recommended by the County Administrator and as amended, as directed by the Board on September 20, 2022, by approving Resolution No. 2022-36 titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Adopting a Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023," and authorizing the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.
<i>Public Works -Diaz Lake Dock Grant Budget Amendment/ Clair, Bellingham Marine Industries Contracts</i>	<p>Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Diaz Lake Dock Grant Budget (670300) as follows: increase estimated revenue in Operating Transfers In (4998) by \$20,000 and increase appropriation in Structures & Improvements (5640) by \$20,000 (<i>4/5ths vote required</i>); B) Amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Geothermal Budget (010406) as follows: increase appropriation in Operating Transfers Out (5801) by \$20,000 (<i>4/5ths vote required</i>); C) Approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Clair Concrete, Inc. of Bishop, CA for the provision of site work in an amount not to exceed \$113,260.00 for the period of September 27, 2022 to June 30, 2023, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained; D) Authorize a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$136,843.00, payable to Bellingham Marine Industries, Inc. of Dixon, CA for Dock Components; and E) 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. <p>Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.</p>
<i>Public Comment</i>	<p>Vice Chairperson Roeser asked if there was any public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda.</p> <p>Public comment was heard from Spencer McNeal.</p>
<i>County Department Report</i>	Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson said outgoing CAO Chapman for her leadership and wished her well in her retirement.
<i>Board Member and Staff Reports</i>	Supervisor Pucci said he echoed Mr. Thomson's sentiments about CAO Chapman.

Vice Chairperson Roeser said it has been an honor working with CAO Chapman.

Supervisor Griffiths said he was friends with Ms. Chapman before she was CAO and they'll be friends after.

County Counsel Vallejo thanked CAO Chapman for making his first year as County Counsel easier than it could have been.

New CAO Greenberg thanked CAO Chapman for her assistance.

Assistant Clerk of the Board Ellis thanked CAO Chapman for her leadership and guidance, and said she admired her problem-solving ability and diplomacy.

Supervisor Kingsley shared memories of CAO Chapman when she was Auditor-Controller and he was a brand-new supervisor.

Adjournment

Vice Chairperson Roeser adjourned the meeting at 1:01 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 4, 2022 in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: NATHAN GREENBERG
Clerk of the Board*

by: _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant