

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

October 25, 2022

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 10:03 a.m., on October 25, 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, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis, and Office Technician Hayley Carter. Absent: Dan Totheroh.

Pledge of Allegiance Supervisor Pucci led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions The following new employees were introduced to the Board: Steven Kent, Auditor-Appraiser, Assessor's Office; Office Technician Kristina Amaya, Road Maintenance Worker I Matthew Green, Gate Attendant Gavin Lander, and Equipment Mechanic Trainee Mark McAlister, Public Works; and Carly Burns, Shelter Attendee, Sheriff's Office.

Public Comment Vice Chairperson Roeser asked if there was any public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda.

Public comment was received from Linda Chaplin.

County Department Reports Risk Manger Aaron Holmberg updated the Board on the Annual Employee Health and Safety Committee Meeting and said meetings will continue to occur quarterly.

Water Director Dr. Aaron Steinwand reported that LADWP provided its pumping plan for the second half of the pumping year, and it is consistent with the spring plan.

Sheriff Eric Pritchard reported on yesterday's kick-off for the new STARS program held at the Owens Valley School by Deputies Clinton, Reuther, and the "Safety Pup" and noted they would continue to share this program with other schools in the Inyo County.

Treasurer Tax-Collector Alisha McMurtrie said that tax bills are about to go out in the mail and that \$55 million in taxes will be billed this year.

Public Works-Road Department – Snowplow Purchase Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to authorize the purchase of one (1) new 2024 International Snowplow from PB Loader Corporation of Fresno, CA for an amount not to exceed \$294,816.13. Motion carried 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.

Public Works-Road Department – Wheel Loader Purchase Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to authorize the purchase of one (1) John Deere 624P Wheel Loader from Coastline Equipment Company of Las Vegas, NV for an amount not to exceed \$243,503.02. Motion carried 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.

CAO-VSO – Operation Green Light for Veterans/ Reso #2022-42 Veteran Service Officer Gordon Greene read aloud the resolution and encouraged everyone to display a green light in their window from October until Veterans Day in support of veterans.

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Kinglsey to approve Resolution No. 2022-42, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans." Motion carried 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.

VSO Greene also introduced his "22 Push-Up Challenge" to bring awareness to veteran suicide and substance abuse, noting that 22 veterans commit suicide every day.

*Planning –
Short Term Rental
Presentation*

The Board received a presentation from Planning Director Cathreen Richards on the status of short-term rentals in the Inyo County. She also presented options to the Board for addressing saturation issues in certain areas, including creating separate “zones” with caps on new short-term rental permits, a business permit, and temporary or permanent moratoriums.

Treasurer Tax-Collector Alisha McMurtrie recommended a countywide business license program that would include short-term rentals and discussed how the use of this system could allow the County to properly capture information specific to those units.

Public comment was received from David Faroudi, “Ike,” Linda Chaplin, Leon Freis, and Spencer McNeal.

After additional discussion, the Board advised Planning Director Richards to proceed with drafting an ordinance creating zones and possible caps on new licenses.

*Sheriff - Shelter
Service Agreement
and Grant Budget
Amendment*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to: A) Ratify and authorize the acceptance of the Shelter Service Agreement with The Regents of the University of California on behalf of its Davis Campus School of Veterinary Medicine on behalf of its Koret Shelter Medicine Program in the amount of \$63,741 for September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023; B) Authorize Lt. Tim Bachman to sign the agreement and all claims as the supervising officer of the Animal Shelter; and C) Amend the CA Animal Spring Grant Budget Unit (621400) by increasing revenue in Other Agencies (4599) by \$63,741 and increasing appropriation in CA Animal Spring Grant Budget Unit (621400) Office and Other Equipment less than \$5,000 (5232) by \$63,741. Motion carried 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.

*CAO-Risk
Management –
Self-Insurance
Program/
Reso #2022-43*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve Resolution No. 2022-43, titled, “A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Adopting a Program of Self-Insurance Pursuant to Government Code Section 24156 in Lieu of Official Bonds for its Officers or Employees,” and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.

*Clerk of the Board –
Approval of Minutes*

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meetings for October 4, 2022, October 11, 2022, and October 18, 2022. Motion carried 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.

Recess/Reconvene

Vice Chairperson Roeser recessed the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors at 11:55 a.m. for the Capital Asset Leasing Corp Meeting and reconvened the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors at 12:03 p.m. with all Board members present except Chairperson Totheroh.

Public Comment

Vice Chairperson Roeser asked if there was any public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda and there was none.

*Board Member and
Staff Reports*

Supervisor Kingsley said he attended a Golden State Natural Resource meeting in the Bay Area and will be attending the Fire Safe Council meeting in Independence tonight, as well as a meeting tomorrow in Lone Pine to discuss the new Business Resource Center.

Supervisor Griffiths wished everyone Happy Diwali, reported that the Mexican consulate from Fresno would be in the area next week and that he has a First 5 meeting this week.

County Counsel Vallejo said the Governor recently issued a notice that the state of emergency for COVID will be rescinded in February and that there is a new Brown Act bill going into effect January 1, affecting the way Inyo County will be able to hold remote meetings.

CAO Greenberg spoke about the Pleasant Valley Fire that occurred in the Bishop area last weekend, said that he has been working with the Emergency Services Manager to find ways to utilize the new Fire Safe Council Coordinator for public projects, met about the Bishop Rural Fire Protection District having conversations with City Administrator Deston Dishion, participated in interviews for the Deputy Water Director last week, met with the Court Executive Officer, and held a meeting to discuss Inyo’s web presence, marketing efforts, and public relations. Greenberg said that he is headed to the coast next week for the California

Association of County Executives annual meeting and will meet with other CAOs, as well as attend a California County Information Services Directors Association meeting Monday.

Adjournment

Vice Chairperson Roeser adjourned the meeting at 12:11 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 1, 2022 in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: NATE GREENBERG
Clerk of the Board*

by: _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant