

# MINUTES



# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

## December 6, 2022

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:31 a.m., on December 6, 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.

- Public Comment* The Vice Chairperson asked for public comment related to Closed Session items and no one requested to speak.
- Closed Session* Vice Chairperson Roeser recessed open session at 8:32 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members except Supervisor Totheroh to discuss the following item(s): No. 2 **Conference with Real Property Negotiators – Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Government Code §54956.8** – Property Description: County lands and rights-of-way containing Digital 395 node sites, community service cabinet sites, anchor sites, and underground fiber optic transmission lines as shown on the maps attached to this agenda item. Agency Negotiators: Scott Armstrong, Nate Greenberg, John-Carl Vallejo. Negotiating parties: Inyo County and California Broadband Cooperative, Inc. Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment; 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 Nate Greenberg, Assistant County Administrators Sue Dishion and Meaghan McCamman, Deputy Personnel Director Keri Oney, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd, Senior Budget Analyst Denelle Carrington, Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann, and Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson; and No. 4 **Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation -** Initiation of litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(d)(4): 1 case.
- Open Session* Vice Chairperson Roeser recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:05 a.m. with all Board members present except Supervisor Totheroh.
- Pledge of Allegiance* Office Technician Hayley Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Report on Closed Session* County Counsel Vallejo reported that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.
- Proclamation – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day* Vice Chairperson Roeser read aloud the proclamation declaring December 7, 2022 as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day in Inyo County.  
Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the proclamation declaring December 7, 2022 as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day in Inyo County. Motion carried 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.
- 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* Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd reported that the County has received its first installment of Local Assistant and Tribal Consistency allocation in the amount of \$5,760,000.

HHS Director Marilyn Mann advised the Board that the annual First 5 toy drive is underway in Bishop and Lone Pine, and parents will be able to select presents for their children from Dec. 12-16, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., in Bishop, and Dec. 13-14, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., in Lone Pine.

Emergency Services Manager Mikaela Torres reported on last week's tabletop exercise held as part of the update to the Emergency Operations Plan.

*Ag Commissioner. –  
Surplus Vehicle  
Auction*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to: A) declare the vehicles listed in Attachment 1 as surplus; B) authorize Motor Pool and Agriculture to offer the vehicles for sale utilizing the Public Surplus auction site; and C) authorize Motor Pool to utilize either the previously approved consignment auction agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management or another auctioneer for the removal and sale of vehicle Public Surplus process. Motion carried 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.

*Item Pulled*

The following item was pulled from the agenda at the request of the department:

**11. Proposed Operational Changes to the Independence and Lone Pine Landfills**

Public Works - Recycling & Waste Management | Michael Errante

**Recommended Action:** Request Board approve operation changes at the Independence and Lone Pine landfills; authorize closing each landfill for one half-hour lunch break sometime between the hours of 12:00 until 1:00 on operational days.

*HHS – FY 22-23  
Annual MCAH  
Funding Agreement*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to ratify and approve the Maternal Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Agreement No. 202214 between the County of Inyo and California Department of Public Health in the amount of \$117,110.52 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and authorize the MCAH Director and HHS Director to sign all applicable documents. Motion carried 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.

*Public Works –  
Surplus  
Vehicle/Equipment  
Auction*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to: A) declare the vehicles and equipment listed in Attachment 1 as surplus; B) authorize the Road Department to offer the vehicles and equipment for sale utilizing the Public Surplus auction site; and C) authorize any unsold vehicles and equipment to be disposed of as scrap metal. Motion carried 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.

*Caltrans – Active,  
Future Project  
Presentation*

The Board received a presentation from Caltrans District 9 staff on current and future projects throughout Inyo County. Staff members addressing the Board included District 9 Director Ryan Dermody, Planning and Modal Programs Manager Neal Peacock, and Project Manager Jill Tognazzini. Also present to represent Caltrans was Transportation Planning Branch Supervisor Juvenal Alvarez. Public comment was received from Tiffany Lau. The Board expressed gratitude to Caltrans for the outreach, and commended District 9 for keeping local byways in such great shape.

*Treasurer-Tax  
Collector – Business  
License Workshop*

Treasurer-Tax Collector Alisha McMurtrie presented a workshop on creating a possible countywide business license, which would have numerous benefits administratively in the organization – the least of which would be the ability to easily identify owners of businesses and collect important data. She noted that most people starting businesses in Inyo County already expect a business license to be required and are surprised to find out the County doesn't issue them.

She suggested creating a working group – with affected departments and private sector representatives – to explore the matter further and return to the Board with a fleshed-out proposal.

Board members discussed the proposal. Vice Chair Roeser said she wasn't convinced there was a compelling enough reason to inconvenience small businesses with the permit. The remaining Board members expressed support for exploring the proposal further, but cautioned they don't want to see the permit creating enforcement issues, being difficult to apply for, or being used as a "hammer" against small businesses.

Public comment was heard from Linda Chaplin and Spencer McNeal.

The Board supported Ms. McMurtrie's suggestion to form a working group.

*Emergency Services – Wildfire Preparedness Quarterly Report* The Board received a presentation from County Wildfire Preparedness Coordinator Kristen Pfeiler.

*Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes* Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of November 29, 2022. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Totheroh absent.

*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.

*Board Member & Staff Reports* Supervisor Kingsley reported attending a NACo Western Interstate Region meeting yesterday and said he will be attending an RCRC board meeting tomorrow.

Vice Chair Roeser said she had numerous constituent and online meetings.

Supervisor Griffiths said he attended a LAFCo meeting yesterday, a meeting of the Eastside Subregion for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, and the Bishop Christmas parade, and will be attending a CSAC officers meeting in Sacramento this week.

CAO Greenberg said he plans to meet with Bishop City Administrator Deston Dishion and the HHS team about EMS service; has been meeting with key players and partners about regional services; will be attending the ESCOG meeting Friday; will join District 9 Director Ryan Dermody tomorrow for a tour of the Olancha-Cartago 4-Lane Project; and is working with the Administration team on the orientation process for the new supervisors elected in November.

Assistant Clerk of the Board Ellis updated the Board on the 2023 Community Project Sponsorship Program grants, noting 19 applications were received by yesterday's deadline.

*Closed Session* Vice Chairperson Roeser recessed open session at 12:49 p.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present except Chairperson Totheroh to continue discussion and possible action as appropriate on previously noted closed session item #4.

*Open Session* Vice Chairperson Roeser recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 1:50 p.m. with all Board members present except Chairperson Totheroh.

*Report on Closed Session* County Counsel Vallejo reported that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.

*Adjournment* Vice Chairperson Roeser adjourned the meeting at 1:51 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 13, 2022, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

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Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

Attest: *NATE GREENBERG*  
Clerk of the Board

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