

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

August 8, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:30 a.m., on August 8, 2023, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Jennifer Roeser, presiding, Trina Orrill, Scott Marcellin, Matt Kingsley, and Jeff Griffiths. Also present: County Administrator Nate Greenberg, Assistant County Counsel Christian Milovich, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis.

- Closed Session* The Chairperson asked for public comment related to closed session items and there was nobody wishing to speak.
- Public Comment*
- Closed Session* Chairperson Roeser recessed open session at 8:32 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following item(s): No. 2 **Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: County Administrator; and 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, Senior Budget Analyst Denelle Carrington, Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann, and Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson.
- Open Session* Chairperson Roeser recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:00 a.m. with all Board members present.
- Pledge of Allegiance* Assistant County Counsel Christian Milovich led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Report on Closed Session* Assistant County Counsel Milovich reported that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.
- Public Comment II.* Chairperson Roeser asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was given by Independence resident Lauralyn Hundley and Sierra Lifeflight employee Kaylynn Rickford.
- County Department Reports* Planning Director Cathreen Richards provided information and a fact sheet on the Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act and let the public know to direct questions to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Richards also provided updated information and maps for a revision that will be made to the General Plan Housing Element.
- Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes* Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of August 1, 2023 and the special Board of Supervisors meeting of August 2, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
- CAO – Onward Broadband Network Design Contract* Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and Inyo Networks, Inc., doing business as Onward, of Rancho Cucamonga, CA, for the provision of detailed network engineering design services in an amount not to exceed \$225,000 for the period of August 8, 2023 through January 1, 2024, contingent upon Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion

carried unanimously.

*HHS-First 5 –
Child Abuse Prevention
Council Appointments*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to: A) Appoint Anonda Nelson, Chrystina Pope, Holly DeVincent, and Jeff Thomson each to unexpired two-year terms on the Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) ending December 31, 2025; and B) Appoint Griselda Ortiz, Stephanie Tanksley, and Susanne Rizo each to unexpired two-year terms on the CAPC ending December 31, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works –
Lone Pine Sidewalk
Construction and ADA
Improvements Project*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the plans and specifications for the Lone Pine Sidewalk Construction and ADA Improvements Project and authorize the Public Works Director to advertise the project. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-Behavioral
Health –
Proposed Ordinance
Repealing Ordinance
No. 1172/Public
Hearing for Proposed
Resolution No.2023-22*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to waive further reading of the proposed ordinance titled, "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Repealing Ordinance No. 1172 (2012) Regarding Fees for the Inyo County Driving Under the Influence Program," and schedule enactment for August 15, 2023 at 10 a.m., in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Administrative Center, Independence.

Chairperson Roeser opened a public hearing at 10:13 a.m. regarding Resolution No. 2023-22 and with nobody wishing to contribute public comment, closed the public hearing at 10:13 a.m.

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to adopt the proposed Resolution 2023-22 titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Revising Inyo County Drinking Driver Program (DDP) Fees," which will go into effect upon the repeal of Ordinance No. 1172. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS –
Public Health and
Prevention Community
Health Assessment*

HHS Public Health Deputy Director Stephanie Tanksley and Jynx Fredericks with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. provided a presentation regarding Public Health and Prevention's upcoming Community Health Assessment for Inyo County.

Chairperson Roeser asked if there was anyone wishing to provide public comment and comment was given by Linda Chaplin.

*Public Works –
Whitney Portal Road
Repair Emergency
Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to:

- A) Amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Preliminary County Budget as follows: increase appropriation in the Road Budget 034600, Construction in Progress Object Code 5700 by \$300,000 utilizing the Road Fund Balance (*4/5ths vote required*);
- B) Find, by a 4/5ths vote, that an emergency situation exists on Whitney Portal Road that will not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids, and that the action is necessary to respond to the emergency; and
- C) Approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Clair Concrete, Inc. of Bishop, CA for the provision of emergency culvert repair services in an amount not to exceed \$1,290,548 and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-Personnel –
Personal Services
Contract Amendments*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve first amendments to the contracts between the County of Inyo and Allison Krohn, Christie Martindale, and Carolyn Phillips, effective August 17, 2023, allowing for continued negotiations regarding vehicle allowance and adding eighty (80) paid administrative hours off every fiscal year.

Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO –
Regional Broadband
Update*

Regional Broadband Coordinator Scott Armstrong provided the Board with updates on regional broadband grants, the middle-mile broadband initiative, and the Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium.

*CAO –
Bishop Emergency
Medical Services
Status Update*

CAO Greenberg provided an update on the current status of 911 Emergency Medical Services in the greater Bishop area and noted that staff are in the process of reviewing responses received for the Request for Proposals for interim EMS service which were due at 7 a.m. on August 7.

Board members discussed the status of the countywide EMS study and possible funding sources for continued EMS services. CAO Greenberg explained that ESCI, the consulting company hired to perform the study, is scheduled to meet later this month with all of the county volunteer fire chiefs to gather information and expects the study to reach completion by early October. In addition, Greenberg said he has had discussions with other CAOs throughout the state to gather ideas for possible funding sources.

Chairperson Roeser asked if there was anyone wishing to speak and public comment was given by Mike Patterson with REACH Air Medical and the Emergency Medical Care Committee.

Board members encouraged the Emergency Medical Care Committee to schedule a meeting and bring back a recommendation as an agenda item to the Board in September.

Public Comment III.

Chairperson Roeser asked if there was any public comment and there was no one wishing to speak.

*Board Member & Staff
Reports*

Supervisor Kingsley said he met with constituents and is scheduled to attend a meeting in Sacramento for a Rural County Representatives of California Executive meeting next week.

Supervisor Marcellin said he met with constituents, attended a Northern Inyo Airport Advisory Committee meeting and has several meetings coming up including one with Supervisor Griffiths and the Bishop Paiute Tribe and possibly another this Thursday with a congressional candidate.

Supervisor Orrill said she has been catching up on emails to constituents and encouraged attendance of a meeting at Bishop Fire House 1 this Thursday evening regarding wildfire preparedness.

Supervisor Roeser said that there will be public meetings in Bishop to discuss the Buttermilk Infrastructure and Recreation Planning Project, with the first scheduled for August 22.

Supervisor Griffiths said he has a Tribal Consultation meeting with Supervisor Marcellin and the Bishop Tribe this week, ESTA and ESCOG meetings on Friday, and California State Association of Counties Executive Board meeting next week.

CAO Greenberg said he continues to meet with various parties on the FY 23-24 budget and EMS issues and thanked Senior Budget Analyst Denelle Carrington and Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd for the successful Board meeting/budget workshop last week. Greenberg also said that he met with Mark McCarthy, Director of the Western Pacific Region of the Federal Aviation Administration, and Public Works Deputy Director -Airports Ashley Helms to discuss future planning for the Bishop Airport.

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12:11 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 15, 2023, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: NATE GREENBERG
Clerk of the Board*

*by: _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant*