



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

February 21, 2012

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, February 21, 2012, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Marty Fortney presiding, Linda Arcularius, Susan Cash, Rick Pucci, and Richard Cervantes. Supervisor Cervantes provided the Invocation, and Supervisor Arcularius led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment The Chairperson announced the public comment period and there was no one from the public wishing to address the Board.

County Department Report Period The Chairperson announced the County Department Report period. Dr. Bob Harrington, Water Director, announced that the location for the Friday, February 24, 2012 Standing Committee Meeting had been changed to the Board of Supervisors Room, at the County Administrative Center, in Independence, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Harrington also reported on the LORP Recreational Use Plan Meeting that had been held at Boulder Creek. He went on to report on the drought conditions throughout the Eastern Sierra and the West. The County Administrator reminded the Board of the Special Meeting on Monday, February 27, 2012 to tour County office locations in the Bishop area, beginning at South Street. He also reported that in conjunction with last week's Mid Year Financial Report, his office is watching the funding shifts in Food and Agriculture that could impact local agricultural programs as well as the end of the County's agreement with DWP for weed abatement services which had been an integral part of the County's invasive species eradication efforts. Mr. Jeff Thomson, Chief Probation Officer, updated the Board on the State's proposal to close DJJ and other State budget impacts.

Emerg. Serv./Oak Creek Mud Flows Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to continue the local emergency as a result of the Inyo Complex Oak Creek Mud Flows. Motion carried unanimously.

Motor Pool/Eastern Sierra Motors Blanket P.O. Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve a blanket purchase order to Eastern Sierra Motors for vehicle maintenance for \$7,000, which will increase the amount originally approved to a total amount of \$22,000. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS-Soc. Serv./CMSP Participation Fee Payment Moved by Supervisor Cash and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve paying the County Medical Services Program (CMSP) Governing Board participation fees for FY 2011-12 in an amount not to exceed \$18,950. Motion carried unanimously.

BofS/Position on CSAC Vote on Governor Initiative Supervisor Cash, provided additional information and further explanation on the request for direction on the County's vote at the upcoming CSAC Board of Director's Meeting on the Governor's Initiative. The Board discussed the initiative entitled "*The Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act of 2012*" in detail and at length. The Board discussed the benefit of supporting the initiative, in light of real or perceived negative impacts of the County's not supporting previous legislation proposed by the Governor. The Board discussed an abstain position, noting that ultimately the people of the State of California are going to be the decision makers on this initiative. The Board went on to talk about concerns with the initiative increasing taxes, as well as the ramifications should the initiative not be approved. The Board continued to discuss this matter in depth and at length. Sheriff Bill Lutze advised the Board that the State's Sheriffs Association had take action to support the Initiative because of the impacts of AB 109 and other State funding for local law enforcement programs, i.e., Calmet, Rural Sheriff's funds, etc. The Board also asked why the rush on taking a position, since the initiative won't be on the ballot until November. Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to have the County of Inyo abstain from voting on supporting the Governors Initiative titled "*The Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act of 2012*" at the CSAC Board of Directors February 23, 2012 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS-Hlth. Serv./R.N. Temp. Position Extended Moved by Supervisor Arcularius and seconded by Supervisor Cervantes to extend the temporary employment of one Registered Nurse at Range 078PT (\$29.52/hr.) for a period not to exceed six months. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS-Hlth. Serv./ Reorganization and Position Request. Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Arcularius to A) change the authorized strength by deleting one full-time Supervising Nurse Practitioner position at Range 96 (\$7,747 – \$9,421) and adding one full-time Clinic Nurse Manager at Range 84 (\$5,777 - \$7,022) as an exempt, non-represented position and approve the job description for the Clinic Nurse Manager position; and B) find that consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: (a) the availability of funding for the requested positions exists in the Public Health Budget as certified by the Health and Human Services Director, and concurred with by the County Administrator and the Auditor-Controller; (b) where internal candidates meet the qualifications for the position of Clinic Nurse Manager, the position should be filled through an internal recruitment, and where internal candidates meet the qualifications for positions of Nurse Practitioner and Registered Nurse, the positions could be filled through an internal recruitment, however open recruitments would be more appropriate to ensure a sufficient number of qualified applicants apply; (c) approve the hiring of one full time Clinic Nurse Manager at Range 84 (\$5,777 – \$7,022), and authorize hiring up to the E step depending upon qualifications; and authorize the hiring of one APAR Nurse Practitioner at Range PT 98 Step E (\$53.01/hr.) and one APAR Registered Nurse at Range PT78 (\$26.77/hr. – \$32.55/hr.) and (d) delete one full time Registered Nurse (RN) or Public Health Nurse (PHN) position from the Department’s authorized strength should the internal recruitment for a Clinic Nurse Manager result in a vacancy in an RN or PHN position. Motion carried unanimously.

Recess/ Reconvene The Chairperson recessed the regular meeting at 10:05 a.m., to reconvene in open session at 10:15 a.m., with all Board Members present.

Water/Direction to Standing Comm. The Water Director, Dr. Bob Harrington, provided the Board with a copy of the updated Agenda for the Standing Committee Meeting scheduled for Friday, February 24, 2012. The Board discussed the items noted on the Agenda in detail and at length, with the Board concurring with Staff’s recommendations regarding the items. Mr. Mike Prather, Inyo County Water Commission Member addressed the Board to provide comment on the Green Book Revision item. Dr. Harrington noted that the meeting location had been changed to the Board of Supervisors Room, at the County Administrative Center, in Independence beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Ord. 1170/Coroner Salary Increase On a motion by Supervisor Cash and a second by Supervisor Arcularius, Ordinance 1170 titled “An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Amending Section 2.88.040 of the Inyo Code to Increase the Salary of Certain Elected Officials, Excluding Members of the Board of Supervisors” which will increase the salary of the Coroner from \$1,600 to \$2,000 per month, was enacted: motion unanimously passed and adopted.

BofS/Minute Approval Moved by Supervisor Cervantes and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2012 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Members and Staff Reports The Board Members reported on their activities during the preceding week, including a request to have today’s meeting adjourned in memory of Ms. Florence Oldman a long time resident of Lone Pine, an Owens Lake tour, Inyo Associates Meeting, a Southern Inyo Hospital planning meeting, an Owens Lake Master Plan meeting, an LTC meeting, the Jill Kinmont Booth funeral, a First Five Commission Meeting, a FAC Meeting, an IMAAA Meeting, a Fish and Wildlife Meeting, with a report that there are no plans for condor habitat in the area, and an RCRC Board Meeting.

Public Comment The Chairperson announced the second public comment period. Mr. Jim Stroh of Independence addressed the Board to say that he will be bringing a photo essay on voting back to the Board for viewing.

Closed Session The Chairperson recessed open session at 11:40 a.m., to convene in closed session, with all Board Members present, to discuss and take action as appropriate on Agenda Items No. 13. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(c) – Decision Whether to Initiate Litigation (one case); No. 14. PERSONNEL [PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §54957] - Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Title: County Administrative Officer; No. 15. PERSONNEL [PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §54957] - Public Employee Appointment - Title: Public Works Director; No. 16. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6] - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: Deputy**

Sheriffs Association (DSA) - Negotiators: CAO Kevin Carunchio and Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion; No. 17. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6]**. – Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits – Employee Organization: Inyo County Probation Peace Officers Association (ICPPOA) – Negotiators: CAO Kevin Carunchio and Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion; and No. 18. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6]** - Instructions to Negotiators re: wages, salaries and benefits - Employee Organization: Law Enforcement Administrators Association (LEAA) - Negotiators: CAO Kevin Carunchio and Labor Relations Administrator Sue Dishion.

Report on Closed Session

The Chairperson recessed closed session at 3:32 p.m., to reconvene in open session to receive a report on closed session. County Counsel reported there were no actions taken in closed session, which are required by law to be reported on in open session.

Adjournment

The Chairperson closed the meeting in memory of long-time Lone Pine Resident Florence Oldman. The Chairperson adjourned the meeting a 3:32 p.m., to 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 28, 2012, in the Board of Supervisors Room, at the County Administrative Center, in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisor

*Attest: KEVIN D. CARUNCHIO
Clerk of the Board*

by: _____
Patricia Gunsolley, Assistant