

MINUTES

County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

March 1, 2016

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:35 a.m., on March 1, 2016, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Jeff Griffiths, presiding, Dan Totheroh, Rick Pucci, Mark Tillemans and Matt Kingsley.

- Public Comment** The Chairperson announced the public comment period and there was no one from the public wishing to address the Board.
- Closed Session** The Chairperson recessed open session at 8:35 a.m., to convene in closed session, with all Board Members present to discuss and take action as appropriate on Agenda Items No. 2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -ANTICIPATED LITIGATION [Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4)]** – discussion with legal counsel regarding potential initiation of litigation (one case) and No. 3. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS [Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6]** – 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 Peace Officers Association (ICPPOA); Law Enforcement Administrators' Association (LEAA). Unrepresented employees: all. Agency designated representatives: County Administrative Officer, Kevin Carunchio, Assistant County Administrator, Rick Benson, Deputy Personnel Director, Sue Dishion, Information Services Director, Brandon Shults, County Counsel, Marshall Rudolph, and Assistant County Counsel, John Vallejo.
- Recess/
Reconvene** The Chairperson recessed closed session a 9:30 a.m., to reconvene in open session at 10:00 a.m., with all Board Members present.
- Pledge** Supervisor Matt Kingsley led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Report on Closed
Session** County Counsel reported that with regard to closed session item No. 2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION [Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4)] – discussion with legal counsel regarding potential initiation of litigation (one case), the Board in a unanimous vote, with Supervisors Totheroh, Griffiths, Pucci, Tillemans and Kingsley voting yes, authorized County Counsel to initiate litigation in the matter, the identification of which, per the Brown Act, may be disclosed upon request. County Counsel went on to report there was no other action taken in closed session, which is required by law to be reported on in open session.
- County Department
Reports** The Chairperson announced the County Department Report period. Dr. Bob Harrington, Water Director, reported that the Technical Group will be meeting on March 3, 2016. He went on to say that the next Inyo/Los Angeles Standing Committee will be in Los Angeles on March 31, 2016. David Stottlemire, Assessor, updated the Board on the status of his staffing and informed the Board that he has had to suspend internal audits, and he has terminated the Bertholf Contract. Clint Quilter, Public Works Director, provided the Board with a Whitney Portal Road Construction Update, including providing a copy of the Contractor's notification sheet.
- Public Comment** The Chairperson announced the public comment period. LeRoy Kritz, Lone Pine Fire Chief, announced that the Southern Inyo Hospital is reopening today. He went on to commend Sierra Life Flight for the assistance they provided the people of Lone Pine and south county while the Hospital was closed. He said they provided vital high level medical care and transport of patients, as well as relocating staff to the area, most of which was done without the ability to be compensated.

Chief Kritz went on to say that the RFP for the ambulance services has been released and he expressed his concern with the rating system. He said that because he is unable to provide ALS service his application will lose 75 rating points. Chief Kritz closed by thanking retiring Assistant Clerk of the Board, Pat Gunsolley, for all of the help and assistance she has provided to County's Fire Chiefs in preparing the awards for the annual EMT and Firefighter of the Year honorees.

- Introductions The following Health and Human Services employees were introduced to the Board: Byung Yu, HHS Specialist; Deborah Ditmar, Office Clerk; Rebecca Houle, HHS Supervisor; and Donna Stephen, Addictions Counselor.
- Motor Pool/Sheriff Vehicles Purchase Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to award the bid to and authorize the purchase, from Bishop Ford, of 9 2016 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles, including law enforcement equipping in an amount not to exceed \$408,317.31. Motion carried unanimously.
- CAO-Personnel/ LEAA MOU Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to ratify and approve the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2018 Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Inyo and the Law Enforcement Administrator's Association (LEAA); and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- DA/Karpel Contract Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to A) approve the Contracts between the County of Inyo and Prosecutor by Karpel, to provide professional services for an on-line case management software and hosting to the Inyo County District Attorney, including software licenses, customization for local needs, installation and web hosting for one year, in the amount of \$85,520 for the initial contract and \$5 per month, estimated at \$60 per month at current staffing levels for the first year of hosting services, contingent upon the Board's adoption of future budgets; and B) authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- HHS-Behavioral Hlth. Serv./Vista Pacifica Placement Contract Amendment Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve Amendment No. One to the Contract between the County of Inyo and Vista Pacifica Enterprises for residential placement for adults in a locked facility, to increase the amount of the Contract by \$28,000 for a total Contract amount not to exceed \$78,000, for the period of July 10, 2015 through June 30, 2016; and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- Planning/NRAC Appointments Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to reappoint David German, as a regular member, to the Natural Resource Advisory Committee, to complete an unexpired three-year term ending October 6, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.
- P.W./Dehy Park Project Phase II Plans and Specs Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the Plans and Special Provisions for the Dehy Park Improvement Project Phase II and authorize the Public Works Director to advertise for bids for the project, contingent upon receipt of the State's authorization to proceed with construction. Motion carried unanimously.
- P.W./BLM Chicago Valley Roads Right-of-Way Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to accept the Right-of-Way Grant Offer from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for Right-of-Way for various Chicago Valley Roads and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- P.W./Baker Contract for LTC, ESAAA and ESTA Audits Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to award and approve the Contract between the County of Inyo and Michael Baker International, for the provision of completing two Triennial Performance Audits of the LTC, ESAAA, and ESTA, in an amount not to exceed \$77,768 for the period of March 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020, contingent upon the Board's adoption of future budgets; and authorize the Chairperson to sign contingent upon the appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
- P.W./Reject Bids and Rebid Tecopa HVAC Project Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to reject the bid received for the Tecopa Community Center HVAC Replacement Project and authorize the Public Works Director to rebid the project. Motion carried unanimously.

Rd. Dept./Rd. Equipment and Vehicles Surplused	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to A) declare equipment and vehicles recommended by staff and identified as Exhibit A to the Staff Report, as surplus; B) authorize the Road Department to offer the equipment and vehicles for sale using a public auction; C) authorize the Road Department to utilize General Auction Company located in Buena Park, California, for the removal and sale of the surplus; and D) authorize the Public Works Director to execute the consignment agreement for the sale through the auction process and transmit a signed copy of the agreement to the Clerk of the Board for the Board's files. Motion carried unanimously.
BofS/Letter Re State Fish and Game Comm. Appointments	Supervisor Griffiths provided additional information and further justification for sending a letter supporting the appointment of two people to the State Fish and Game Commission. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve a letter to Governor Brown supporting the appointments of Dan Yparraguirre and Michael Flores to the California Fish and Game Commission; and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
CAO-Probation-HHS/Area Resource Center Meeting	The Board received a brief oral update on tomorrow's all-day community stakeholder meeting for developing an Area Resource Center that will be facilitated by staff from the US Davis Extension Training Center, from the County Administrator, the Chief Probation Officer and the Director of Health and Human Services. The Board Members discussed their attendance at the meeting, with County Counsel clarifying that since this meeting is not open to the public no more than two Board Members would be allowed to attend under the Brown Act. Supervisors Griffiths and Tillemans volunteered to attend.
Resol. 2016-10/St. Parks Off-Highway Grant App.	County Smith, Transportation Planner, reviewed the grant application, explaining that the application will provide funding for the County to begin the NEPA process for road easements on Forest Services roads, including those combined use roads identified in the Adventure Trails System. He also explained that should the Adventure Trails Pilot Project not be extended that portion of the grant would be withdrawn. Earl Wilson of Lone Pine addressed the Board to support the grant application, saying he believes this will help with the County's RS2477 issues. Randy Gillespie, proponent of the Adventure Trails Pilot Project, addressed the Board to support the grant application because he believes it will benefit the Pilot Project. Sam Dean, President of AAPL and a proponent of the Adventure Trails Pilot Project, echoed Mr. Gillespie's comments. Clint Quilter, Public Works Director, provided further information on the project to be funded with this Grant, saying that this will give the County alternative funding to pay for a portion of the work that is needed to "perfect the County's right of ways" and help resolve RS2477 issues. On a motion by Supervisor Kingsley and a second by Supervisor Pucci, Resolution 2016-10, titled "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Authorizing the Submittal of a State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Application," was approved: motion unanimously passed and adopted.
Emerg. Ser./Gully Washer Emergency Continued	The Public Works Director, Clint Quilter reported that the extension requested for the Trona Wildrose Road had been granted for 1-year. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to continue the local emergency, The Gully Washer Emergency that resulted in flooding in the central, south and southeastern portion of Inyo County during the month of July, 2013, as recommended by the County Administrator. Motion carried unanimously.
Emerg. Ser./Land of Even Less Water Emergency Continued	Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to continue the local emergency, known as the "Land of EVEN Less Water Emergency" that was proclaimed as a result of extreme drought conditions that exist in the County as recommended by the County Administrator. Motion carried unanimously.
Emerg. Serv./D.V. Down But Not Out Emergency Continued	The County Administrator told the Board that the Governor has declared the emergency which should provide the Parks service the ability to get funding to repair Scotty's Castle. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to continue the local emergency, known as the "Death Valley Down But Not Out Emergency" that was proclaimed as a result of flooding in the central, south and southeastern portion of Inyo County during the month of October, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.
HHS-Tobacco Control Update	The request for the Board receive an update from staff on Tobacco Control activities and accomplishments for 2015, was pulled from consideration at the request of the Department and will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

Planning/OVSES Update The Board received a detailed presentation from staff on the Owens Valley Solar Energy Study Final Report. The Board and staff discussed various aspects of the Report. The Board heard from the following members of the Public: Earl Wilson of Lone Pine, who commended the Board for this effort; Barbara Durman, Chairperson, Timbisha Shoshone Tribe from Shoshone, who expressed concern with some of the information; Drew Hutchinson of Lone Pine, who expressed concern that the information received from the public will actually be used; Bernadette Johnson, Superintendent of Manzanar Historical Site, who commended the Board for this Study, saying she believes it will be of great benefit to the area. The Board supported the report as submitted.

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

Board Members and Staff Reports The Board Members reported on their activities during the preceding week including, a discussion Big Pine Tribe concerning next week's consultation policy workshop, and the reopening of Southern Inyo Hospital.

Adjourned The Chairperson adjourned the regular meeting at 11:55 a.m., to 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 8, 2016 in the Board of Supervisors Room, at the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Clerk of the Board
Kevin D. Carunchio

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