

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

May 14, 2019

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 May 14, 2019, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Rick Pucci, presiding, Dan Tothoroh, Jeff Griffiths, Mark Tillemans, and Matt Kingsley.

Public Comment Chairperson Pucci asked for public comment during the first public comment period and there was no-one wishing to address the Board.

Closed Session Chairperson Pucci recessed open session at 8:31 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following items: No. 2 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – [Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9]** – Bishop Paiute Tribe v. Inyo County; Jeff Hollowell, Inyo County Sheriff; Thomas Hardy, Inyo County District Attorney; United States District Court Eastern District of California Court Case No. 1:15-CV-00367-JLT; 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 Clint Quilter, Deputy Personnel Director Sue Dishion, County Counsel Marshall Rudolph, Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann, and Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson.

Open Session Chairperson Pucci recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:04 a.m. with all Board members present.

Pledge Chairperson Pucci. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public Comment Chairperson Pucci asked for public comment during the second public comment period.

Earl Wilson of Lone Pine informed the Board that Premium Energy Holdings LLC had filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a Preliminary Permit to study a proposed storage project at Haiwee Reservoir.

County Department Reports Supervisor Kingsley reported that the organizers of the Southern Inyo Salvation Show & Shine Car Show awarded the Board of Supervisors a plaque over the weekend, and passed it around for his colleagues to see.

HHS Director Marilyn Mann announced two upcoming events for Mental Health Awareness Month: one in Bishop on May 21 and the other in Lone Pine on May 23.

Planning Director Cathreen Richards noted Planning staff will be looking into the Haiwee Reservoir proposal mentioned earlier during public comment. She also distributed a letter from Death Valley National Park Superintendent Mike Reynolds discussing the notable exceptions made to the National Park Service's Saline Valley Warm Springs Management Plan preferred alternative in response to the Board's input. Richards said Planning staff would work on a thank you letter to DVNP on behalf of the Board for taking so many of the County's comments into consideration.

Public Works Director Mike Errante said LADWP, with assistance from Road crews, is scheduled to begin replacing a failed culvert off of Poleta Road next month, which should require closure of the road for about 30 days. He also noted that two staff members are close to earning their professional engineer certification.

Sheriff Hollowell reported that shortly after he took office he ordered a department-wide audit that soon turned up discrepancies in one of the programs, which led to a resignation and the case being forwarded to the D.A., who has now filed criminal charges.

Child Support Services Director Susanne Rizo provided an update on recent activities within her department, including participation in Family Fun Day at Bishop City Park, veterans administration outreach, and attendance at an annual conference.

Introductions

Assessor David Stottlemire introduced new Office Technician Alisha Hanson to the Board; Child Support Services Director Susanne Rizo introduced new Administrative Analyst III Amy Weurdig; HHS Director Marilyn Mann introduced Mental Health Services Act Coordinator II Matthew Blankers, Prevention Specialist Stephanie Ripple, Office Clerk Jenny Machado, and HHS Specialist III; and Integrated Waste Management Superintendent Cap Aubrey introduced Gate Attendance Cynthia Orozco.

CAO-Museum Services – BPAR Library/Museum Assistant

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley for the Board to find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for one (1) BPAR Library/Museum Assistant exists, as certified by the Department Head and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) where due to the part-time nature of the position it is unlikely the vacancy could be filled by internal candidates meeting the qualifications for the position, an open recruitment is more appropriate; and C) approve the hiring of one (1) BPAR Library/Museum Assistant, Range PT 46A (\$13.96 - \$17.02/hr.). Motion carried unanimously.

HHS-Social Services – Social Worker I-IV

Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans for the Board to find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for one (1) Social Worker I-IV exists in the non-General Fund Social Services budget, as certified by the HHS Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) where internal candidates may meet the qualifications for the position, the vacancy could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, but as a State Merit System position, an open recruitment is more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; and C) approve the hiring of one (1) Social Worker, either a I at Range 65 (\$4,052 - \$4,929), a II at Range 67 (\$4,253 - \$5,163), a III at Range 70 (\$4,569 - \$5,557), or a IV at Range 73 (\$4,900 - \$5,960), depending upon qualifications; and D) if an internal candidate is hired as a result of the open recruitment, authorize HHS to backfill resulting vacancy. Motion carried unanimously.

CAO-Emergency Services/Road Dept./Sheriff – 2 Solar-Powered Highway Signs

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the purchase of two (2) solar-powered electronic highway signs/message boards from Fleet Safety Equipment, Inc. of Memphis, TN in an amount not to exceed \$48,917. Motion carried unanimously.

CAO – C&CR Sublease Amendment 1

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to consent to proposed Amendment No. 1 to Sublease Agreement between Carson and Colorado Railway Inc. and the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad Inc., and authorize the Chairperson to sign the proposed Amendment evidencing the County's consent. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS-ESAAA – Dept. of Aging Contract

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Contract No. AP-1920-16 with the California Department of Aging for regional services to seniors, provided through the Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging, in the amount of \$847,538 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, contingent upon the Board's adoption of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget, and authorize the HHS Director to sign the agreement, Information Integrity and Security Statement Certification, California Civil Rights Laws Certification, and the Contractor/Vendor Statement of Confidentiality. Motion carried unanimously.

<i>Public Works – Bishop Airport Taxiway Rehab Plans & Specs</i>	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the plans and specifications for the Taxiway Rehabilitation Project at the Bishop Airport and authorize the Public Works Director to advertise and bid the project; and B) authorize the Public Works Director to sign the forthcoming Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Project funding Grant Agreement for the Taxiway Rehabilitation Project at the Bishop Airport. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Sheriff – American Security Group Sole-Source Maintenance Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to: A) declare American Security Group of Vista, CA a sole-source provider of video security maintenance and support; and B) approve the contract between the County of Inyo and American Security Group for the provision of security surveillance system equipment maintenance and support, in the amount of \$12,344 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget, and authorize the Sheriff or his designee to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Sheriff – American Security Sole-Source Blanket P.O.</i>	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to: A) declare American Security Group of Vista, CA a sole-source provider of security surveillance system equipment; and B) authorize a blanket purchase order in the amount of \$30,000 payable to American Security Group of Vista, CA for routine equipment replacement during the 2019-2020 fiscal year in addition to the annual maintenance contract (\$12,344), contingent upon the Board's adoption of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – Forest Service NEPA Review MOU</i>	Transportation Planner John Pinckney presented for Board approval a Memorandum of Understanding and related reimbursement Cost Recovery Agreement with the U.S. Forest Service to complete the Inyo County road jurisdiction National Environmental Policy Act review project related to the Adventure Trails program. There was discussion among the Board, staff, and County Counsel about the contents of the MOU and Cost Recovery Agreement. Supervisor Kingsley noted that the NEPA review has been a long time coming, and Pinckney said his predecessor did a lot of work on this before his retirement and the new Inyo National Forest Superintendent is supportive of the project. Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to: A) approve of a Memorandum of Agreement reimbursement "Cost Recovery Agreement with the U.S. Forest Service specifically related to roles and responsibilities for the Inyo County road jurisdiction National Environmental Protection Act review project; and B) authorize the County Administrator to sign the MOU and Cost Recovery Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-ESAAA – Oliver Products Sole-Source and Ratification</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to: A) declare Oliver Products a sole-source provider of food packaging materials; and B) ratify and approve purchases of food packaging materials from Oliver Products during the 2018-2019 fiscal year in the amount of \$14,723, including a blanket purchase order in the amount of \$7,000 for the remainder of the fiscal year. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Sheriff – Wye Road Feed Ratification & Blanket P.O.</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley: A) ratify and approve purchases of animal food and supplies from Wye Road Feed during the 2018-2019 fiscal year in the amount of \$13,773; and B) approve a blanket purchase order payable to Wye Road Feed in the amount of \$17,275 for the feed and care of animals housed at the Inyo County Animal Shelter, through the remainder of the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Comment</i>	Chairperson Pucci asked for public comment during the final public comment period and there was no-one wishing to address the Board.
<i>Board Member and Staff Reports</i>	Supervisor Kingsley reported attending the Southern Inyo Hospital Salvation car show over the weekend, as well as Darwin Days, and noted he was traveling to Spokane, WA today to attend the Western Interregional Conference hosted by NACo.
	Supervisor Totheroh reported he would be sitting in as the alternate for Supervisor Griffiths at Thursday's LAFCo meeting.
	Supervisor Griffiths reported attending Darwin Days and the Community Stars event put on by the Inyo County Office of Education, and said he was also en route today to Spokane for the NACo WIR Conference.

CAO Quilter said he met with Town of Mammoth Lakes staff last Friday regarding the airports and County staff would be giving an update to the Board at its first meeting in June.

Chairperson Pucci said he has been busy helping to organize the 50th Mule Days Celebration as part of the event's Executive Committee and part of his duties would require his absence next week. He noted that this year's event is shaping up to be the largest since the mid-1980s.

Adjournment

Chairperson Pucci adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 21, 2019 in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: CLINT G. QUILTER
Clerk of the Board*

by: _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant