

# MINUTES



# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

**January 21, 2020**

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 January 21, 2020, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Matt Kingsley, presiding, Dan Totheroh, Jeff Griffiths, and Rick Pucci. Absent: Mark Tillemans.

- Public Comment* Chairperson Kingsley asked for public comment during the first public comment period and there was no-one wishing to address the Board.
- Closed Session* Chairperson Kingsley recessed open session at 9:01 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present except Supervisor Tillemans to discuss the following items: No. 2 **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, Assistant County Administrator Leslie Chapman, 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 Kingsley recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:00 a.m. with all Board members present except Supervisor Tillemans.
- Pledge* Supervisor Griffiths 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 Kingsley asked for public comment during the second public comment period and there was no-one wishing to address the Board.
- County Department Reports* Public Works Director Mike Errante reported there will be a National Environmental Protection Act scoping meeting for the Bishop Airport tomorrow in Bishop and in Mammoth on January 27. He added that the Mazourka shop fencing project is starting today.
- Introductions* District Attorney Tom Hardy introduced to the Board new Office Clerk II Susan Ortega; HHS Director Marilyn Mann introduced new Office Clerk III JoEllen Howe and Administrative Analyst Kristen Pfeiler; and Public Works Director Mike Errante introduced new Custodian Gael Hueso Beltran, Maintenance Worker I Mike Garafola, and Heavy Equipment Mechanic Trainee Luis Camacho Rodriguez.
- BOS – Dedication of Earl Wilson Memorial Plaque* Chairperson Kingsley announced the Board would be dedicating a memorial plaque for Mr. Earl Wilson in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, in honor of Mr. Wilson's many years of civic engagement. He said Mr. Wilson attended approximately 80 percent of all Board meetings, and stayed for each of those meetings from public comment at the beginning to public comment at the end, often utilizing those times to provide feedback on local issues or bring matters to the Board's attention. Supervisor Kingsley said Mr. Wilson was a free-range, self-appointed watch dog who looked out for the underdog and small communities, and would often wait outside during breaks and after meeting adjournments to continue discussing issues with Board members and department heads. Supervisor Griffiths said Mr. Wilson put in thousands of hours in the uncomfortable Board meeting chairs, and it impressed him that Mr. Wilson would

sit through really long meetings and remain engaged until the end, reporting useful information from a variety of sources such as meetings of other governing bodies. Supervisor Pucci called Mr. Wilson an extremely knowledgeable friend who will be missed, and noted he could be counted to attend all the public meetings in Bishop. Suzi Dennett of Tecopa said she enjoyed a 20-year friendship with Mr. Wilson, and misses what more often was not civil disagreement with him as they discussed various issues. Deena Davenport-Conway of Independence said Mr. Wilson knew a lot about land use and water use, and taught her the power of public comment – that it was OK to voice an opinion and a way to communicate with her elected officials. Chairperson Kingsley unveiled the memorial plaque on the back of the chair Mr. Wilson always sat in during Board meetings. He placed the chair in its regular spot.

*Clerk of the Board –  
Fish & Wildlife  
Commission  
Appointment*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to appoint Mr. Toby Dickinson to an unexpired four-year term for an alternate on the Inyo County Fish & Wildlife Commission, ending October 6, 2021. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.

*Emergency Services  
– Verde, Inc. Bid  
Award & Cargo  
Trailer Purchase*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to: A) declare Verde, Inc. of Lake Wales, FL the successful bidder for enclosed cargo trailers for Flood Fight Emergency Response deployment, per Bid No. 2019-18; and B) authorize a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$27,137 for the purchase of three (3) 7' x 14' enclosed cargo trailers from Verde, Inc. of Lake Wales, FL. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.

*Information Services  
– Strictly Technology  
Blanket P.O. and  
Ratification*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to ratify and approve purchases during Fiscal Year 2019-2020 from Strictly Technology of Ft. Lauderdale, FL in the amount of \$21,625.00, including a blanket purchase order in the amount of \$8,000 for the remainder of the fiscal year. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.

*CAO-Advertising  
County Resources –  
Final FY 18-19  
Payments*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the following final payments from the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Advertising County Resources Budget: \$1,875 to the Independence Fishing Derby, Inc., for the 2019 Independence Fishing Derby; \$5,554 to the Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce for the Inyo County and Death Valley Visitor Guides; \$1,833.50 to the Eastern Sierra Artists for the 2019 First Friday Night Markets in Bishop; and \$558.50 to the Bishop Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center for the Eastern Sierra Easy Hiking Trails Brochure. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.

*Recycling & Waste –  
Michelli  
Measurement Group  
Bid Award & Scale  
Purchase*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to: A) declare Michelli Measurement Group of Stockton, CA the successful bidder for the Lone Pine Landfill Scale Project, per Bid No. 2019-12; and B) authorize the purchase of a fully self-contained portable truck scale with guide rails from Michelli Measurement Group of Stockton, CA in an amount not to exceed \$53,652.00. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.

*District Attorney –  
CalOES Grant  
Acceptance*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to authorize acceptance of the Inyo County Victim/Witness Assistance Program (VW 19 28 0140) Grant from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) for Fiscal Year 2019-2020; and B) authorize the District Attorney to sign any documentation to accept and utilize the grant on behalf of the County. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.

*HHS-ESAAA –  
ESAAA Advisory  
Council  
Appointments*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to make the following appointments to the Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council: Kelli Davis to an unexpired two (2) year term ending December 2021; Joann Poncho to an unexpired two (2) year term ending December 2021; and Patti Hamie-Christensen to an unexpired two (2) year term ending December 2021. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.

*Public Works-Airports  
– NOTAM MOU with  
FAA*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Inyo and the Aeronautical Services of the Federal Aviation Administration for the NOTAM Manager System, and authorize the Director of Public Works to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.

*Public Works –  
Reject Annex IS*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to reject the bid received for the Annex IS HVAC Retrofit Project and authorize the Public Works Director to re-advertise the project for bid in conjunction with the larger Annex Building HVAC Retrofit Project. Motion

<i>Retrofit Bid</i>	carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.
<i>HHS-Fiscal – Santa Cruz County Agreement Ratification</i>	Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to ratify and approve the Agreement between the County of Inyo and the County of Santa Cruz for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022 for hosting the Medi-Cal Administrative Activities and Targeted Case Management Local Government Agency Consortium, and authorize the Chairperson and HHS' LGA Coordinator to sign; and B) authorize the payment of up to \$2,000 in participation fees for Fiscal Years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.
<i>HHS-Fiscal – Bristlecone Motel Agreement Ratification</i>	Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and Bristlecone Motel of Big Pine, CA for the provision of temporary hotel room rental services in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for the period of November 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.
<i>Here It Comes Emergency</i>	Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to continue the local emergency known as the "Here It Comes Emergency" that was proclaimed in anticipation of run-off conditions from near-record snowpack posing extreme peril to the safety of property and persons in Inyo County. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.
<i>Rocky Road Emergency Terminated</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to terminate the local emergency known as the "Rocky Road Emergency" that was proclaimed as the result of flooding, mud, and rock landslides and deep snow drifts over portions of Inyo County caused by an atmospheric river weather phenomena that began January 3, 2017 and continued throughout February. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.
<i>Board Member and Staff Reports</i>	Supervisor Pucci inquired about the next Planning Commission meeting and was told it is tomorrow at 10 a.m. in the Board Room.  Supervisor Griffiths reported that Silver Peaks, LLC is close to obtaining the land it needs for low-income housing, and that he attended the RCRC officer installation and CSAC meeting last week in Sacramento.  CAO Quilter reported that he and HHS Assistant Director Meaghan McCamman have a meeting with Mammoth Lakes Housing on February 6, and that the City of Bishop is currently reviewing the grading permit for the Consolidated Office Building in Bishop.  Chairperson Kingsley said he attended the RCRC officer installation where he was installed as immediate past chairperson; attended the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation meeting in Lone Pine; met alongside Supervisor Pucci with County staff and the BLM on Friday; and reported on successful Tremors reunion in Lone Pine over the weekend.
<i>Recess/Reconvene</i>	The Chairperson recessed the meeting 10:37 a.m. for a break and reconvened the meeting at 11 a.m. with all Board members present except Supervisor Tillemans.
<i>Risk – Ordinance 1249 (Authority Delegation)</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve Ordinance 1249, titled, "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Amending Subsections (B) and (C) of Section 1.28.040 of the Inyo County Code, Pertaining to Delegation of Authority to Compromise or Settle Claims Against the County," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Supervisor Tillemans absent.
<i>Public Comment</i>	Chairperson Kingsley asked for public comment during the final public comment period.  Linda Chaplin of Independence said the memorial plaque for Mr. Earl Wilson's is very nice, as was a memorial service held for him Saturday evening with a full house. She said she would like to see Mr. Wilson's activism and dedication carry on within the county.
<i>Adjournment</i>	Chairperson Kingsley adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 28, 2020 in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

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Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

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

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