

# MINUTES



# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

**September 8, 2020**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 9:30 a.m., on September 8, 2020, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present via videoconferencing per California Governor Executive Order N-25-20: Chairperson Matt Kingsley, presiding, Dan Totheroh, Jeff Griffiths, Rick Pucci, and Mark Tillemans. Also present: County Administrative Officer Clint Quilter, Sue Dishion acting as Assistant Clerk of the Board, and County Counsel Marshall Rudolph.

*Public Comment* Chairperson Kingsley asked the Assistant Clerk of the Board whether there was any public comment emailed for today's meeting for items not calendared on the agenda.

Nobody requested to speak to the Board via the "hand-waving" feature on Zoom.

*Closed Session* Chairperson Kingsley recessed open session at 9:31 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following item(s): No. 2 **CONFERENCE WITH COUNTY'S LABOR NEGOTIATORS** – 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 10:01 a.m. with all Board members present.

*Pledge of Allegiance* Chairperson Kingsley 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 if there was any additional public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda.

The Assistant Clerk of the Board said no additional letters had been submitted. Deb Schweizer, Inyo National Forest Public Affairs Officer, spoke in order to update the Board on the closure of the Inyo National Forest – an area, trail, and road closure – along with seven others. Noting that the closure is not an evacuation, she said Forest crews have been notifying campers in a thoughtful and orderly manner that they need to leave Inyo National Forest land.

*County Department Reports* Public Works Director Mike Errante reported that the Road Department is assisting with placing Forest closure signs, crews have started doing patrols of mountain roads to look for any damage caused by the recent high winds, and crews are on standby in case other agencies need their help.

*COVID-19 Staff Update* HHS Director Marilyn Mann reported that Inyo County's positive COVID-19 numbers are on the decline.

HHS Deputy Director-Public Health Anna Scott confirmed said there were 15 cases from August 25 through September 7, with only one related to the Bishop Care Center outbreak. She said over just the past week, there were only two positive cases and none since

September 3. She noted that there was a lot of traveling into and out of the county over Labor Day weekend so Public Health will be monitoring to determine if there was any resulting impact. Scott said Inyo County's most recent data qualifies it for the next tier down in the Governor's new tiered rating system, but the County cannot actually move to the next tier until it maintains acceptable metrics for at least three weeks.

Public Health Officer Dr. James Richardson reported that the Bishop Care Center is returning to a state of normalcy, and he said he gave the facility permission to accept new patients again as long as they test negative for coronavirus. He said all cases from the Bishop Care Center have recovered and he is allowing outdoor family visits with safety measures taken.

Assistant County Administrator Leslie Chapman reported on the status of the REVIVE small business grant program, noting that staff launched a broad advertising campaign to help get the word out, and she will also send out another email blast to local businesses.

Debborah Morales requested to provide public comment. She asked whether the current poor air quality has resulted in additional recommendations for diners and restaurant staffs doing outdoor dining. Dr. Richardson replied that in general, anyone with lung disease or respiratory issues should not be outside when there is poor air quality.

*BOS – NAWS China Lake Concurrent Jurisdiction*

Moved by Chairperson Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve NAWS China Lake's request to expand its law enforcement jurisdiction to "concurrent" jurisdiction, which will allow its law enforcement officers to enforce federal criminal law on the base, and authorize the Chairperson to send a response letter. Motion carried unanimously.

*BOS – Letter Supporting Emergency Wildfire & Public Safety Act*

Moved by Supervisor Tothoroh and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve a letter expressing support for the Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act of 2020, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*Planning – HELIX Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Tothoroh and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to ratify and approve the contract with HELIX Environmental Planning for the provision of planning services for the SB2 affordable housing grant, including evaluations required by the California Environmental Quality Act, in an amount not to exceed \$151,500 for the period September 1, 2020 to February 28, 2022, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works – LP Dog Park N.O.C./ Reso # 2020-41*

Moved by Chairperson Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Resolution No. 2020-41, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California Authorizing the Recording of a Notice of Completion for the Lone Pine Dog Park Project," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Works – Indy Water Main Plans and Specs*

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Tothoroh to approve the plans and specifications for the Independence Water Main Installation project and authorize the Public Works Director to advertise for the project. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO – FY 20-21 Budget Hearings*

See separate minutes. (Attached.)

*Public Comment*

The Chairperson solicited public comment for the final public comment period. The Chairperson solicited public comment for the final public comment period. No additional comments had been emailed and nobody requested to speak to the Board via the "hand-waving" feature on Zoom.

*Board Member and Staff Reports*

Supervisor Griffiths reported attending a CSAC board meeting and announced that the Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance will be having a virtual fundraiser.

Supervisor Tothoroh reported attending an Owens Valley Groundwater Association meeting last week and announced there will be a blood drive in Bishop on Monday.

Chairperson Kingsley reported attending an RCRC board meeting.

*Adjournment*

Chairperson Kingsley adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 15, 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*