

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

June 14, 2022

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:32 a.m., on June 14, 2022 in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present per California Assembly Bill 361: Chairperson Dan Totheroh, presiding, Jeff Griffiths, Rick Pucci, Matt Kingsley, and Jennifer Roeser. Also present: County Administrator Leslie Chapman, Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis, and County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo.

- Public Comment* The Chairperson asked for public comment related to Closed Session items and no one requested to speak.
- Closed Session* Chairperson Totheroh recessed open session at 8:32 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members in attendance to discuss the following item(s): No. 2. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS - Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Government Code §54956.8** – Property: Located at the corner of School Street and Baker Creek Road, Big Pine, 93513 . Agency Negotiators: Leslie Chapman and John-Carl Vallejo. Negotiating parties: Inyo County, Big Pine Unified School District, and LADWP. Under negotiation: price and/or terms of payment; No. 3 **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: County Agricultural Commissioner / Weights and Measures; and No. 4 **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 Leslie Chapman, Assistant County Administrators Sue Dishion and Meaghan McCamman, Deputy Personnel Director Keri Oney, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann, and Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson.
- Open Session* Chairperson Totheroh recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:11 a.m. with all Board members present.
- Pledge of Allegiance* Assistant Clerk of the Board Ellis led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Report on Closed Session* County Counsel Vallejo reported that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.
- Public Comment* Chairperson Totheroh asked for public comment on items not calendared on the agenda.
Public comment was made by Wes French, Cari Arnal, and Jennifer Roeser (representing Mule Days).
- County Department Reports* Assistant HHS Director Anna Scott reported on Elder Abuse Awareness Month and hosting the Mexican consulate out of Fresno last month to assist local residents.
Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters Danielle Sexton gave an update on the ballot count from the June 7 Primary Election.

Assistant CAO Meaghan McCamman shared with the Board a letter from Visionary Home Builders of California, Inc. notifying the County it is applying for a housing grant for the Silver Peaks Multifamily Housing Program.

Introductions

The following new employees were introduced to the Board:

- Caroline Nott, Clerk-Recorder Assistant, Clerk-Recorder's Office;
- Shelley Bright and Yolanda Haro, Child Support Officers with Child Support Services;
- Kelly Bahr, Museum Assistant, Eastern California Museum;
- Loretta (Lori) Bengochia, Innovation & Grant Manager, and Carri Coudek, Substance Use Disorder Counselor, HHS;
- Danielle Visuano, Associate Planner, Planning Department;
- Jacob Waldt, Equipment Operator, Public Works; and
- Melissa Myers Place, Public Safety Dispatcher, Sheriff's Department.

Ross Hursell, Parks and Campground Specialist, and Dylan Noland, Parks and Campground Specialist, were not available for their introductions.

Motor Pool – Bishop Automotive Spending Increase

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to authorize an increase of Motor Pool's purchasing authority with Bishop Automotive of Bishop, CA by \$10,000, to a total not-to-exceed amount of \$88,500, for the purchase of maintenance services for the Inyo County fleet. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel – Shaw Consulting Contract

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the service agreement between Shaw Consulting and the County of Inyo for professional services, effective June 14, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 and authorize the Assistant County Administrator to sign, contingent on future budgets being adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

Child Support – CalServe Inc. Amendment 4

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement between the County of Inyo and CalServe Inc. for the provision of nationwide service of process, extending the term of the agreement from July 1, 2022 to June 20, 2024 and modifying the schedule of fees, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets. Motion carried unanimously.

Coroner – Cassidy Johnston Contract

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Cassidy Johnston for Personal Services for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$40,000, contingent upon the adoption of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

County Counsel – AB 361 Findings

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to adopt findings pursuant to AB 361 that: A) the Board reconsidered the circumstances of the existing State of Emergency issued on March 4, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and B) local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing, and/or the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person. Motion carried unanimously.

County Counsel – Greg James County Counsel Contract Amendment 4

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement between the County of Inyo and Gregory L. James of Bishop, CA, for the provision of water/environmental attorney services regarding matters at the direction of the County Counsel modifying certain provisions of the Agreement, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

County Counsel – Greg James Natural Resources Contract Amendment 12

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Amendment No. 12 to the Agreement between the County of Inyo and Gregory L. James of Bishop, CA, for the provision of water/environmental attorney services regarding natural resources modifying certain provisions of the Agreement, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

- County Counsel – Greg James Yucca Mountain Contract Amendment 5* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Amendment No. 5 to the Agreement between the County of Inyo and Gregory L. James of Bishop, CA, for the provision of legal services regarding Yucca Mountain Nuclear Repository modifying certain provisions of the Agreement, contingent upon the Board’s approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
- County Counsel – Greg James Water Department Amendment 3* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve amendment No. 3 to the Agreement between the County of Inyo and Gregory L. James of Bishop, CA, for the provision of water/environmental attorney services regarding Water Department modifying certain provisions of the Agreement, contingent upon the Board’s approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
- Environmental Health – AB 1276 Enforcement Agency/Reso # 2022-19* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Resolution No. 2022-19, titled, “A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Appointing the Environmental Health Department as the Enforcement Agency for AB 1276,” and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- HHS-Behavioral Health – Teleconnect Therapies Contract Amendment 1* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Amendment No. 1 to the agreement between the County of Inyo and Teleconnect Therapies of Avalon, CA, increasing the contract to an amount not to exceed \$129,040, representing an increase of \$70,000 to the contract, and extending the term end date from June 30, 2022 to December 31, 2022, contingent upon the Board’s approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
- HHS-Behavioral Health – Dr. Goshgarian Contract* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Dr. Anne Goshgarian of Bishop, CA to serve as the HHS Substance Use Disorder Medical Director in an amount not to exceed \$21,600.00 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, contingent upon the Board’s approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
- HHS-Social Services – ICOE Contract* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and the Inyo County Office of Education for the provision of Stage I Child Care Services, in an amount not to exceed \$170,000.00, for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, contingent upon the Board’s approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget, and authorize Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- PW-Parks & Rec – Bishop Waste and Preferred Septic Contracts* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to:
- A) approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Madera Disposal Systems Inc., dba Bishop Waste Disposal of Bishop, CA, as a sole-source provider for the provision of waste hauling in the North County Parks and Campgrounds, in an amount not to exceed \$76,369.96 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, contingent upon the Board’s approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained; and
 - B) approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Preferred Septic and Disposal of Bishop, CA as a sole-source provider for the provision of waste hauling in the South County Parks and Campgrounds, in an amount not to exceed \$91,059.58 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, contingent upon the Board’s approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained.
- Motion carried unanimously.
- PW-Recycling & Waste – Preferred Septic Contract* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Preferred Septic and Disposal of Bishop, CA as a sole-source provider for the provision of waste hauling services in the communities of Olancha, Keeler and Darwin, in an amount not to exceed \$286,055.81 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027 contingent upon the Board’s approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

<i>PW-Recycling & Waste – Kern County Landfill Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to: A) approve the Amendment between the County of Inyo and Kern County to allow the disposal of solid waste generated within the southernmost areas of Inyo County at the Ridgecrest Sanitary Landfill; B) authorize Recycling Waste Management to pay an annual fee in the amount \$13,920 to Kern County contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets; and C) authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – Cascade Software Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to: A) approve the Clean California Maintenance Agreement between the County of Inyo and Caltrans for reimbursement of waste hauling services and supplies in an amount not to exceed \$33,112.02 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets; B) declare Madera Disposal Systems, Inc., dba Bishop Waste of Bishop, CA, a sole-source provider of waste hauling in the town of Lone Pine along Main Street; C) approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Madera Disposal Systems, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$25,101.84 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets; and D) authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – Bishop Waste Sole-Source Contract & Clean CA Maintenance Agreement</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and Valsoft Corporation Inc., dba Cascade Software Systems, Inc. (CSS) of Montreal, Quebec, Canada, for the provision of Road Department cost accounting software in an amount not to exceed \$64,877.11 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – Cactus Flats Road Quitclaim Deed/Reso # 2022-20</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Resolution No. 2022-20 titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Summarily Vacating a Portion of Cactus Flats Road;" B) approve the signing of the Quitclaim Deed from Inyo County to the City of Los Angeles; and C) approve the recording of the Easement Deed from the City of Los Angeles to the County of Inyo. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Sheriff – Armored Vest Purchases</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to declare Bid No. 2022-02 for duty vests unresponsive; and B) authorize the purchase of thirteen (13) Safariland armored vests and carriers from Adamson Police Products for an amount not to exceed \$24,766. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Sheriff – USDA Forest Patrols Agreement</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Agreement 20-LE-11051360-040 between the County of Inyo and U.S. Forest Service for the provision of forest service patrols in an amount not to exceed \$12,000 for the period of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget, and authorize the Sheriff or designee to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Sheriff – USDA Controlled Substance Ops Agreement</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the 2022 Controlled Substance Annual Operating and Financial Plan between the County of Inyo and USDA Forest Service, Inyo National Forest for the provision of Controlled Substance Operations for a funding amount up to \$5,000 for the period of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the Sheriff or designee to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works - Commercial Air Service Workshop with MLT</i>	The Board participated in a joint workshop with Mammoth Lakes Tourism regarding commercial air service at the Bishop Airport. The workshop included PowerPoint presentations from ML T Executive Director John Urdi and Deputy Public Works Director-Airports Ashley Helms, and comment from Pat Foster of Hot Creek Aviation.

<i>D.A. – Ordinance 1279 (Military Equipment)</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths approve proposed Ordinance 1279 titled, "An Ordinance of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors Adopting the Inyo County District Attorney Policy Regarding Military Equipment Pursuant to AB 481." Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Sheriff – Military Equipment Ordinance First Reading</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to introduce, read and waive further reading of the proposed ordinance titled, "An Ordinance of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors Adopting the Inyo County Sheriff's Office Policy Regarding Military Equipment Pursuant to AB 481," and set adoption for Tuesday, June 21, 2022 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Independence. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Sheriff – Jeep Purchase, Budget Amendment</i>	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to: A) amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Off-HWY Vehicle Budget (623521) as follows: increase appropriation in Equipment object code (5650) by \$19,954 and decrease appropriation in Internal Charges object code (5121) by \$17,954 and General Operating object code (5311) by \$2,000 (<i>4/5ths vote required</i>); B) amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Sheriff Safety Budget (022710) as follows: decrease estimated revenue in Intra County Charges Revenue Code (4821) by \$17,954 and increase appropriations in Operating Transfers In revenue code (4998) by \$17,954; C) increase operating transfers out expense code 5801 in the Sheriff AB443 Trust (502709) by \$17,954 (<i>4/5ths vote required</i>); and D) authorize the purchase of one (1) 2022 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited Willy's Sport from Victorville Motors of Victorville, CA in an amount not to exceed \$50,267. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO – Preliminary FY 2022-2023 Budget</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to adopt the modified Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Board Approved Budget as the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and approve the Fixed Assets as recommended by staff (<i>4/5ths vote required</i>). Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Personnel – Marilyn Mann Contract Amendment 1</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and Supervisor Kingsley to: A) approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Marilyn Mann for the Provision of Personnel Services as a County Department Head, adding an additional 40 hours of annual administrative time off, for a total of 80 hours of annual administrative time off, effective June 17, 2022; and B) authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Child Support – Program Manager Authorized Strength Chance</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to change the authorized strength within the Child Support Department by adding one (1) Program Manager, Range 80 (\$6,259 - \$7,613). Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Closed Session</i>	Chairperson Totheroh recessed open session at 12:12 p.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to continue discussion and possible action as appropriate on previously noted closed session items.
<i>Open Session</i>	The Chairperson recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 12:48 p.m. with all Board members present.
<i>Report on Closed Session</i>	County Counsel Vallejo reported that no reportable action was taken in closed session.
<i>Planning – 6th Cycle Housing Element Presentation</i>	Planning Director Cathreen Richards presented the most recent comments and requirements from the California Department of Housing and Community Development on the County's 6th Cycle Housing Element Update. Despite many of the additional requirements being problematic, the Board ultimately directed Ms. Richards to respond to the Department of Housing and Community Development that County would include the requirements in the document.
<i>Public Comment</i>	Chairperson Totheroh asked for public comment on items not calendared on the agenda and no comments were heard.

*Board Member and
Staff Reports*

Supervisor Griffiths reported attending meetings of the Eastern Sierra Council of Staff Reports Governments, Eastern Sierra Transit Authority, and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.

Adjournment

Chairperson Totheroh adjourned the meeting at 5 p.m., to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 14, 2022, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: LESLIE L. CHAPMAN
Clerk of the Board*

by: _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant