

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

September 20, 2022

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 10 a.m., on September 20, 2022 in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present per California Assembly Bill 361: Vice Chairperson Jennifer Roeser, presiding, Jeff Griffiths, Rick Pucci, Matt Kingsley, and (for part of the meeting) Dan Totheroh. Also present: County Administrator Nate Greenberg, Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis, Office Clerk Hayley Carter, and County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo.

- Announcement*** Vice Chairperson Roeser announced that Chairperson Totheroh is absent dealing with a medical issue. She also welcomed new CAO Greenberg.
- Pledge of Allegiance*** CAO Greenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Proclamation – California Indian Day 2022*** Vice Chairperson Roeser introduced a proclamation meant to recognize California Indian Day in Inyo County, as well as events hosted by the Bishop Paiute Tribe. Members of the Bishop Tribal Council – including Chairperson Meryl Picard, Treasurer-Secretary Steven Orihuela, Mitchell David, and Joyce White – were in attendance to help promote awareness. Chairwoman Picard asked that the wording of the proclamation be changed to include all local tribes, not just the Bishop Tribe. She explained that the version obtained by Vice Chairperson Roeser had been written specifically for the Bishop City Council. The Board wholeheartedly agreed to change the language. Tribal member Hannah Frankson then performed a Paiute-Shoshone flag song. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve a proclamation, as amended, declaring September 23, 2022 California Indian Day in Inyo County. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Totheroh absent.
- Public Comment*** Vice Chairperson Roeser asked if there was any public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda.
- Public comment was received from Linda Chaplin, Spencer McNeal, and Tristan Stidham.
- Update – Western Counties Alliance*** Ken Brown, executive director of Western Counties Alliance, updated the Board on the group's efforts, including on behalf of Inyo County.
- Recess/Reconvene*** The Vice Chairperson recessed the meeting at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:50 with all Board members present, including Chairperson Totheroh.
- CAO – FY 22-23 Recommended Budget/Budget Hearings*** See separate minutes.
- Clerk-Recorder – Voter Registration Confidentiality/Reso # 2022-34*** Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve Resolution No. 2022-34, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Authorizing the Registrar of Voters to Expand the Confidentiality of Voter Registration Information to Specified Public Safety Officials Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 2166.7," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- Risk Management – Ordinance 1287 Approved (Claims)*** Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve Ordinance 1287, titled, "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Amending Subsection (B) of Section 1.28.040 of the Inyo County Code, Pertaining to Delegation of Authority to Compromise or Settle Claims Against the County." Motion carried

unanimously.

HHS-Health & Prevention – WIC Contract

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the contract between the County of Inyo Department of Health and Human Services and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for the California Woman, Infants, and Children (WIC) Contract, in an amount not to exceed \$1,342,437, for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the HHS Director to sign Standard Agreement No. 22-10253, Contract Exhibits, California Civil Rights Laws Attachment, and Contractor Certification Clauses. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS-Health & Prevention – Updated CDPH, CalREDIE, CalCONNECT Agreements

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the updated System Data Use and Disclosure Agreements between County of Inyo Health and Human Services, California Department of Public Health (CDPH), California Reportable Disease Information Exchange (CalREDIE), and California Connected COVID-19 Contact Tracing (CalCONNECT) for the purpose of the reporting compliance and receipt and use of information associated with monitoring reportable disease in compliance with the California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 17 Section 2500, and authorize the HHS Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS-Health & Prevention – Local Tobacco Control Contract

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and the California Department of Public Health for the provision of the local Tobacco Control Program, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 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 HHS Director to sign Allocation Agreement CTCP-21-14 and Prospective Payment Invoices. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Fountainhead Amendment 3

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve Amendment No. 3 to the consulting agreement between the County of Inyo and Fountainhead of Anaheim, CA, increasing the contract by \$209,281.54 to an amount not to exceed \$671,039.51 and extending the expiration date from December 31, 2022 to 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.

Road Department – CA Indian Day Parade/Run Road Closures

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve road closures on Pa Ha Lane, Diaz Lane, Barlow Lane, and See Vee Lane, with detours between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on September 23, 2022, for the purpose of the annual Bishop Paiute Tribe and Toiyabe Indian Health Project California Indian Day Parade/Run. Motion carried unanimously.

County Department Reports

HHS Director Marilyn Mann gave the Board an update on AB 1951, which was vetoed.

Public Works Director Mike Errante updated the Board on the Bishop Airport and upcoming slurry seal projects.

Recess/Reconvene

Vice Chairperson Roeser recessed the meeting at 12:26 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:05 p.m. with all Board members present except Chairperson Totheroh.

HHS – City of Bishop Ad Hoc Fire Advisory Committee

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to designate Supervisor Griffiths and CAO Greenberg as the County's representatives on the City of Bishop's temporary ad hoc Fire Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Totheroh absent.

Emergency Services – Flood Damage Emergency/Reso # 2022-35

Emergency Services Manager Mikaela Torres corrected the dates included in the resolution to September 10-12. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve, as amended, and authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution No. 2022-35, proclaiming the existence of a Local Emergency and requesting the Governor proclaim a State of Emergency as a result of severe and extensive flood damage in the South County and continuing monsoonal weather. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Totheroh absent.

Public Comment

Vice Chairperson Roeser asked if there was any public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda and there was none.

Board Member and Staff Reports

Supervisor Griffiths said he has a meeting of the ad hoc Fire Advisory Committee tomorrow, will be attending the Grand Jury meet-and-greet, and attended a Business Resource Center event, the Millpond Music Festival, annual RCRC Conference, an Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation meeting, the opening of a new Jewish center in Bishop, and Bishop City Council meeting.

Supervisor Kingsley reported attending a Wildlife Leadership Conference in Santa Fe, the annual RCRC Conference, and Inyo Associates, and will be going on a tour of the flood damage to State Route 190 tomorrow.

Supervisor Pucci said he had emergency surgery last week in Reno, and attended the Millpond Music Festival dedication to Howard and Linda Arcularius.

CAO Greenberg said he is continuing to get up to speed and getting to know the Board and staff better and expressed his gratitude to the Budget Team for delivering the FY 22-23 Budget. He said he also attended the Small Business Resource Center event and will be participating in the Capital Summit in a couple weeks.

Adjournment

Vice Chairperson Roeser adjourned the meeting at 1:41 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 27, 2022 in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: NATHAN GREENBERG
Clerk of the Board*

by: _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

September 20, 2022 – Budget Hearing (Timed Item During Regular Meeting), 10:15 a.m.

Budget Message

CAO Chapman began her presentation with a thank you to all department heads for submitting good budgets to the Budget Team, and being cooperative, collaborative and conservative in their budget requests and during the many behind-the-scenes meetings that took place in order to develop the budget. She also thanked her partners on the Budget Team, Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd and Senior Budget Analyst Denelle Carrington, for doing a fantastic job in preparing this year’s budget, as well as working hard year-round to manage the budget.

Chapman provided the Board with an overview of the CAO Recommended Budget, which totals \$130,080,065. She cited a list of projects/programs for which funding is included in the budget, such as: investing in commercial air service at the Bishop Airport; development and execution of the veterans, workforce, and low-income housing plan; transferring management of the Small Business Center to the Sierra Business Council; new audio/visual equipment for the Board Room; a new water system and two vault toilets at Diaz Lake; energy-efficient upgrades to the historic courthouse; facility improvements at the Bishop, Lone Pine, and Tecopa senior centers; a mobile health clinic to provide rural healthcare in unserved areas of the county. The CAO also additional opportunities not yet budgeted. CAO Chapman provided a breakdown of expenses and revenues recommended for the General Fund and non-General Fund, and discussed employee healthcare and pension costs and proposed personnel actions to delete and replace certain positions to improve efficiency.

Chapman announced that the Auditor-Controller Shepherd had certified the actual Fund Balance for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 at \$5,782,642 – \$1,651,247 above the \$4,131,395 used to balance the recommended budget. Chapman also reported on the status of the County’s reserves, Contingencies, and trusts, and outstanding funding opportunities, while presenting the Board with options for spending the excess General Fund. Staff recommended adding \$351,247 to Contingencies, \$500,000 to General Reserves, \$300,000 to the OPEB Trust, and \$500,000 to the Accumulated Outlay Capital Budget.

Board Discussion/Public Hearing

The Board engaged in discussion about how best to use the excess Fund Balance, and inquired about the different accounts and trusts mentioned as options.

The Vice Chairperson opened the public hearing at 11:34 a.m.

Board members asked for additional clarification, and complimented the budget – which makes significant investments in facility improvements, housing, and year-round air service – and the Budget Team and departments for their diligence.

Public Works Director Mike Errante said he appreciated the Budget Team and the investments made in his department, which will rise to the challenge.

Vice Chairperson Roeser closed the public hearing at 12:14 p.m.

FY 22-23 CAO Recommended Budget Adoption

Concluding discussions, the Board took action to approve the CAO Recommended Budget, accepting the CAO’s recommendations for every department budget, and directing the \$1,651,247 in excess Fund Balance be distributed as recommended.

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to:

1. Adopt the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget as Recommended by the County Administrator, including the recommendations presented herein.
2. Direct that the \$1,651,247 in excess Fund Balance certified by the Auditor-Controller above \$4,131,395 (for a total Fund Balance of \$5,782,642), be distributed as follows: :

\$351,247 to Contingencies, \$500,000 to General Reserves, \$300,000 to the OPEB Trust, and \$500,000 to the Accumulated Outlay Capital Budget.

3. Authorize and direct the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller to approve and make payments, greater than \$10,000, to Inter-Agency Visitor Center, Cal Expo Exhibit, and Tri-County Fairgrounds, and authorize and direct the County Administrator to develop and execute contracts with all ongoing recipients of line-item grants and fishing promotion funding through the Community Project Sponsorship Program as revised by your Board of Supervisors on October 15, 2019.
4. Authorize and direct the County Administrator to develop and execute contracts with all ongoing Grants-In-Support program funding recipients identified in the Grants-In-Support Budget.
5. Reaffirm the County Criminal Justice Realignment Policy adopted in Fiscal Year 2011-12.
6. Set adoption of the Final Budget for September 27, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Vice Chairperson Roeser adjourned the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Hearings at 12:19 p.m.

Chairperson,
Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: NATHAN GREENBERG
Clerk of the Board*

by _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant