

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

March 21, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 10:15 a.m., on March 21, 2023, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Jennifer Roeser, presiding, Trina Orrill, Scott Marcellin, Matt Kingsley, and Jeff Griffiths. Also present: County Administrator Nate Greenberg, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis, and Office Technician Hayley Carter.

Pledge of Allegiance Elaine Kabala led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda, and public comment was made by Lauralynn Hundley. Chairperson Roeser used the opportunity to share photos and videos from an event held over the weekend at Laws Museum, which both she and Supervisor Orrill attended.

Introductions The following new employees were introduced to the Board: Jeffrey Briggs, Heavy Equipment Operator, and Dennis Smith, Building and Maintenance Worker, Public Works; Tanya Kimbrel, Dispatcher, and Daniel Sullivan, Cook, Sheriff's Office; and Elaine Kabala, Executive Director of Regional Coordination, County Administrator's Office.

County Department Reports CAO Nate Greenberg updated the Board on countywide storm response efforts noting that Inyo has been working under unified command at the Joint Emergency Operation Center with Mono County, Town of Mammoth, City of Bishop, and a number of other allied agencies. Greenberg said a Type 1 Instant Management Team that was brought in to help get all initial systems in place but is now working on a transition plan with the intent to withdraw from the area on Friday.

Emergency Services Coordinator Mikaela Torres said she has been working at the Emergency Operating Center with a focus on the transition planned for Friday. She said she continues to update website information to include translations into Spanish.

Supervisors responded to the reports, praising staff for their hard work and passing along compliments and gratitude from constituents.

Public Works Director Mike Errante reported that staff have been documenting damages to roads and other infrastructure to capture funding for necessary repairs and checking that maintenance projects are being done in preparation for the expected snow runoff.

Library Director Nancy Masters gave an update on the status of the library remodel project and thanked the Building and Maintenance division for its assistance.

Risk Manager Aaron Holmberg updated the Board on his involvement with the Emergency Operations Center and measures that have been taken to ensure employee safety.

Health & Human Services Director Marilyn Mann apprised the Board of two new reform bills on the 2024 ballot encouraging expansion of Behavioral Health services. Mann also reported that the Request for Proposals for interim EMS services closed yesterday, and two proposals came in for review.

Assistant Public Works Director John Pinckney let the Board know that a Notice of Award of the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program grant had been received and that the funding would allow for \$210,000 in improvements. Pinckney gave a shout out to

Transportation Director Justine Kokx who identified this grant opportunity and applied for it.

**CAO –
Employee Safety
Programs/Updates**

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve updates to the employee safety programs titled "COVID-19 Prevention Procedures," "Injury and Illness Prevention Plan," "Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan," "Aerosol Transmissible Disease Exposure Control Plan," and "Respiratory Protection Plan." Motion carried unanimously.

**HHS-First 5 –
First 5 Commission
Appointment**

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to appoint Ms. Esther Hampton to an unexpired three-year term on the First 5 Commission ending December 5, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

**PW-Recycling & Waste
Management –
Lone Pine Paiute-
Shoshone Reservation
Event
Fee Waiver**

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve waiver of solid waste disposal and gate fees for the Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation Environmental & Air Quality Department event, Saturday, April 29, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

**Sheriff –
Off-Highway Vehicle
Grant
Application/Reso.
#2023-09**

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Resolution No. 2023-09, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Authorizing the Submittal of the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Application," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

**Sheriff –
Drug Enforcement
Administration
Agreement**

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) of the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) for the provision of illicit cannabis eradication and suppression funding in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, 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.

**Public Works –
State Line Road FLAP
Grant MOA Approval**

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to: A) Amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Road Budget 034600 as follows: increase appropriation in an object code which will be created by the Auditors Office by \$160,000 (*4/5ths vote required*); B) Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Federal Highway Administration and Inyo County accepting the State Line Road Federal Lands Access Program grant in the amount of \$15,400,000 requiring a County match of \$1,767,000; C) Authorize the expenditure of Road Department funds for the Preliminary Engineering match of \$160,000; and D) Authorize the Public Works Director or Assistant Director to execute all necessary project documents including the MOA. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Works –
Armstrong Consultants
Agreement
Amendment No. 1**

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to: A) Amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Lone Pine/Death Valley Airport Improvement Budget (Budget 150502) as follows: 1. Increase estimated revenue in Federal Grants (Revenue Code No. 4555) by \$44,496, 2. and Increase estimated revenue in Operating Transfer In (Revenue Code No. 4998) by \$4,944, and 3. Increase appropriation in Construction in Progress (Object Code 5700) by \$49,440 (*4/5ths vote required*); B) Amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 LP/DV Airport Operating Budget (Budget 150500) by increasing appropriations in Operating Transfer Out (Object Code 5801) by \$4,944 (*4/5ths vote required*); C) Approve and ratify Amendment No. 1 to the agreement between the County of Inyo and Armstrong Consultants of Grand Junction, CO, increasing the contract to an amount not to exceed \$95,700, contingent on approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained; and D) Authorize the Public Works Director to sign the forthcoming Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant for the Lone Pine/Death Valley Airport Taxiway A Resurfacing Project. Motion carried 4-1-0.

Board of Supervisors – AB 692 Letter of Support Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a letter supporting Assembly Bill 692 (Patterson). Motion carried unanimously.

CAO – National Center for Public Lands Counties Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 LATCF Budget #640299 as follows: Increase estimated revenue in Federal Other (4552) by \$113,820 and increase appropriation in Other Agency Contribution (5539) by \$113,820 (*4/5ths vote required*); and approve payment to the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) for Invoice #2298 in the amount of \$113,820. Motion carried unanimously.

Child Support Service – Department Workshop Child Support Director Amy Weurdig and Program Manager Samantha Rottner provided the Board with a department presentation on Child Support Services.

Planning Dept. – Short-Term Rental of Residential Property Workshop Planning Director Cathreen Richards provided the Board with updates and research on short-term rentals in Inyo County and asked for direction moving forward with designated areas and caps for those designated areas, which the Board previously directed Planning to explore. She and Supervisor Kingsley noted the impetus of the proposed 5% cap was to address over-saturation in two communities: the Alabama Hills and Aspendell.

Public comment was given by Blake Martinez, Dave Tanksley, Randi Pritchard, Spencer McNeal, and Christopher Taylor.

There was lengthy discussion between the Board and staff, with Chairperson Roeser advocating for a business license for short-term rentals and her and other Board members expressing some concern with the impacts the proposed 5% cap would have on some communities.

The Board directed staff to move forward to identify caps on specific short-term rental areas and for the purpose of bringing a new ordinance on short-term rentals to the Board at an undetermined date.

Public Comment Chairperson Roeser asked if there was any public comment pending for items not calendared on the agenda and there was no one wishing to speak.

Board Member & Staff Reports Supervisor Kingsley reported visits to areas affected by recent flooding and said that he had attended a Great Basin Air Pollution Control District meeting remotely.

Supervisor Marcellin said that he attended a City of Bishop-County of Inyo Liaison Meeting, spent time monitoring flood areas, and checked in on a propane issue and avalanche warning in Aspendell. Supervisor Marcellin thanked staff and crews for all of their hard work.

Supervisor Orrill said that she had attended an Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council meeting, spent time in District 1 observing CalFire crews working diligently, visited the Emergency Operating Center, and volunteered at the Laws Museum for the Slim Princess event.

Supervisor Griffiths said that he attended a finance meeting for Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action, the City-County Laison meeting, his niece's wedding in Michigan, the Inyo Associates meeting, and the Eastern Sierra Foundation meeting. Griffiths said that he will be attending a California Association of Counties (CSAC) Executive Board meeting in L.A. tomorrow.

CAO Greenberg said that he attended the Bishop City Council meeting, a meeting with Executive Director of Regional Coordination Elaine Kabala, and thanked the Emergency Operating Center staff for their time and dedication.

The Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis showed the Board video clips she updated to the County website and provided information on the upcoming Board meeting to be held in Furnace Creek and Tecopa on April 18.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 28, 2023, in the

County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: NATE GREENBERG
Clerk of the Board*

by: _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant