




County of Inyo

Board of Supervisors

April 4, 2023

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 April 4, 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.

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| <i>Closed Session</i> | The Chairperson asked for public comment related Closed Session items and there was nobody wishing to speak. |
| <i>Public Comment</i> | |
| <i>Closed Session</i> | Chairperson Roeser recessed open session at 8:32 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following item(s): No. 2 Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to potential litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) Government Code §54956.9: one potential case.; No. 3 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 Nate Greenberg, Assistant County Administrators Sue Dishion and Meaghan McCamman, Deputy Personnel Director Keri Oney, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, Senior Budget Analyst Denelle Carrington, Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann, and Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson. |
| <i>Open Session</i> | Chairperson Roeser recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:11 a.m. with all Board members present. |
| <i>Pledge of Allegiance</i> | Supervisor Orrill led the Pledge of Allegiance. |
| <i>Report on Closed Session</i> | County Counsel Vallejo reported that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported. |
| <i>Employee Service Recognition – 1st Q 2023</i> | <p>The following employees were recognized for reaching service milestones with the County during the first quarter of 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Dorame, 25 years, Tammy McDevitt, 20 years, and Mark Smith, 15 years, Sheriff's Office • Rick Chapman, 15 years, Information Services • Gilbert Conde, 5 years, and Claude Felton, 5 years, Public Works • Edith Chavez, 5 years, Nicole Gonzalez, 5 years, and Catherine Grisham, 5 years, Health & Human Services • Mallory Watterson, 5 years, County Counsel • Wendy Carrington, 25 years, Personnel |
| <i>Presentation – Carson & Colorado Railway Company</i> | Dave Mull of Carson & Colorado Railway gave the Board a presentation on recent and upcoming events for the group, including a celebration at Laws Railroad Museum March 18-19 and March 25-26. He shared photos and video of the event, as well as the effort to move the train from Independence to Bishop. |
| <i>Public Comment</i> | The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda. |

Public comment was made by Lauralynn Hundley.

County Department Reports

HHS Director Marilyn Mann reported that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and related events include “Paint it Blue Fridays” and a memorial flag raising on April 28. She also announced that April 3-9 is National Public Health Week, explaining that the infrastructure for public health services was bolstered by additional resources during the COVID-19 pandemic, but now there are state budget proposals to start eroding that funding. She urged everyone to continue supporting the provision of public health funding.

Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meetings of March 21, 2023 and March 28, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS-ESAAA – CDA Agreement Amendment 1

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to ratify and approve Amendment No. 1 to Standard Agreement for Contract Number AP-2223-16, between the County of Inyo and the California Department of Aging (CDA), increasing the overall allocation by \$27,182, for a total contract amount of \$1,591,555, and authorize the HHS Director to sign the Standard Agreement Amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS-Health/Prevention – Registered Dietician at D Step

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to authorize the hiring of one (1) Registered Dietitian, Range 74 (\$5,649 - \$6,868), at the D Step (\$6,541). Motion carried unanimously.

HHS-Behavioral Health – Behavioral Health Nurse at E Step

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to authorize the hiring of one (1) Behavioral Health Nurse, Range 80 (\$6,509 - \$7,918), at the E Step (\$7,918). Motion carried unanimously.

Planning – MOU with BLM

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the Memorandum of Understanding to establish cooperating agency status with the Bureau of Land Management for the Section 368 Corridors Resource Management Plan Amendment and associated Environmental Impact Statement and authorize the Planning Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

Probation – Tulare County Agreement Amendment B

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve Amendment B No. 30192 to the agreement between the County of Inyo and Tulare County to extend the agreement to July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, contingent upon the Board’s approval of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Accepting Federal Highway Grant

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to:

- A) Accept a successful grant from the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program in the amount of \$209,600 for safety improvements along 1.2 miles of Old Spanish Trail Highway in the Emigrant Pass area;
- B) Authorize the Public Works Department Director to execute the grant agreements and other documents related to the grant between the County of Inyo and the Federal Highway Administration and Caltrans for the period of September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025, 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.

Public Works – LP Airport Taxiway Plans & Specs

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve the plans and specifications for the Lone Pine/Death Valley Airport Taxiway A Resurfacing Project and authorize the Public Works Director to advertise the project pending approval from the FAA. Motion carried unanimously.

PW-Recycling & Waste Management – Tire Amnesty Event

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to:

- A) Waive all gate and disposal fees associated with the Tire Amnesty Events; and
- B) Authorize payment from Recycling Waste Management to American Refuse, the County’s tire hauler, for pickup for these events only, in addition to their existing

<i>Gate Fee Waiver</i>	contract for tire hauling for waste management. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO – Administrative Operations Analyst Job Description</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to: A) Approve the Administrative Operations Analyst job description; and B) Update the title of the Assistant to the CAO (Range 74, \$5,649 - \$6,868) in the County Administrator's Department to Administrative Operations Analyst (Range 74, \$5,649 - \$6,868) in the Authorized Strength report. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO – Elaine Kabala Contract Amendment 1</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Elaine Kabala for the Provision of Personal Services as the Executive Director of Regional Coordination, and authorize the County Administrator to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Environmental Health – Amending Well Ordinance</i>	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to: A) Introduce, read title, and waive further reading of the proposed ordinance titled, "An Ordinance of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors Adding Sections 14.24.051 and 14.24.052 to the Inyo County Code to Revise and Clarify Procedures for the Processing of Applications for Groundwater Wells;" and B) Set enactment of said ordinance for April 25, 2023 in the County Administrative Center in Independence. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO – Spring Runoff and Planning Efforts</i>	The Board received an overview from CAO Greenberg, Road Superintendent Shannon Platt, and Acting Sheriff's Lt. Nate Derr of the work and planning being done to help mitigate expected impacts from the Sierra runoff, which is expected to be as much as 1 million acre-feet.
<i>CAO – Update on State of EMS</i>	CAO Greenberg and HHS Director Marilyn Mann gave an update on the status of emergency medical services in the greater Bishop area, noting that a firm, Coast to Coast Public Safety, has been identified to provide EMS on an initial short-term basis to ensure no gap in coverage when Symons Ambulance ends its services on April 22.
<i>Personnel – HHS Deputy Director-Public Health & Prevention Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Stephanie Tanksley for the provision of professional services as the Health and Human Services Deputy Director Public Health and Prevention at Range 88, Step E, \$9,618 per month, effective April 13, 2023; and authorize the County Administrator to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Recess/Reconvene</i>	The Chairperson recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:47 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:25 p.m. with all Board members present.
<i>Museum Division Overview</i>	Eastern California Museum Director Shawn Lum presented an overview of the County's museum operations, including plans for upcoming grant-funded projects.
<i>Public Comment</i>	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.
<i>Board Member & Staff Reports</i>	Assistant Clerk of the Board Ellis announced that yesterday was Office Clerk Hayley Carter's birthday. CAO Greenberg reported attending a number of internal meetings and noted there is no meeting next week and he looks forward to the April 18 meeting in Southeast Inyo. County Counsel Vallejo wished Ms. Carter a happy birthday. Supervisor Griffiths wished Ms. Carter a happy birthday; reported that planning has begun at Inyo Council for the Arts to recruit a new executive director when the current one retires; said

he attended an IMACA board meeting, a meeting with the City of Bishop and Inyo County Veterans Service Officer on veterans housing, and the annual cattlemen's dinner, and will be attending Friday's meeting of the Mammoth-Inyo Airport Working Group (MIAWG) and next week's California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Legislative Conference in Sacramento.

Supervisor Orrill said she will be attending the MIAWG meeting as Inyo County's appointed representative and is getting ready for the CSAC conference, and also wished Ms. Carter a happy birthday.

Supervisor Marcellin also wished Ms. Carter a happy birthday and said he is preparing for next week's CSAC conference.

Supervisor Kingsley said he wished Ms. Carter a happy birthday yesterday, and reported meeting with constituents, attending the Lone Pine FFA Blue & Gold fundraiser and the cattlemen's dinner.

Ms. Carter thanked everyone for the birthday wishes and announced that April is Autism Awareness Month, noting that the Sheriff's Department has created a special patch in recognition of the observance and she hoped the Board could see them soon.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, 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