

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

May 21, 2019

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:35 a.m., on May 21, 2019, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Vice Chairperson Matt Kingsley, presiding, Dan Totheroh, Jeff Griffiths, and Mark Tillemans. Absent: Chairperson Rick Pucci.

- Public Comment* Vice Chairperson Kingsley asked for public comment during the first public comment period and there was no-one wishing to address the Board.
- Closed Session* Vice Chairperson Kingsley recessed open session at 8:35 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present except Chairperson Pucci to discuss the following items: No. 2 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** – Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9 (one case); and 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 Clint Quilter, Deputy Personnel Director Sue Dishion, County Counsel Marshall Rudolph, Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann, and Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson.
- Open Session* Vice Chairperson Kingsley recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10 a.m. with all Board members present except Chairperson Pucci.
- Pledge* Supervisor Griffiths 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* Vice Chairperson Kingsley asked for public comment during the second public comment period.
- Earl Wilson of Lone Pine reported that strong winds have begun to blow around the Manzanar area.
- County Department Reports* Vice Chairperson Kingsley opened the floor to Department Reports and there was no-one wishing to address the Board.
- Proclamation – EMS Provider of the Year* Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve a proclamation titled, "Proclamation of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California Honoring the Inyo County Emergency Medical Services System as the Inyo County 2019 EMS Provider of the Year." Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent. Vice Chairperson Kingsley read the proclamation aloud, and with the rest of the Board, presented it to the EMS system representatives in attendance. HHS Director Marilyn Mann explained that the Emergency Medical Care Committee decided to give the annual honor to the entire EMS system this year as part of its effort to increase recognition of the critical need for more volunteers and of the service they provide in each community. She said they save lives every day, and the proclamation is one way to thank the entire continuum. Vice Chairperson Kingsley noted that it is not easy to provide emergency services in Inyo County and he is constantly amazed by what the local EMS providers are able to accomplish.

*Proclamation –
EMS System Heroes*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve a proclamation titled, “Proclamation of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California Honoring Deputy Phil West, Deputy Kenneth Bigham, Chief Joe Dell, Laura Lingeman, and Lia Cioni.” Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent. HHS Director Marilyn Mann introduced Stephanie Tanksley, a County employee whose life was saved by the heroic efforts of those honored by the proclamation, as well as continued care at Northern Inyo Hospital and Glendale Adventist Hospital after she went into cardiac arrest in November 2018. Mann explained that Tanksley’s grandmother and husband initiated CPR, which was continued by Deputies West and Bigham on their arrival. She said Chief Dell arrived and used an AED and paramedics Lingeman and Cioni continued critical support en route to NIH, where the crew recognized Tanksley’s distress, put ice bags on her to bring her fever down, and found a hospital out of the area that would admit her. Mann explained that every effort, from the start, was critical to saving Tanksley’s life, as her prognosis was grim. Supervisor Griffiths read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Deputies West and Bigham and Chief Dell. Deputy Bigham noted that victories like the one involving Tanksley are why he became a peace officer. Chief Dell expressed gratitude to sheriff’s deputies who are 99% of the time the first emergency responders on scene and who really make a difference. He said there is a need to get more AEDs out in the system, but Tanksley’s case is a win. Vice Chairperson Kingsley said it’s important to recognize that Inyo County of Inyo’s EMS providers are taking action that save lives every week.

*County Counsel –
Confidential-
Administrative Legal
Secretary*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to:

- A) Approve the updated job description for a Confidential-Administrative Legal Secretary; and
- B) Request Board find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy:
 - 1. The availability of funding for the requested position exists in the General Fund, as certified by County Counsel and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller;
 - 2. Internal candidates may meet the qualifications for the position and the position could possibly be filled by an internal recruitment, but if an internal recruitment is unsuccessful, then an open recruitment may be appropriate to ensure the position is filled with the most qualified applicant; and
 - 3. Approve the hiring of one (1) Confidential-Administrative Legal Secretary at Range 70A-E (\$4,569 - \$5,557).

Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.

*HHS-Behavioral
Health – Office Clerk
III*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh for the Board to find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for one (1) Office Clerk III exists in the Behavioral Health and Drinking Driver Program budgets (non-General Funds), as certified by the HHS Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) where internal candidates may meet the qualifications for the position, the vacancy could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, but an open recruitment is more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; C) approve the hiring of one (1) Office Clerk III, Range 52 (\$2,997 - \$3,641). Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.

*HHS-Fiscal –
Administrative
Analyst I/II*

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths for the Board to find that, consistent with the adopted Authorized Position Review Policy: A) the availability of funding for one (1) Administrative Analyst I/II exists in a non-General Fund budget, as certified by the HHS Director and concurred with by the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller; B) where internal candidates may meet the qualifications for the position, the vacancy could possibly be filled through an internal recruitment, but an open recruitment is more appropriate to ensure qualified applicants apply; C) approve the hiring of one (1) Administrative Analyst I, Range 68 (\$4,357- \$5,294) or Administrative Analyst II, Range 70 (\$4,569 - \$5,557); and D) if an internal candidate is hired as a result of the open recruitment, authorize HHS to backfill the resulting vacancy. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.

*Motor Pool –
Additional Bishop
Ford Blanket P.O.*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve another blanket purchase order payable to Bishop Ford, in the amount of \$7,000, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$45,000 from the Motor Pool budget. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.

<i>Public Defender – Gerard B. Harvey Contract Amendment 1</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Gerard B. Harvey for the provision of professional services as a Public Defender [Misdemeanors – North County], extending the end date to June 30, 2020 and increasing the contract amount by \$132,000 for an amount not to exceed \$198,000, contingent upon the Board’s adoption of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.
<i>County Counsel – Gregory L. James Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve the contract between the Office of County Counsel and Gregory L. James, Attorney at Law, for the provision of Environmental Attorney services for the period from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, at the rate of \$175 an hour for work directly related to litigation services, \$155 an hour for other matters, and travel time which will be paid at \$50 an hour, with a contract limit of \$25,000, contingent upon the Board’s adoption of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.
<i>County Counsel/Planning – Gregory L. James Contract Amendment 1</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Gregory L. James, Attorney at Law, for the provision of legal services related to the Yucca Mountain Repository Licensing Proceedings before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and related court actions, extending the term of the contract for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, contingent upon the Board’s approval of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.
<i>County Counsel/Water Dept. – Gregory L. James Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Gregory L. James, Attorney at Law, for the provision of Water Attorney services to the Water Department for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, at the rate of \$175 an hour for work directly related to litigation services, \$155 an hour for other matters, and travel time which will be paid at \$50 an hour, with a contract limit of \$100,000, contingent upon the Board’s approval of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.
<i>Planning-LAFCO – Staff Services Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and the Inyo County Local Agency Formation Commission for the provision of staff services in an amount not to exceed \$20,192.40 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, contingent upon the Board’s adoption of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign; and B) direct the Planning Department and County Counsel to provide services as outlined in the contract. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.
<i>Public Works – Deck Sealing Project Plans & Specs</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve the plans and specifications for the Bridge Preventative Maintenance Program Deck Sealing Project and authorize the Public Works Director to advertise for bids for the project. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.
<i>Public Works – Tom’s Carpet Library Project Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve the construction contract between the County of Inyo and Tom’s Carpet for the Central Library Flooring Project in the amount of \$17,146 and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained; and B) authorize the Public Works Director to execute all other project contract documents, including contract change orders, to the extent permitted by Public Contract Code Section 20142 and other applicable laws. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.
<i>Road Dept. – John Deere Backhoe Loader</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve the purchase of one (1) new John Deere 310SL HL Backhoe Loader from Coastline Equipment Company of Las Vegas, NV in an amount to not exceed \$119,377.88. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.
<i>Sheriff – Dooley Enterprises Spending</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to: A) increase the Sheriff’s Department’s authorized spending authority with Dooley Enterprises, Inc. from \$35,000 to \$43,700 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019; and B) approve the purchase of training ammo

<i>Increase</i>	from Dooley Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$19,100. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.
<i>Auditor – CAL-Card Program</i>	Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd presented for approval an agreement to enter into the CAL-Card purchasing program, which she said would allow the County and its departments to conduct business much more efficiently than they currently can through their traditional credit card provider. She explained that most transactions nowadays are conducted via credit card and a lot of vendors do not accept purchase orders anymore, so an efficient card system is critical. Vice Chairperson Kingsley thanked her for taking this step. Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to authorize the Auditor-Controller to sign and execute Addendum No. 7-14-99-22 Local Agency Subscription Agreement on behalf of the County of Inyo for a purchasing card program (CAL-Card). Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.
<i>Planning – West Mojave Route Network FSEIS</i>	Planning Director Cathreen Richards provided an update on the West Mojave Route Network Project (WEMO), beginning with a summary of the history of the project, and then a review of the comments previously submitted by the County and how they relate to the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for WEMO. She noted that all of the County's comments on specific routes were incorporated into the FSEIS and staff was not recommending submission of a "Protest" by the County. The Vice Chairperson called for Board discussion and comments from the public and there was no-one wishing to speak, with the Board in concurrence with staff's recommendation to not submit a protest.
<i>Risk Management – Reso # 2019-20</i>	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve Resolution No. 2019-20, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California Establishing a Policy for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones) Usage by County Officers and Employees," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.
<i>Risk Management – Reso # 2019-21</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to approve Resolution No. 2019-21, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Expanding Workers' Compensation Coverage Pursuant to AB 1749 for Sheriff's Department Peace Officers Who Are Injured While Off Duty in Certain Circumstances," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.
<i>Risk Management – Reso # 2019-22</i>	Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve Resolution No. 2019-22, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Declaring Specific Volunteers to be Employees for the Purpose of Workers' Compensation and Insurance Law," and authorize the Chairperson to sign.
<i>CAO – Request to Rename Shoshone Airport</i>	CAO Quilter said he was excited to bring forward Charles Sorrells' request to rename the Shoshone Airport after his father, Maury Sorrells. He noted that Charles Sorrells has met the requirements of the County's facility naming policy, and gave a brief description of Maury Sorrells, a five-term County Supervisor who built the landing strip in Shoshone and developed the Shoshone Airport, which Charles Sorrells fully deeded to the County in 2009. Vice Chairperson Kingsley talked about the incredible history of the Brown and Sorrells family, and noted that soon after Charles completed his last term, he was killed in an accident while landing at the Shoshone Airport. Charles Sorrells said that the airport is absolutely beautiful now and thanked the Board for considering his application. He read a statement about the Fifth District, his father, and his father's many accomplishments, calling Maury "the silent hero of the Fifth District." Jim Gillam, Maury's nephew who grew up in Shoshone, told the Board that Maury had a vision for air travel in that part of the county, for tourism, medical purposes, and ease of travel for residents. He said he supported the name change. Earl Wilson of Lone Pine said his father, a physician, used to fly out to Shoshone and used the air strip built by Maury many times, sometimes taking Earl along on the trip, and he believed the new name is appropriate. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Totheroh to, in accordance with County policy, to rename the Shoshone Airport the "Shoshone Maury Sorrells Airport" in honor of the late, former County Supervisor (<i>4/5ths vote required</i>). Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent. Charles Sorrells said he would work with the County on the next steps, and would like to install a monument with a plaque about his father, with a dedication ceremony set to coincide with Shoshone Old West Days in November.

*CAO – LPC County
Priorities Report*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to: A) approve the revised priorities in the Local Planning Council (LPC) County Priorities Report prepared by the Inyo County Office of Education; and B) authorize the County Administrator and/or Assistant Clerk of the Board to sign the LPC Priorities Report Form as “authorized representatives of the Board of Supervisors.” Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.

*Clerk of the Board –
Approval of Minutes*

Moved by Supervisor Tillemans and seconded by Supervisor Tothoroh to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meetings of May 7, 2019 and May 14, 2019. Motion carried unanimously 4-0, with Chairperson Pucci absent.

Public Comment

Vice Chairperson Kingsley asked for public comment during the final public comment period and there was no-one wishing to address the Board.

*Board Member and
Staff Reports*

CAO Quilter said the Employee Engagement effort is continuing in earnest, with a live-streamed kickoff presentation set for Friday and the actual surveys going out during the first three weeks of June.

Supervisor Griffiths reported on a successful trip last week to Spokane, WA for the National Association of Counties’ Western Interstate Region Conference. He also asked for updates from Planning on power storage, geothermal, and lithium mine projects.

Supervisor Tothoroh said he served as an alternate last week for Supervisor Griffiths at meetings of the Local Agency Formation Commission and Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership. He also reported he would be attending a Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting Thursday and an awareness event this afternoon.

Vice Chairperson Kingsley reported attending the NACo WIR Conference in Spokane, WA and gave an update on AB 402, which passed the Senate and is headed to the Assembly. He also reported he would be attending an RCRC Board meeting and was looking forward to riding in the Mule Days Parade with the rest of the Inyo Board.

Adjournment

Vice Chairperson Kingsley adjourned the meeting at 11:23 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 28, 2019 in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: CLINT G. QUILTER
Clerk of the Board*

by: _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant