

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

June 2, 2020

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:30 a.m., on June 2, 2020, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present via videoconferencing per California Governor Executive Order N-25-20: Chairperson Matt Kingsley, presiding, Dan Tothoroh, Jeff Griffiths, Rick Pucci, and Mark Tillemans.

Public Comment

Chairperson Kingsley asked the Assistant Clerk of the Board whether there was any public comment emailed for today's meeting for items not calendared on the agenda.

The Assistant Clerk of the Board said one comment had been submitted in writing. The Assistant Clerk of the Board read aloud a letter from Christina Rockwell expressing concerns about the current management of the In-Home Support Services registry.

Via Zoom, Tushar Oza expressed concerns about the current availability of COVID-19 tests and described his disappointment with recent conversations with Public Health Officer Dr. James Richardson.

Closed Session

Chairperson Kingsley recessed open session at 8:36 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members 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) of Government Code §54956.9: one potential case. Circumstances: threatened litigation regarding proposed groundwater ordinance; No. 3 **CONFERENCE WITH COUNTY'S LABOR NEGOTIATORS** – 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, Assistant County Administrator Leslie Chapman, Deputy Personnel Director Sue Dishion, County Counsel Marshall Rudolph, Health and Human Services Director Marilyn Mann, and Chief Probation Officer Jeff Thomson.

Open Session

Chairperson Kingsley recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:01 a.m. with all Board members present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Kingsley 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.

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County Department Reports

Clerk-Recorder Kammi Foote updated the Board on the Governor's vote-by-mail order for the November election, and also reported on the status of two bills related to the election. She said she would continue to update the Board as more information comes in.

HHS Director Marilyn Mann reported that June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month, and urged

community members to check on their elderly relatives, friends, and neighbors who are isolated during the pandemic.

COVID-19 Staff Update

HHS Director Marilyn Mann reported that the state has decided that counties with a variance will have the ability to move beyond Stage 2 to Stage 3, with some conditions, including specific industry guidance being issued by the state and ensuring the openings are safe for the community based on local metrics.

Dr. James Richardson said Inyo County had another positive COVID-19 case lab confirmed on Friday. He said the resident is currently isolated and the family is quarantined and will be tested next week. He said the source of infection was probably outside of Inyo County although there is no way to be 100% certain, but he is confident the transmission rate in the county is limited or non-existent.

Deputy HHS Director-Public Health and Prevention Anna Scott reported that next week, the County will open mobile COVID-19 testing sites in Bishop three days a week and in Lone Pine once a week. She said they will be open to anyone over the age of 18, whether symptomatic or asymptomatic, and residents can sign up online.

Assistant County Administrator Leslie Chapman said more than 150 businesses have completed their attestations required for re-opening, although most are lodging establishments that cannot open until the state lifts its stay-at-home order. Supervisor Griffiths said he was hearing positive feedback about the quick turnaround on the attestation approvals and thanked Chapman for her efforts.

Sheriff Jeff Hollowell said he was happy to report no major issues, and a planned rally at the Bishop City Park ended up being canceled by organizers. He later reported that he received word that despite the event's cancellation, there were approximately 100 people currently gathered at the park demonstrating, and the event was peaceful.

Item Pulled

Chairperson Kingsley noted that there was a departmental request to pull the following item:

9. **Child Support Services** - Request Board approve Amendment No. 3 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, 2020 to June 30, 2022 and modifying the schedule of fees, contingent upon the Board's adoption of future budgets.

Personnel – EH Association Contract

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve the agreement for Professional Services between the County of Inyo and California Association of Environmental Health Administrators at a rate of \$134.38 per hour for the period of June 8, 2020 through December 31, 2020 with a not-to-exceed amount of \$80,000, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

County Counsel – GBUAPCD Contract

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve the agreement between Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District and the County of Inyo for the County Counsel's Office to provide certain legal services to the District during the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, for the sum of \$13,500; contingent upon the Board's adoption of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS – FY 19-20 MHSA Plan Update

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Plan Update for FY 19/20 in order to access funds under the approved Mental Health Services Act Agreement, and authorize the HHS Deputy Director Behavioral Health Division, as the Mental Health Director, to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS – CDHC FY 16-17 Repayment

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to authorize the payment of \$97,746.02 to the California Department of Health Care Service for recoupment of Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Substance Abuse Block Grant funds. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS-Public Health & Prevention – San Bernardino County Lab Contract

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health for the provision of laboratory testing services for human infectious diseases of public health for the period of June 2, 2020 through September 30, 2025, contingent upon the Board's approval

of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign two copies of the contract, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff – N.A.G. Purchase Order Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to authorize a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$16,659, payable to N.A.G. Industries of Bakersfield, CA for Special Enforcement Detail team equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS – MAA Fee Payment Ratification Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to ratify and approve the payment of up to \$10,000 per year in participation fees to County of Santa Cruz for hosting the Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) and Targeted Case Management (TCM) for the Local Governmental Association Consortium for the contract period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff – Adamson P.O. Increase Ratification Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to ratify and approve an increase of the Sheriff's purchasing authority with Adamson Industries of Los Alamitos, CA by \$9,900, to a total not-to-exceed amount of \$50,000, for the purchase of law enforcement equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff – Siemen's P.O. Increase Ratification Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to ratify and approve payment to Siemen's Industry of Fresno, CA in the amount of \$10,662 for duct detector replacement and cell door service; and B) authorize an increase of the Sheriff's purchasing authority with Siemen's Industry Inc. of Fresno, CA by \$10,662, to a total not-to-exceed amount of \$36,340 for the purchase of annual maintenance, cell door service and duct detector replacement. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff – American Security P.O. Increase Ratification Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to ratify and approve an increase of the Sheriff's purchasing authority with American Security Group of Vista, CA by \$3,216, to a total not-to-exceed amount of \$63,891, for the purchase of annual maintenance, upgrades and replacement security system equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff – Nielsen's P.O. Increase Ratification Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to ratify and approve payment, and authorize an increase of the Sheriff's purchasing authority with Nielsen's Equipment Maintenance of Mammoth Lakes, CA by \$10,420, to a total not-to-exceed amount of \$20,420, for the purchase of radio equipment and installation on patrol vehicles. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Fire System Solutions Sole-Source Payment Ratification Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to declare Fire System Solutions Inc. of Fresno, CA a sole-source provider of mandatory fire sprinkler replacement; and B) ratify and approve payment to Fire System Solutions Inc. of Fresno, CA in the amount of \$21,675. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of May 5, 2020 and May 12, 2020, and the minutes of the special Board meetings of May 8, 2020 and May 15, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works – Ordinance 1256 Approved Moved by Supervisor Totheroh and seconded by Supervisor Tillemans to approve proposed Ordinance No. 1256, titled, "An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Adding, Repealing, and Amending Certain Sections of Title 4 of the Inyo County Code Related to the County Water Systems." Motion carried unanimously.

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Board Member and Staff Reports Supervisor Griffiths reported having a very busy week with Zoom meetings with CSAC policy committees and the Board of Directors, and Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation.

Supervisor Totheroh reported also attending the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation meeting yesterday.

Chairperson Kingsley said he attended Zoom meetings last week with the Forest Service and RCRC, and noted he is still working with the FS on campground issues.

CAO Quilter reported he is working with Information Services Director Scott Armstrong to configure a hybrid in-person/online Board meeting to get staff and the supervisors back in the Board Room while also allowing continued public participation and adhering to public health orders.

Adjournment

Chairperson Kingsley adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 9, 2020 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