

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

February 22, 2022

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 February 22, 2022 in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present via webinar per California Assembly Bill 361: Chairperson Dan Totheroh, presiding, Rick Pucci, Matt Kingsley, and Jennifer Roeser. Also present: County Administrator Leslie Chapman, Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis, and County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo. Jeff Griffiths joined the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

- Public Comment* The Chairperson asked for public comment related to Closed Session items.
- The Assistant Clerk of the Board had not received additional written comment. The Assistant Clerk of the Board had not received additional written comment. Wes French asked to speak, was advised this was time for comment on Closed Session items only, and then gave a prayer.
- Closed Session* Chairperson Totheroh recessed open session at 8:33 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present except Supervisor Griffiths to discuss the following item(s): No. 2 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code §54956.9 – The City of Los Angeles, acting by and through its Department of Water and Power v. County of Inyo, Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-18-101513-KCT, CA Court of Appeal (5th Dist.) Case No. F081389, CA Supreme Court Case No. S271309; Inyo County v. Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Kern County Superior Court Case Nos. BCV-18-101260-TSC, BCV-18-101261-TSC, and BCV-18-101262-TSC.**
- Open Session* Chairperson Totheroh recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10 a.m. with all Board members present.
- Pledge of Allegiance* Supervisor Roeser led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Report on Closed Session* County Counsel Vallejo reported that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.
- Public Comment* Chairperson Totheroh asked for public comment on items not calendared on the agenda.
- Public comment was heard from Wes French alleging that schools and other agencies have been paid off in grant funding by the Federal government to implement COVID-19 mandates; Lynne Greer, who said IMACA's financial crisis stems from poor management and asked that Supervisor Griffiths recuse himself from any related requests that will be coming forward; and Cari Arnal asking whether the Board would support an independent audit of the County's Dominion voting system and an independent canvass of the county.
- County Department Reports* CAO Chapman reported that the Board will be back in the Board Room for meetings starting March 1. She added that a funding request from IMACA will be on next week's agenda.
- HHS Assistant Director Anna Scott provided an update of COVID-19 in Inyo County.
- Sheriff Eric Pritchard gave a briefing on the Airport Fire.
- Public Works Director Mike Errante showed a time-lapse video of the ongoing construction on the North Round Valley Road Bridge.

<i>Update – High Sierra Energy Foundation</i>	Pam Bold, Executive Director of the High Sierra Energy Foundation, provided a brief report on Southern California Edison’s climate adaptation measures to protect critical electric infrastructure from wildfire risks due to climate change.
<i>Ag Commissioner-OVMAP – ADAPCO Sole-Source Purchase</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to: A) declare ADAPCO of Sanford, FL a sole-source provider of Mosquito Abatement Insecticides; and B) authorize the purchase of Mosquito Abatement Insecticides from ADAPCO in the amount of \$7,088.66 and not to exceed \$12,311.03 for the entire 2021-2022 Fiscal Year. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Clerk of the Board – Tecopa Cemetery District Appointments/ Reso # 2022-05</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve Resolution No. 2022-05, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Appointing Interested Individuals to the Governing Board of the Tecopa Cemetery District and Divesting its Authority as the Governing Board of the Tecopa Cemetery District," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Information Services – Roundstone Solutions P.O.</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to waive competitive bidding requirement and then authorize a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$122,500 plus freight costs, payable to Roundstone Solutions, Inc., of Orinda, CA, under the California Statewide Contract 1-19-70-19N-1 Enterprise Technology (Data Center Equipment) for Nutanix hyperconverged infrastructure virtual server environment appliance, support, licensing, and training. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Motor Pool – Mr. K, Bishop Automotive, Britt’s Diesel P.O. Increases</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to authorize an increase of blanket purchase orders in the following amounts payable to the following vendors for vehicle maintenance, equipment maintenance, and purchase of tires for Motor Pool: Bishop Automotive by \$22,500 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$78,500; Mr. K’s by \$5,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$25,000; and Britt’s Diesel by \$2500 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$22,500. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS – CORD Data Use Agreement</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the California COVID-19 Outreach and Rapid Deployment (CORD) Data Use Agreement between the California Department of Public Health and the Inyo County Department of Health and Human Services, and authorize the HHS Director to sign the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-Behavioral Health – MHSOAC Grant Agreement</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the Grant Agreement between the County of Inyo and Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission of Sacramento, CA for the provision of Mental Health Student Services Act in an amount not to exceed \$2,499,444.00 for the period of March 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026, contingent upon the Board’s approval of future budgets, and authorize the HHS Director/Interim Behavioral Health Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-ESAAA – Oliver Products Sole-Source P.O.</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to: A) approve Oliver Products as sole-source vendor of food packaging materials; and B) approve a blanket purchase order payable to Oliver Products in the amount of \$23,000 for food packaging materials. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-Health/Prevention – MCIP Agreement Addendum</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to ratify and approve an addendum to the Participation Agreement between the County of Inyo and the California Department of Health Care Services for the Medi-Cal County Inmate Program, adding Article XVI-Alternative Formatting, and authorize the HHS Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-Health/Prevention – Dr. Richardson Contract Amendment 1</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract between the County of Inyo and James A. Richardson, MD of Bishop, CA, increasing the contract to an amount not to exceed \$973,115.23 and extending the term end date from June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023, contingent upon the Board’s approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-Health/Prevention –</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to ratify and approve the Allocation Agreement between the County of Inyo and California Department of Public Health

<i>Tobacco Control Allocation Agreement</i>	for the provision of the local Tobacco Control Program, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, for the period of January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022, and authorize the HHS Director to sign Allocation Agreement No. CTCP-21-04 and Prospective Payment Invoices. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – Tecopa Sewer Lagoon Plans & Specs</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the plans and specifications for the Tecopa Sewer Lagoon Aerator Project and authorize the Public Works Director to advertise the project. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works-Parks & Recreation – Ventek Blanket P.O.</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to authorize issuance of a blanket purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, payable to Ventek International of Petaluma, CA for supplies and connectivity upgrade for the Campground Pay Stations. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works- Recycling & Waste – Prior-Year Invoice</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to authorize payment to Clean Earth of Rancho Cordova, CA (formerly SteriCycle) for prior-year invoices in the amount of \$24,149.55 for removal of Household Hazardous Waste Material at the Bishop, Independence, and Lone Pine Landfills. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Road Department – PB Loader P.O.</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to authorize issuance of a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$184,363.60, payable to PB Loader Corporation of Fresno, CA for one (1) new Dodge 550 truck with heavy duty service body. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Road Department – Coastline Equipment P.O.</i>	Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to authorize issuance of a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$371,418.50, payable to Coastline Equipment Company of Las Vegas, NV for one (1) new John Deere 672G Road Grader. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>BOS – JMT Grant Application Support Letter</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve a letter of support for the JMT Wilderness Conservancy's application for a Prop 1 Restoration Program Grant Application. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Recess/Reconvene</i>	The Chairperson recessed the meeting at 10:59 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:07 a.m. with all Board members present.
<i>CAO – Legislative Update/2022 Federal Legislative Platform</i>	The Board received a presentation/update from Kristi More, of The Ferguson Group, on current and upcoming legislative issues relevant to Inyo County. She also presented the draft 2022 legislative platform, which she said has been updated slightly from 2021. Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the Inyo County 2022 Federal Legislative Platform. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO – FY 21-22 Mid-Year Financial Report</i>	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Accept the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Mid-Year Financial Report as presented; B) Approve the specific budget action items and recommendations discussed in the report, and represented in Attachments A & B (<i>4/5ths vote required</i>); and C) Direct staff to continue emphasis on revenue attainment and expense savings in order to maximize year-end Fund Balances. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS – Social Services Budget Amendment</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Social Services Budget #055800 as follows: increase estimated revenue in State Public Assist Admin (Revenue Code No. 4421) by \$750,000 and increase appropriation in Salaried Employees (5501) by \$146,441; Retirement & Social Security (5021) by \$11,337; PERS Retirement (5022) by \$13,736; Medical Insurance (5031) by \$41,978; Disability Insurance (5032) by \$1,757; Professional Services (5265) by \$45,000; Office & Other Equipment (5232) by \$5,000; and Support and Care of Persons (5501) by \$484,751 (<i>4/5ths vote required</i>). Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS – Aging & Social Services</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to change the Authorized Strength in the HHS/Aging and Social Services by adding one (1) Integrated Case Worker at

<i>Strength Change</i>	Range 67 (\$4,602 - \$5,586) and one (1) Human Services Supervisor (Supervising Integrated Case Worker) at Range 70 (\$4,943-\$6,012), contingent upon approval of budget revision. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS- Health/Prevention – New Tobacco Program Job Classification</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to establish a new classification, Seasonal Tobacco Program Intern at Range 42, and approve the attached job description; and B) increase the authorized strength in the Health and Human Services Department by one Seasonal Tobacco Program Intern. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes</i>	The Assistant Clerk of the Board noted that she has corrected a few minor errors in the draft minutes. Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meetings of January 18, January 25, and February 1, 2022 and the special meeting of January 19, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Correspondence- Action – ICA Grant Support/Reso # 2022-06</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve Resolution No. 2022-06, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California Designating Inyo Council for the Arts as the County's Partner to the California Arts Council," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Board Member and Staff Reports</i>	Supervisor Kingsley said he met last week with the leadership of the Ft. Independence Tribe regarding the Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery. Supervisor Pucci said he had a lot of discussions with constituents on the recent redistricting. Supervisor Roeser said she attended the NACo Conference in Washington, D.C., met with candidates for office, and officiated her first wedding. Supervisor Griffiths said he attended the NACo Conference in D.C. and later this week will participate in the Point in Time homelessness count. All Supervisors extended their appreciation for the hard work of all first responders on the Airport Fire.
<i>Recess/Reconvene</i>	The Chairperson recessed the meeting at 12:36 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 1:01 p.m. with all Board members present. break
<i>Planning – Appeal 2021-02 (BMC) Approved</i>	Associate Planner/SMARA Coordinator Ryan Smith-Standridge gave an overview of Appeal No. 2021-02 (Bush Management Company), filed in response to the Planning Commission voting to revoke BMC's Conditional Use Permit. The Chairperson opened the public hearing at 1:05 p.m. Smith-Standridge then presented the Planning Department's position, which supported the appeal now that BMC has taken actions to become a responsible mine owner. Blair Will, attorney for BMC, said he did not take issue with anything said by Smith-Standridge. The Chairperson closed the hearing at 1:24 p.m. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to uphold Appeal No. 2021-02 (Bush Management Company). Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Adjournment</i>	Chairperson Totheroh adjourned the meeting at 1:32 p.m., to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 1, 2022 in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: LESLIE L. CHAPMAN
Clerk of the Board*

*by: _____
Darcy Ellis, Assistant*