

# MINUTES



# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

**May 3, 2022**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 10:01 a.m., on May 3, 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, Jeff Griffiths and Jennifer Roeser. Also present: Assistant County Administrator Meaghan McCamman, Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis, Office Technician Hayley Carter and County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo.

- Pledge of Allegiance* Supervisor Kingsley led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Public Comment* Chairperson Totheroh asked for public comment on items not calendared on the agenda.  
Public comments were made by Lauralyn Hundley, Wes French, and Cari Arnal.
- Introduction* Environmental Health Director Jerry Oser introduced Environmental Health Specialist Trainee Torrie Rogers to the Board.
- County Department Reports* HHS Director Marilyn Mann informed the Board that a letter was received from the Department of Health Care Services identifying discrepancies on previous recoupment submittals, therefore decreasing the amount owed to the state.
- Proclamation – Mental Health Awareness Month* Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the Proclamation Declaring May 2022 as Mental Health Awareness Month in the Inyo County. Motion carried unanimously.
- County Counsel – Adopt Findings AB 361* Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to adopt findings pursuant to AB 361 that: A) the Board reconsidered the circumstances of the existing State of Emergency issued on March 4, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and B) local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing, and/or the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person. Motion carried unanimously.
- HHS-Health/Prevention – Tri-County Fairgrounds Contract* Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and the 18th District Agricultural Association (Tri-County Fairgrounds) for the provision of indoor rental space to conduct COVID-19 vaccination services in an amount not to exceed \$800 per day and COVID-19 testing services not to exceed \$500 per day, for the period of January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, contingent upon approval of the Fiscal Year 2022- 2023 Budget, and authorized the HHS Director to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
- HHS-Social Services – Source Creative Office Interiors Blanket P.O.* Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve purchases from Source Creative Office Interiors during Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$10,126.55, including a blanket purchase order in the amount of \$5,654.99 for the remainder of the fiscal year. Motion carried unanimously.
- Public Works – A Plus Roofing Contract* Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to: A) approve the construction contract between the County of Inyo and A Plus Roofing of Bishop, CA in the amount of \$24,960.00, 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.

*Sheriff –  
Patrick Leahy  
Bulletproof Vest  
Program  
Application Submittal*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to authorize the submittal of the U.S. Department of Justice Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Program application for 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

*HHS-Social Services –  
CMSP Presentation*

Presentation received from County Medical Services Program (CMSP) Executive Director Kari Brownstein, including an update on Connect to Care and other CMSP programs available to Inyo County residents.

*HHS-Behavioral Health  
– Amending Authorized  
Strength*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to amend the Authorized Strength in Behavioral Health by deleting one (1) part-time Psychotherapist, Range PT 81 (\$36.97-\$44.95) and adding one full-time Psychotherapist, Range 81 (\$6,207-\$7,792) for jail-based services. Motion carried unanimously.

*Clerk of the Board –  
Approval of Minutes*

Moved by Supervisor Pucci and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meetings of April 12, 2022 and April 19, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

*Board Member and  
Staff Reports*

Supervisor Kingsley said he attended meetings of the Rural County Representatives of California and National Association of Counties Western Interstate Region board meetings and met with constituents, and will be attending next week's Standing Committee in L.A. and a WIR conference in Anchorage, AK in two weeks. He also said he attended the funeral of former Supervisor Paul Payne, and would like to have the meeting adjourned in his honor.

Supervisor Roeser reported working with constituents, attending meetings of the Southern Inyo Airport Advisory Committee, First 5, WIR, and Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership, and announced two different townhalls for veterans being hosted next week.

Supervisor Pucci said he attended the Fishing Opener Press Reception, Northern Inyo Airport Advisory Commission meeting, and a flag raising ceremony for Mental Health Awareness Month, and will attend the Standing Commission meeting in L.A. next week.

Chairperson Totheroh reported attending the flag-raising last week commemorating Mental Health Awareness Month and the Northern Inyo Airport Advisory Committee last night, and will have a special ESCOG meeting Friday.

Supervisor Griffiths reported working with constituents and attending a First 5 meeting, the Fishing Opener Press Reception, and an Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership meeting; and mentioned there is a Caltrans memorial tomorrow, a Cerro Coso Community College graduation on Friday, and the Choo-Choo Swap Meet Saturday.

*Recess/Reconvene*

The Chairperson recessed the meeting for a break at 10:53 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:03 a.m. with all Board members present.

*USFS/BLM –  
Presentation on Wildfire  
Conditions*

The Board received a presentation on wildfire conditions from Inyo National Forest and Bureau of Land Management staff, Inyo National Forest Supervisor Lesley Yen, Inyo National Forest/Bishop BLM Interagency Fire Management Officer Larry Pingel, BLM Assistant District Fire Management Officer Central California Region Lance Rosen, BLM Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist for Fuels and Vegetation Management Heather Stone.

*Sheriff –  
Dangerous and Vicious  
Dog Resolution*

Sheriff Eric Pritchard introduce an item to impose heightened fees on the licensure of dogs that have been declared dangerous or vicious pursuant to Cal. Food & Ag. Code section 31601, et seq. The Chairperson opened the public hearing at 12:05 p.m. and, with nobody from the public requesting to speak, closed the public hearing at 12:05 p.m.

Motioned by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve Resolution No. 2022-15, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Establishing Fees for the Licensure of Dangerous and Vicious Dogs," and authorized the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*Public Comment*

Chairperson Totheroh asked for public comment on items not calendared on the agenda.

Public comment was made by Lynne Greer.

*BOS –  
DeAnza Trail  
Caballeros Ride  
Greeting*

Board members recessed to greet participants of the annual DeAnza Trail Caballeros Ride who were making a special trip through Inyo County.

*Adjournment*

Chairperson Totheroh adjourned the meeting from the front of the Courthouse in Independence in memory of former County Supervisor Paul Payne at 12:16 p.m., to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2022, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

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Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

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

by: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Darcy Ellis, Assistant*