

# MINUTES



# County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

**May 14, 2024**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:33 a.m., on May 14, 2024, in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Matt Kingsley, presiding, Scott Marcellin, Jeff Griffiths, Jennifer Roeser and Trina Orrill. Also present: County Administrator Nate Greenberg, Assistant County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, and Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis.

*Closed Session  
Public Comment*

The Chairperson asked for public comment related to closed session items and there was no one wishing to speak.

*Closed Session*

Chairperson Kingsley recessed open session at 8:33 a.m. to convene in closed session with all Board members present to discuss the following item(s): No. 2 **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, Deputy Personnel Director Keri Oney, County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo, Assistant County Counsel Christy Milovich, and Assistant Director of Budgets and General Services Denelle Carrington.

*Open Session*

Chairperson Kingsley recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:11 a.m. with all Board members present.

*Pledge of Allegiance*

Supervisor Marcellin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Report on Closed Session*

County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Board met under Item No. 2 and said that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.

*Public Comment*

The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was received from Lauralyn Hundley.

*CAO-Museum –  
Fort Independence  
Indian Community  
Repatriation of Human  
Remains*

Eastern California Museum Administrator Shawn Lum said that, per the Native American Graves Repatriation Act, staff had completed an inventory of human remains and determined a cultural affiliation to the Fort Independence Indian Community of Paiute Indians. Lum shared the timeline of events which led to a partnership with Fort Independence Tribal Historical Preservation Officer Sean Scruggs, how the team was able to properly determine how best to return the human remains to their lineal descendants, and noted the historic importance of the project as it is the first time Inyo County has returned remains to a Tribe accepting and claiming them.

TPHO Scruggs thanked the Board for allowing him the opportunity to provide education to the public on the repatriation process and Museum staff who had assisted in taking careful, intentional steps to “restore and complete this persons’ journey and perform acts of cultural healing.”

Public comment was received from Linda Chaplin.

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the de-accession, transfer, and repatriation of human remains to the Fort Independence Indian Community as pursuant to the Native American Graves Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). Motion

carried unanimously.

*CAO –  
Fiscal Year 2023-2024  
Third Quarter Financial  
Review*

CAO Greenberg provided a presentation on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report. Additional information was provided by Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd, Treasurer-Tax Collector Alisha McMurtrie, and Assistant Director of Budget and General Services Denelle Carrington.

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to:

- A) Accept the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Third Quarter Financial Report as presented;
- B) Approve the specific budget action items and recommendations discussed in the report, and represented in Attachments A & B (*4/5ths vote required*);
- C) Authorize the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller to make any additional year-end adjustments as may be necessary within each fund (*4/5ths vote required*);
- D) Approve the Preliminary Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Calendar (Attachment C) in regard to the proposed dates for the Budget Hearings and adoption of the Final Budget;
- E) Direct the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller to prepare a modified rollover budget for the start of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and present it for approval on June 18, 2024; and
- F) Authorize the County Administrator and Auditor-Controller to transfer the balance of General Fund Contingencies on June 30, 2023, to General Reserves and Amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget to reflect changes if needed (*4/5ths vote required*).

Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO –  
1<sup>st</sup> Draft of 2024  
Strategic Plan/  
Presentation*

CAO Greenberg provided a presentation on the first draft of the Inyo County Strategic Plan, which outlined priority projects, then received input from the Board. He said the plan will be the focus of an evening Board meeting scheduled for July 23.

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone wishing to provide public comment and there was no one wishing to speak.

*Public Comment*

Chairperson Kingsley asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was received from Linda Chaplin.

*Board Member & Staff  
Reports*

CAO Greenberg announced that there will be a public meeting at the Bishop Airport tonight to receive public comment on draft environmental documents for the Runway 12/30 Safety Area Improvement Project.

County Counsel Vallejo said that his office recently brought on a new intern to share with the District Attorney's office and said he will be attending an Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority meeting tomorrow.

Supervisor Griffiths said he attended the Western Interstate Region Conference and will be attending a grants initiative and a public meeting at Cerro Coso Community College regarding Coyote Flat.

Supervisor Kingsley said he attended the W.I.R. meeting and will be traveling to Monterey County next week for a Rural County Representatives of California Board meeting.

Supervisor Orrill said she attended the W.I.R. Conference and will be preparing for the Mule Days Parade next weekend.

Supervisor Marcellin said he was recently invited to a multi-agency celebration organized by the Bishop Tribe and met with the Bishop Tribal Council.

*Adjournment*

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12:23 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 21, 2024, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.

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Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: NATE GREENBERG  
Clerk of the Board*

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