

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

May 21, 2024

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:34 a.m., on May 21, 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* The Chairperson asked for public comment related to closed session items and there was no one wishing to speak.
- Public Comment*
- Closed Session* Chairperson Kingsley recessed open session at 8:35 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; and No. 3 **Conference with Real Property Negotiators – Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Government Code §54956.8** – Property: 325 N. Brewery St., Lone Pine, CA 93545. Agency Negotiators: Nate Greenberg, John-Carl Vallejo, Meaghan McCamman, Cathreen Richards, Amy Shepherd. Negotiating parties: Inyo County and Pravin Joshi. Under negotiation: price and terms of payment.
- Open Session* Chairperson Kingsley recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:09 a.m. with all Board members present.
- Pledge of Allegiance* Supervisor Orrill led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Report on Closed Session* County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Board met under Item Nos. 2 and 3 and said that no action was taken during closed session required to be reported. Vallejo said the Board would meet again for closed session later in the meeting.
- Introductions* The following new employees were introduced to the Board: Auditor-Appraiser Paola Lois Perez, Assessor's Office; Office Technician Terry Fenske, Clerk-Recorder's Office; Librarian Mike Sherk; Food Cook Rodrigo Castro Luque, Animal Control Officer Kelton Masteron, and Community Relations Liaison Lindsey Stine, Sheriff's Office; and from HHS: Office Clerk Heidi Gutierrez, Administrative Analyst Shiloh Smith, Administrative Analyst April Turner, and Prevention Specialist Karlina West.
- Presentation* Supervisor Roeser introduced students and faculty from the Big Pine Unified School District who provided a presentation of their recent participation in "Better World Day."
- Public Comment* The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and public comment was received from Lauralyn Hundley, Marilynn Mann, Tony Rubino, Josh Nicholson, Lynn Greer, and Supervisor Roeser.
- Whitney Portal Road Update* Public Works Director Mike Errante said that the opening bid deadline for the Whitney Portal Road repair project has been delayed until May 23, 2024. Errante said staff would provide

updates as soon as possible and that subsequent action will involve the arrangement of meetings with the selected contractor.

County Department Reports

Public Works Director Mike Errante thanked Big Pine students for their presentation and said he is working with a new Parks Manager to address deferred maintenance issues at County parks and campgrounds.

County Librarian Nancy Masters announced that there will be an open house at Furnace Creek Library tomorrow.

Sheriff Stephanie Rennie presented the new Sheriff's Office badges, which were designed by retired Corporal Matt Graeff.

Health & Human Services Director Anna Scott said to expect big changes to Public Health, Social Services, and Adult Services Countywide due to upcoming State budget cuts.

Emergency Services Manager Mikaela Torres said she recently attended Earth Day events with the Big Pine and Bishop Paiute Tribes and Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribe; hosted an "Integrating Access and Functional Needs" training in Bishop; and a quarterly Tribal Collaboration meeting. Torres provided additional updates noting her work on the June Emergency Services Newsletter and the After-Action Review for the Cartago Fire and said she will be attending a Drought Taskforce meeting and Wildfire Resilience Week events.

Item Pulled – COPS Funding

Chairperson Kingsley announced the following item was being pulled from the agenda at the request of the department head.

21) **Authorization to Submit an Application for the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) FY-24 Hiring Program**

Sheriff | Lindsey Stine

Recommended Action: Authorize the submission of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) FY24 COPS Hiring Program application and authorize the Sheriff or designee to sign documents needed during the application process.

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22) **Fiscal Year 2024 COPS School Violence Prevention Program**

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Recommended Action: Authorize the Sheriff's Office to submit an application or the FY 2024 COPS School Violence Prevention Program Grant and authorize the Sheriff to sign all documents required for the application process.

*Bishop Unified School District/
Reso. No. 2024-18*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to:

- A) Approve Resolution No. 2024-18 titled, "Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California Authorizing the Application of School Facilities Improvement District Law in the County of Inyo for the Benefit of the Bishop Unified School District," and authorize the Chairperson to sign; and
- B) Direct staff to file the resolution with the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission.

Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the minutes from the special Board of Supervisors meetings of April 26, 2024, and May 3, 2024, and the regular Board of Supervisors meetings of May 7, 2024, and May 14, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

HHS-Social Services – Inyo County Office of

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and the Inyo County Office of Education for the provision of

<i>Education Stage 1 Childcare Contract</i>	Stage I Child Care Services, in an amount not to exceed \$170,000.00, for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, contingent on the Board approving the 2024-2025 budget, and authorize Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-ESAAA – CILS Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the contract with California Indian Legal Services (CILS) for the provision of legal services to older adults eligible for services through the Eastern Sierra Area Agency on Aging, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2028, contingent upon the Board's adoption of future budgets. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS-Social Services – UC Davis Services Training Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and the Regents of the University of California, on behalf of its Davis Campus University Extension, for training services in an amount not to exceed \$118,575.00 for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, contingent upon the Board's adoption of the FY 2024-25 budget and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>HHS – CCE Program Funding Agreement Amendment No. 1</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Amendment No.1 to the Community Care Expansion (CCE) Program Funding Agreement (PFA) between the County of Inyo and Horne LLP of Ridgeland, MS to extend the funding expenditure deadlines for Capital Projects funding from December 31, 2026, to October 31, 2028, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – Tartaglia Engineering Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to: A) Ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and Tartaglia Engineering of Atascadero for the provision of Engineering Services in an amount not to exceed \$97,788 for the period of April 24, 2024, through June 30, 2025 or project completion, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign; and B) Authorize the Public Works Director to sign the forthcoming Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program grants for the Runway 12-30 Grooving Project and the Forecast Update/Terminal Design Study. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works- Recycling & Waste Management – American Refuse, Inc. Tire Hauling and Disposal Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and American Refuse, Inc. of Wasco, CA for the provision of tire hauling and recycling in an amount not to exceed \$347,400 for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – Onion Valley Guardrail Project/Sierra Geological Services, Inc. Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and Sierra Geological Services, Inc. (SGSI) of Mammoth Lakes, CA for the provision of materials testing and inspection services on the Onion Valley Road Guardrail Project in an amount not to exceed \$9,900 for the period from March 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Water Department – Owens Valley Groundwater Authority Executive Manager Services Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the agreement between the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority of Independence, CA, and the County of Inyo for the provision of Executive Manager services in an amount not to exceed \$25,410 for the period beginning March 14, 2024, and remaining in effect until terminated by any party with 30 days' notice and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – Fountainhead Consulting Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Fountainhead Consulting of Fontana, CA for the provision of construction management services in an amount not to exceed \$323,736.09 for the period of June 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

<i>Planning Department – Adaption Planning Grant Program Round 2 Letter of Support</i>	<p>The agenda item was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda for further discussion and Planning Department Director Cathreen Richards answered Board member questions.</p> <p>Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a letter of support for the Inyo County Planning Department application for the Adaption Planning Grant Program Round 2. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<i>CAO-Advertising County Resources – Film Commissioner Oral Report</i>	<p>Film Commissioner Jesse Steele provided a brief update on local filming activity.</p>
<i>Planning Department – Code Amendment 2024-01/Water Landscape Efficient Ordinance No. 1306</i>	<p>Planning Associate Danielle Visuano provided a presentation on the State-mandated Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELo) and discussed a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 17.40, which would incorporate the MWELo in its entirety but also include the addition of enforcement and penalty provisions.</p> <p>Chairperson Kingsley opened a public hearing at 1:58 p.m. Board members discussed the specific requirements of the MWELo and ultimately decided to defer approval of the item in order to allow staff time to compile data, create a fee schedule, and return to Board at a future date to present the information.</p> <p>Public comment was heard from Lynn Greer then the Chairperson closed the public hearing at 12:26 p.m.</p>
<i>Recess/Reconvene</i>	<p>Chairperson Kingsley recessed the regular Board meeting to return to closed session at 12:53 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 1:30 p.m. with all Board members present.</p>
<i>Report on Closed Session</i>	<p>County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Board met under Item Nos. 2 and 3 and that no action was taken during closed session required to be reported. Vallejo said the Board would meet again to discuss both items prior to the completion of the meeting.</p>
<i>Recess/Reconvene</i>	<p>Chairperson Kingsley recessed the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors and reconvened as the Inyo County Board of Equalization at 1:45 p.m. (Separate minutes.)</p> <p>The Chairperson adjourned the Inyo County Board of Equalization meeting and reconvened the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors at 3:52 p.m. with all Board members present.</p>
<i>Clerk-Recorder – Election Worker Stipend Rates Increase Request/ Reso. No. 2024-19</i>	<p>Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Resolution No. 2024-19, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, Authorizing the Inyo County Clerk-Recorder, Registrar Establishing New Election Worker Stipend Rates," which will repeal prior order of current rates, and update stipend rates for Election Workers, to be effective beginning with Election Worker services provided for the November 5, 2024 Presidential General Election. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<i>Water Department – Inyo County/Los Angeles Standing Committee Meeting</i>	<p>Water Director Dr. Holly Alpert summarized the agenda for the May 30, 2024 Inyo County/Los Angeles Standing Committee meeting and asked for direction from the Board.</p> <p>The Board agreed with the following staff recommendations moving forward: A) that seasonal habitat flows on the Lower Owens River remain at a flow of 200 cubic feet per second; and B) that the flooded acreage of the Blackrock Waterfowl Management Area remain at 500 acres.</p> <p>Additionally, the Board requested that staff continue to advocate for a renewed partnership concerning vegetation and weed management in preparation of the wildfire season.</p> <p>Public comment was provided by Sally Manning.</p>
<i>Public Comment</i>	<p>Chairperson Kingsley asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and there was no one wishing to speak.</p>

Board Member & Staff Reports

Assistant Clerk of the Board/Public Relations Liaison Darcy Ellis said she will be distributing copies of letters submitted to the Board by 5th grade students from Big Pine Unified School.

CAO Greenberg said he attended a California Jobs First gathering.

County Counsel John Vallejo wished Supervisor Kingsley a happy birthday and reminded the Board they would need to return to closed session.

Supervisors Griffiths and Marcellin wished Supervisor Kingsley a happy birthday.

Supervisor Orrill invited everyone to attend Mule Days events and wished Supervisor Kingsley a happy birthday.

Supervisor Kingsley said he attended a Rural County Representatives of California meeting last week.

Recess/Reconvene

Chairperson Kingsley recessed the regular Board meeting to return to closed session at 4:13 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 5:01 p.m. with all Board members present.

Report on Closed Session

County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Board met under Item Nos. 2 and 3 and said that no action was taken that is required to be reported.

Adjournment

County Counsel Vallejo adjourned the meeting on behalf of Chairperson Kingsley at 5:01 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 4, 2024, in the County Administrative Center in Independence.



Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: NATE GREENBERG
Clerk of the Board*

by: 

Darcy Ellis, Assistant