

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

March 8, 2022

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in regular session at the hour of 8:32 a.m., on March 8, 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 Tothoroh, presiding, Rick Pucci, Matt Kingsley, and Jennifer Roeser. Also present: County Administrator Leslie Chapman, Assistant Clerk of the Board Darcy Ellis, Office Technician Hayley Carter, and County Counsel John-Carl Vallejo.

Closed Session 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. Wes French spoke and requested that the Board give information on closed session in advance to the public. County Counsel Vallejo gave a brief explanation on rules regarding public comment then read aloud the closed session item from the agenda.

Closed Session

Chairperson Tothoroh 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 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 Tothoroh recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:05 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.

Introductions

The following new employees were introduced to the Board: Kurt Hendricks, Administrative Analyst, and Tom Stockton, HHS Specialist IV, HHS; and Destiny Frank and Makena Rennie, Shelter Attendants, Sheriff's Office.

Public Comment

Comment and a prayer were heard from Wes French in opposition of COVID-19 mandates and Linda Chaplin, who shared her concerns regarding problematic scavenging by ravens in the town of Independence.

Comments were made remotely by Lynn Martin, expressing support for masking and vaccines and asking that Zoom viewers be allowed to see speakers; Lynette McIntosh regarding a peaceful protest that occurred on February 25 and personal freedom; and Emily Sims with concerns about the Pfizer vaccine.

County Department Reports

HHS Director Marilyn Mann provided an update on masking mandates noting that the mandate ends Friday for schools in Inyo County and that moving forward, she will no longer provide weekly updates, barring any significant changes.

Miquela Beall with Administration's Economic Development announced an Eastern Sierra

Entrepreneur Meetup on March 14 in Bishop.

*Ag Commissioner-
ESWMA –
Fish and Wildlife
Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve the contract between the County of Inyo Department of Agriculture - Eastern Sierra Weed Management Area and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the provision of noxious weed control services in the amount of \$13,500 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, and authorized the Agricultural Commissioner to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*Clerk of the Board –
Reappoint Fish and
Wildlife Commission
Members*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to Request Board reappoint Mr. Warren Allsup and Mr. John Frederickson each to unexpired four-year terms on the Inyo County Fish & Wildlife Commission ending October 6, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

*CAO-
Information Services –
Pitney Bowes
Blanket P.O.*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to authorize issuance of a blanket purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$18,138.00, payable to Pitney Bowes Purchase Power of Pittsburgh, PA for the purpose of refilling the Clint G. Quilter Consolidated Office Building postage meter for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Motion carried unanimously.

*County Counsel –
AB 361
Adopt Findings*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley 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-Behavioral
Health –
Office of Education
Contract*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to ratify and approve the contract between the County of Inyo and Inyo County Office of Education of Bishop, CA for the provision of Mental Health Student Services in an amount not to exceed \$2,361,256.00 for the period of March 1, 2022 to June 30, 2026, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorized the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

*Water Department –
Rocky Mountain Tree-
Ring Research Inc.
Contract
Amendment 1*

Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Pucci to approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract between the County of Inyo and Rocky Mountain Tree-Ring Research, Inc., extending the term of the contract to June 23, 2023, authorizing the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

*District Attorney –
Closing Forfeiture
Accounts*

District Attorney Tom Hardy spoke to the Board about his intention to close two (2) County asset forfeiture accounts in his name. He noted that, although not previously held in the County Treasury, the funds had been reported annually to the Treasurer-Tax Collector's office, and the remaining funds being transferred to the Treasury will continue to be earmarked for law enforcement use.

*CAO –
Board Governance
and Rules of
Procedure for the Inyo
County Board of
Supervisors*

County Administrator Leslie Chapman presented "Board Governance and Rules of Procedure for the Inyo County Board of Supervisors," and reviewed for the Board key procedural points while seeking input and clarification. After some discussion, the Board arrived at consensus on the contents of the document, which staff was directed to update and distribute in addition to create a calendar of proposed proclamations. Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to accept and approve the Board Governance and Rules of Procedure for the Inyo County Board of Supervisors, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

<i>Recess/Reconvene</i>	Supervisor Pucci reminded the Board he would need to leave the meeting for the day. The Chairperson recessed the meeting at 12:07 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 12:15 p.m. with all Board members present except Supervisor Pucci.
<i>Planning Department – Inyo County 2021 General Plan Annual Progress Report</i>	Moved by Supervisor Kingsley and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the draft Inyo County 2021 General Plan Annual Progress Report, and direct staff to forward the APR with any modifications to the State of California's Department of Housing and Community Development and Governor's Office of Planning and Research, with the addition of information about the Small Business Resource Center in Bishop. Motion carried 4-0, with Supervisor Pucci absent.
<i>CAO- Information Services – Manatron Inc. Sole Source P.O.</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Kingsley to: A) declare Manatron, Inc. (Aumentum Technologies) of Niagara Falls, NY a sole-source provider of property tax management system (PTMS) software; B) approve the Application Hosting Services Agreement Schedule CA2012.004-SCH202 between the County of Inyo and Manatron, Inc. (Aumentum Technologies) of Niagara Falls, NY for the provision of Aumentum PTMS application hosting and managed services in an amount not to exceed \$8,000 for one-time hosting setup fees and \$49,410 annually with the initial term of one year commencing at Hosting Service Go-Live with automatic 12-month renewals, subject to annual increases in accordance with section 8.2 of the Master Agreement, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets; and C) authorize the Chairperson to sign, contingent upon all appropriate signatures being obtained. Motion carried 4-0, with Supervisor Pucci absent.
<i>Water Department – OVGA Draft Agenda Review</i>	Water Director Aaron Steinwand sought direction from the Board for the County's Owens Valley Groundwater Authority representatives in advance of the OVGA special meeting scheduled for March 10, 2022. Dr. Steinwand said the primary agenda item for the meeting will be a review of the OVGA 2022-2023 budget. No specific direction was given.
<i>Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of March 1, 2022. Motion carried 4-0, with Supervisor Pucci absent.
<i>Public Comment</i>	The Chairperson asked for public comment on items not calendared on the agenda. There were no requests for comment.
<i>Board Member and Staff Reports</i>	CAO Leslie Chapman mentioned an upcoming Brown Act Workshop Supervisor Kingsley said he held a town hall meeting in Independence and met with Independence Tribal members, and that he plans to attend a Rural County Representatives of California board meeting and swearing-in of the new RCRC president. Supervisor Roeser said she has been spending a lot of time getting to know new 4th District constituents, had a meeting with Veterans Affairs, and is preparing for some town hall meetings. Chairperson Totheroh said he attended Behavioral Health Advisory Board and Owens Valley Groundwater Authority meetings. Supervisor Griffiths reported attending meetings with the Continuum of Care and IMACA regarding housing development, as well as California State Association of Counties Executive Committee and Board of Directors meeting in Sacramento. County Counsel Vallejo said he would be attending the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority meeting tomorrow.
<i>Adjournment</i>	Chairperson Totheroh adjourned the meeting at 12:57 p.m., to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 15, 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*