

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

September 24, 2024

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 September 24, 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, 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); 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, Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd, and Assistant CAO Denelle Carrington; No. 3 **Conference with Real Property Negotiators – Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of Government Code §54956.8** – Property: 233 E. Elm St., Bishop, CA 93514. Agency Negotiators: Nate Greenberg, Meaghan McCamman, Anna Scott, Jeff Thomson, John-Carl Vallejo, and Grace Weitz. Negotiating parties: Inyo County and Harry Bhakta. Under negotiation: price and terms of payment; No.4 **Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation** - Initiation of litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(d)(4): 1 case; and No. 5 **Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Pursuant to Government Code §54957** – Title: County Administrator.

Open Session

Chairperson Kingsley recessed closed session and reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:07 a.m. with all Board members present.

Report on Closed Session

County Counsel Vallejo reported that the Board met under Item Nos. 3 and 4 and said that no action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported but that the Board would return to closed session later in the meeting to continue discussion.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Marcellin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

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

County Department Reports

Clerk Recorder Danielle Sexton provided elections updates and noted that mail ballots will be sent out to registered voters on October 7.

Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of September 10, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

<i>CAO-Emergency Services – Cyber Security Grant Application</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve submission of Inyo County's grant application for the FY 2024 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) and authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO – LATA Grant Phase 2-A/Onward Contract</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and Inyo Networks, Inc., doing business as Onward, of Rancho Cucamonga, CA, for the provision of detailed network engineering design services as part of the LATA Grant (Phase 2-A) in an amount not to exceed \$220,000 for the period of September 24, 2024, through January 25, 2025, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO-Information Services – Cerro Gordo Mobile Radio Site Lease Renewal</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the amendments to the leases between the County of Inyo and Mountain Investments, extending the leases by 10 years to August 2034, contingent upon the Board's approval of future budgets, and authorize the Chief Information Officer to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO-Information Services – Land Mobile Radio Purchase</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to authorize two purchase orders in an amount not to exceed \$155,000 and \$65,000, respectively, payable to BlackPoint LLC of Gardnerville, NV, for in-vehicle and handheld radios for the Sheriff's Office. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – Caltrans Electrical Cost Sharing Agreement</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the cost sharing agreement between the County of Inyo and the Department of Transportation of California (Caltrans) for the electrical sharing costs of 47 pedestrian scale lights on U.S. 395 from See Vee Lane to 0.1 mile north of Barlow Lane and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – Stantec (Cardno, Inc.) Contract Amendment No. 2</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve Amendment No. 2 to County of Inyo Standard Contract No. 146.1 between the County of Inyo and Stantec (formerly Cardno, Inc.) of Zephyr Cove, NV for the provision of Environmental and Engineering Services, changing the end date of the contract from October 31, 2024, to December 31, 2025, for the Lone Pine Town Streets Project, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – Lone Pine Sidewalk Railing Fabrication and Installation Estimate</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin pursuant to Public Contract Code section 20394, to find that the estimated expense of the work to be done within the County right-of-way at the intersection of Jackson Street and Bush Street in Lone Pine is less than \$25,000 and authorize the Road Commissioner to enter into a contract to perform the work. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – Big Pine High School Homecoming Parade Special Event Permit</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the temporary closure of School Street in Big Pine with detours between the hours 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. on October 5, 2024, for the purpose of the Big Pine Annual High School Homecoming Parade. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Public Works – Temporary Road Closure for CDFW Bighorn Sheep Demographic Studies</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve the temporary closure of Tinnemaha Road (Old 395) approximately 6 miles south of Aberdeen and Hogback Road with detours between U.S. 395 and Black Rock Springs Road from October 15-22, 2024 for the purpose of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's annual Sierra Bighorn Sheep monitoring program. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Sheriff – 2024 Patrol and Controlled Substances Annual Operating & Financial Plan</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to: A) Approve Agreement 20-LE-11051360-040, Modification No. 8 between the County of Inyo and U.S. Forest Service for the provision of controlled substance operations for a funding amount of up to \$10,000 for the period of October 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget; B) Approve Agreement 20-LE-11051360-040, Modification No. 8 between the County of

Inyo and U.S. Forest Service for the provision of forest service patrols in funding amount up to \$18,918 for October 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget; and

C) Authorize the Sheriff or designee to sign.

Motion carried unanimously.

CAO –
*Reconnecting
Communities Grant
and Reso. #2024-28*

The agenda item was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda for further discussion at the request of Supervisor Roeser.

Executive Director of Regional Coordination for Eastern Sierra Council of Governments Elaine Kabala provided clarification on the scope of language included in the grant application and whether it might address concerns brought up in the 2007 Bishop Area Circulation Study. Kabala answered questions on the possibility of a current study being performed with additional opportunities for public input.

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Griffiths to:

A) Adopt Resolution No. 2024-28, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Authorizing the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments to Submit an Application for the U.S. Department of Transportation Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program;" and

B) Approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a letter of support for the grant application.

Motion carried unanimously.

CAO –
*FY 24-25 Final Board
Approved Budget
Adoption*

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to:

A) Adopt the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as recommended by the County Administrator and as amended, and as directed on September 10, 2024; and

B) Approve Resolution No. 2024-29, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Adopting a Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025," and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works –
*Eastern Sierra
Engineering
Contract/Lone Pine
ADU Sidewalk Project*

Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to:

A) Ratify and approve the agreement between the County of Inyo and Eastern Sierra Engineering of Reno, NV for the provision of material testing services in an amount not to exceed \$109,750 for the period of May 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, contingent upon the Board's approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget, and authorize the Chairperson to sign; and

B) Authorize staff to pay last fiscal year's (2023/2024) outstanding invoices from Eastern Sierra Engineering dated June 5, 2024, in the amount of \$15,461.10, and July 8, 2024, in the amount of \$31,921.76.

Motion carried unanimously.

CAO-Personnel –
*Management & Non-
Rep. Health Insurance
Changes/
Reso. No. 2024-30*

Moved by Supervisor Marcellin and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Resolution No. 2024-30 titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Setting Certain Salary and/or Terms of Conditions of Employment for Management and Non-Represented Employees Employed in the Several Offices or Institutions of the County of Inyo, which shall Amend Resolution No. 2024-05," and authorize the Chairperson to sign.

Motion carried unanimously.

CAO-Personnel –
*Appointed Officials
Health Insurance
Changes/
Reso. No. 2024-31*

Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to approve Resolution No. 2024-31 titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Amending Resolution 2006-06 And Setting Salary and/or Terms of Conditions of Employment for Appointed Officials Employed in the Several Offices or Institutions of the County of Inyo," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

CAO-Personnel –
*Retiree Health Benefit
Changes/
Reso. No. 2024-32*

Moved by Supervisor Orrill and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve Resolution No. 2024-32, titled, "A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, State of California, Rescinding and Replacing Resolutions 2003-23 and 2014-31, and Fixing the Employer's Contribution for Employees and the Employer's Contribution for Annuitants at the Same Amounts," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

<i>Public Comment</i>	Chairperson Kingsley asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and there was no one wishing to speak.
<i>Board Member & Staff Reports</i>	Supervisor Roeser announced that the Cattlewomen's Association is hosting the Round Valley Round-Up Dinner at the Talbot Ranch this Saturday. Supervisor Marcellin said he attended the Northern Inyo Hospital plaque unveiling ceremony to honor former CEO/CFO John Halfen and Dr. John Ungersma, the Hispanic Heritage Celebration, and the Rural County Representatives of California Annual Conference. Supervisor Orrill said she recently attended a Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting and recognized the hard work of Behavioral Health staff who operate the Mobile Crisis Care Unit and Bishop Wellness Center. Supervisor Orrill said she attended the Annual RCRC Conference and a tour of the Sterling Vineyards. Supervisor Kingsley said he attended the Annual RCRC Conference and thanked contributors and staff – particularly Office Clerk Hayley Carter – for putting together a gift basket representative of Inyo County for the charity auction held at this event. Supervisor Griffiths said he attended the annual Millpond Music Festival and the Latino Heritage Celebration in Bishop. CAO Greenberg said he attended the Millpond Music Festival and thanked Deputy CAO Meaghan McCamman and Administration Operations Analyst Rebecca Graves for help organizing the annual employee gathering at the event. Greenberg said he attended the RCRC Annual Conference and will be teaching an upcoming class for the California State Association of Counties Leadership Academy. Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors/Public Relations Liaison Darcy Ellis thanked Office Technician Hayley Carter for her work and contributions for the RCRC charity gift basket.
<i>Recess/Reconvene</i>	The Chairperson recessed the regular meeting to return to closed session at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened the meeting in open session at 1:47 p.m. with all Board members present.
<i>Report on Closed Session</i>	No action was taken during closed session that is required to be reported.
<i>Adjournment</i>	The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1:48 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 1, 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