

MINUTES



County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

October 8, 2024

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in special session at the hour of 3:02 p.m., on October 8, 2024, at the Hurlbut-Rook Community Center in Tecopa, 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 Office Technician Hayley Carter.

Pledge of Allegiance Supervisor Kingsley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment The Chairperson asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and there was no one wishing to speak.

County Department Reports Treasurer-Tax Collector Alisha McMurtrie announced that the 2024-2025 Secured Annual Property Tax Bills will be mailed out next week and answered Board member questions.

Assistant Director for Health & Human Services Gina Ellis provided information on Public Health flu clinics in the Tecopa area and said HHS Behavioral Health is revisiting plans to resume wellness-check clinics in Southeast County. Ellis said staff recently held a successful countywide Medi-Care workshop which was attended by several agencies, will plan similar events in the future, and thanked Assistant Clerk of the Board/Public Relations Liaison Darcy Ellis for support with advertising the events.

Assistant Sheriff Tim Bachman introduced recent hire Deputy Oliver Mora, provided information on the secured body scanner, which was recently purchased for the jail, and provided updates on work being done to upgrade the existing radio communications system.

Emergency Services Manager Mikaela Torres said she is working with HHS to assist individuals with access and functional needs in the event of an emergency and provided information for resources which can be accessed from the ReadyInyo website. Torres said she is looking for outreach opportunities in the Tecopa area, asked for public input, and provided contact information.

Supervisor Kingsley thanked the Board for meeting in Tecopa and had members introduce themselves.

Workshop The Board held a workshop on topics of interest in Southeast Inyo, as well as information on project updates from the following individuals and organizations:

- Southern Inyo Fire Protection District Board Member Robin Flinchum
- Friends of the Amargosa Basin Program Director Cameron Mayer
- Center for Biological Diversity Great Basin Director Patrick Donnelly
- Friends of the Amargosa Basin Program Director Mason Voehl
- Death Valley National Park Spokesperson/Management Analyst Abby Wines

Chairperson Kingsley asked if there were any other interested parties who would like to provide updates and information was provided by Superintendent for Death Valley Unified School District Jim Copeland, Regional Broadband Coordinator Scott Armstrong, and Susan Sorrells.

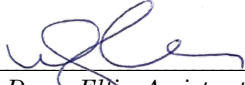
Public Comment Public comment was made by Supervisor Roeser and Spencer McNeal.

<i>Clerk of the Board – Approval of Minutes</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Supervisors meeting of October 1, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO-Personnel – Retiree Health Insurance Changes/ Reso. #2024-34</i>	Moved by Supervisor Griffiths and seconded by Supervisor Roeser to approve Resolution No. 2024-34, titled, "Fixing the Employer Contribution Under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act at an Equal Amount for Employees and Annuitants," and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO-Emergency Services – Genasys Emergency Management System Workshop</i>	Emergency Services Manager Torres and Assistant Sheriff Bachman provided information and answered questions on the Genasys Emergency Management System EVAC and ALERT Platforms. Bachman said the "go live" date is set for October 17 but feels confident the tool could be used at present and in the event of an emergency.
<i>Board of Supervisors – Ryan Historic District Letter of Support</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Marcellin to approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a letter of support for the National Register of Historic Places Nomination for Ryan Historic District. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>CAO – Update on Tecopa and Charleston View Proposed Fire Stations</i>	CAO Greenberg reported on the status of proposed fire stations for the communities of Tecopa and Charleston View and, with the assistance of Planning Director Cathreen Richards and Planning Assistant Cynthia Draper, answered audience and Board questions. Greenberg said the objective is to break ground for both stations within the next year.
<i>Treasurer-Tax Collector – Chapter 8 Sale of Tax-Defaulted Property to the County of Inyo</i>	Moved by Supervisor Roeser and seconded by Supervisor Orrill to: A) Approve the sale of the tax-defaulted parcels located in southern Inyo County, more specifically, Tecopa, CA and the Charleston View area, listed on Exhibit "A" of the Agreement, to the County of Inyo for the price of \$6,436.68; B) Authorize the chairperson to execute the agreement and return it to the Treasurer-Tax Collector for transmittal to the State Controller. Motion carried unanimously.
<i>Board Member & Staff Reports</i>	Chairperson Kingsley introduced the following County staff who were in attendance: Environmental Health Director Jerry Roeser, Assistant Public Works Director Cap Aubrey, Technical Building Official Tyson Sparrow, Assistant CAO Denelle Carrington, Deputy CAO Meaghan McCamman, Assistant Personnel Director Keri Oney, and Engineering Assistant Cherish Hegi. Treasurer-Tax Collector Alisha McMurtrie invited attendees to participate in a public meeting tomorrow afternoon at the Community Center to discuss the proposed Inyo County business permit and Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations (MEHKOs). Chairperson Kingsley provided information on the Board of Supervisors meeting scheduled for tomorrow morning in Charleston View.
<i>Public Comment</i>	Chairperson Kingsley asked for public comment related to items not calendared on the agenda and comment was received from Southern Inyo Fire Protection Interim Fire Chief Larry Levy, Tecopa Hot Springs Resort and Campground Concessionaire Paul Barnes, and Susan Sorrells.
<i>Adjournment</i>	The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. Wednesday October 9, 2024, at the St. Therese Mission Catholic Church Orange Room in Charleston View.



Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

*Attest: NATE GREENBERG
Clerk of the Board*

by: 

Darcy Ellis, Assistant