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Joshua Hart, AICP (Executive Officer) Marge Kemp-Williams (Counsel) Diane Fortney (Clerk/Analyst)

Minutes for Monday June 29, 2015

These Minutes are to be considered for approval by Inyo LAFCO at its next meeting.

The Inyo Local Agency Formation Commission met on Monday June 29, 2015, at the Bishop City Council Chambers located at 301 West Line Street, Bishop, CA. Vice-Chair Smith opened the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

ITEM 1:

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – This is the opportunity for anyone in the audience to address the Commission on any relevant subject that is not scheduled on the Agenda.

There was no one from the public wishing to comment.

Closed Session:

ITEM 2:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -ANTICIPATED LITIGATION [Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4)] - decision whether to initiate litigation (one cases).

The Chairperson recessed open session at 2:05 p.m., to convene in closed session, Commissioners present: Rick Pucci, Jeff Griffiths, Laura Smith and Alternate, Joe Pecsi; Josh Hart, AICP (Executive Officer); Marge Williams-Kemp, Counsel. The Vice-Chairperson recessed closed session at 2:30 p.m. to reconvene in open session at 2:32 p.m.

ITEM 3:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

ITEM 4: ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Jeff Griffiths, Rick Pucci, Laura Smith and Alternate, Joe Pecsi.

Commissioners absent: Commissioners Dave Patterson and Pat Gardner.

Staff present: Joshua Hart, AICP; Marge Kemp-Williams and Diane Fortney.

ITEM 5: REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION AS REQUIRED BY LAW

Vice-Chair Smith stated nothing to report, information session only.

<u>ITEM 6:</u> Public Comment Period – This is the opportunity for anyone in the audience to address the Commission on any relevant subject that is not scheduled on the Agenda.

There was no one from the public wishing to comment.

ITEM 7: Error. No Item 7 was included on the agenda.

<u>ITEM 8:</u> Approval of Minutes (Action Item): the Commission will consider the minutes from June 1, 2015 Inyo LAFCO Meeting.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Pucci to approve the minutes of June 1, 2015. Commissioner Pecsi seconded.

Motion passed unanimously, with Commissioner Patterson absent

Amendment of the FY 2014-2015 Budget (Public Hearing & Action Item – Requires 4/5 vote) – The Inyo LAFCO Executive Officer's Amendment of the FY 2014-2015 Budget will be presented to the Commission for approval, and authorization for the Chair to sign an order in regards thereto.

The Executive Officer provided the staff report. No one from the public was available to comment

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Pecsi to Authorize the Vice-Chair to sign an order in regards to the amendment to FY2014-2015 budget. Commissioner Pucci seconded.

Motion passed unanimously, with Commissioner Patterson absent

Amendment of the Contract between Inyo LAFCO and the County of Inyo for Professional Services for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 (Action Item) – The amendment of the contract between Inyo LAFCO and the County of Inyo for professional services for

Fiscal Year 2014-2015 will be presented to the Commission for consideration and authorization for the Chair to sign.

The Executive Officer provided the staff report.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Griffiths to approve and authorize the Vice-Chair to sign. Commissioner Pucci seconded.

Motion passed unanimously, with Commissioner Patterson absent

ITEM 11:

Healthcare Regionalization (Action Item) – The Commission will receive an update on the healthcare regionalization from Inyo LAFCO Executive Officer and provide direction.

Update provided by Joshua Hart, Executive officer. Mr. Hart met with Mono County LAFCO staff to talk about regionalization of healthcare. He is currently in an exploratory phase of the project. There are a lot of other agencies that would be relevant in the discussion. A core group of healthcare providers and a larger group that is more general. Examples of Municipal Service Reviews by other LAFCO's for healthcare are being looked at. His idea is to start work on drafting a Request for Proposal (RFP) for how to study the issue of healthcare regionalization. Funding is the biggest hurdle. Neither LAFCO's have funding for this in their budgets. Possible funding options: Grants, Hospital Districts, Inyo and Mono LAFCO's. Inyo LAFCO is funded by the County & City.

Commissioner Pecsi suggested using CALAFCO as a resource and research similar Counties for examples. Mr. Hart agreed there are some examples of regionalization from the Bay Area although; these examples are for urban areas.

Commissioner Pucci suggested the using the resources of California State Association of Counties (CSAC), California League of Cities and Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC). There are two issues; 1-the peoples need for medical care 2-competition amongst providers. Providers' competing to provide services is new to our area. Regionalization concept is a good idea.

Commissioner Griffiths asked if the idea of regionalization received a positive reaction from Northern Inyo Hospital (NIH) and Southern Mono Healthcare District (SMHD). Mr. Hart explained that NIH did not want to talk about regionalization until the current issue is resolved. SMHD expressed interest and a desire to bring providers from urban areas in to provide specialized services.

Commissioner Pucci feels the goal is to provide the best care for the people and not what's best for this clinic or that clinic. Mr. Hart explained the regionalization could provide balance of services amongst the providers.

Commission requested continuing the work in regionalization.

ITEM 12: Executive Officer's and Commissioners' Reports:

The Executive Officer discussed attendance to LAFCO annual Conference in the fall. The Commission requested information concerning the conference be sent to Commissioner Gardner.

ITEM 13: Determine Time and Location for the Next Meeting of Inyo LAFCO

The Commission will be polled at a later date to schedule next meeting.

ITEM 14: Adjournment

Vice-Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE / INFORMATIONAL

The following items distributed to Commissioners:

- 1. Engagement of Legal Services with Meyers/Nave
- 2. Agreement between Inyo Local Agency Formation Commission and Northern Inyo Hospital District for the reimbursement of Inyo Local Agency Formation Commission litigation costs

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