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Dave Patterson (Public) Chair

Alternates:

Mark Tillemans (Inyo County)
Pat Gardner (City of Bishop)

LAFCO Staff:

Joshua Hart, AICP (Executive Officer)
Marshall Rudolph (Counsel)
Diane Fortney (Clerk/Analyst)

Final Minutes for Monday January 25, 2016

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

The Inyo Local Agency Formation Commission met on Monday January 25, 2016, at the Bishop City Council Chambers located at 301 West Line Street, Bishop, CA. Chair Patterson opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 1: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

ITEM 2: ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Jeff Griffiths, Rick Pucci, Laura Smith, Dave Patterson and Joe Peci.

Staff present: Joshua Hart, AICP; Marshall Rudolph and Diane Fortney

ITEM 3: 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.

Chairman Patterson opened public comment

Dr. Flanigan, Interim CEO, Northern Inyo Hospital District (NIHD), commented on the recent court order not to issue a restraining order. NIHD understands the legal process concerning this issue. The reason for the temporary restraining order was to insure access to services was preserved for the tax paying citizen within the district. The legal process allows for: 1) the courts time to understand and learn an appreciation for laws that are applicable in this case 2) possibility to get a preliminary injunction against

Southern Mono Healthcare District (SMHD). This will allow NIHD to express the applicable laws and how NIH sees them, ensuring the courts understanding. The end goal for NIH in this process is a trial case unless SMHD comes to some sort of an agreement to provide services that are funded by Mono County tax dollars or withdraws from NIHD.

NIHD understands and is interested in proceeding in this legal process and is not interested in withdrawing.

ITEM 4: Election of the Chair (Action Item) – the Commission will entertain motions and conduct an election for the Chair.

The Commission entertained nominations and conducted an election for the Chair. Discussion provided direction to staff to conduct recruitment of an alternate “public” member.

MOTION: Moved by Commissioner Griffiths to appoint Commissioner Patterson Chair. Supervisor Pucci seconded the motion.

The Motion passed 4-0-1, with Commissioner Patterson abstaining.

ITEM 5: Election of the Vice-Chair (Action Item) – the Commission will entertain motions and conduct an election for the Vice-Chair.

The Commission entertained nominations and conducted an election for the Vice-Chair

MOTION: Moved by Commissioner Griffiths to appoint Commissioner Smith Vice-Chair. Supervisor Peci seconded the motion.

The Motion passed 4-0-1, with Commissioner Smith abstaining.

Closed Session:

ITEM 6: Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing Litigation [Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)] – Inyo Local Agency Formation Commission and Northern Inyo Healthcare District vs. Southern Mono Healthcare District and Doe Nos. I – XX inclusive, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2015-80002247-CU-WM-GDS.

The Chairperson recessed open session at 10:10 a.m., to convene in closed session, Commissioners present: Rick Pucci, Jeff Griffiths, Laura Smith, Dave Patterson and Joe Peci; Josh Hart, AICP (Executive Officer); Marshall Rudolph, Counsel. The Chairperson recessed closed session at 11:33 a.m. to reconvene in open session.

Open Session:

ITEM 7: REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION AS REQUIRED BY LAW

Nothing to report, informational only

ITEM 8: **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.

Mrs. MC Hubbard requested to speak during Item: 11, Regionalization

ITEM 9: **Approval of Minutes (Action Item):** the Commission will consider the minutes from June 29, 2015 Inyo LAFCO Meeting.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes of June 29, 2015. Commissioner Pucci seconded.

Motion passed unanimously, Commissioner Patterson was absent for June 29, 2015 meeting.

ITEM 10: **Southern Inyo Healthcare District (Action Item)** – The Commission will receive an update on the operational issues facing the Southern Inyo Healthcare District and may provide direction.

Update provided by Joshua Hart, Executive officer. Mr. Hart informed the Commission that Southern Inyo Hospital (SIH) was no longer in operation. SIH was reported to have had cash flow issues. The CEO resigned followed by the Hospital Board resigning. The State has closed the facility and patients from the skilled nursing facility have been moved. The Inyo County Board of Supervisors has approved three new Hospital Board Members. The Hospital Board is looking for a private firm to assist in re-opening the Hospital.

Mrs. M.C. Hubbard, Northern Inyo Hospital Board of Directors, added that Northern Inyo Hospital (NIH) did not want to step in the assist given the financial situation at SIH. Mrs. Hubbard also stated the Clinic at SIH was open and that Sierra Life Flight was maintaining a presents in Lone Pine for emergency medical transports.

Mrs. Hubbard continued by informing the Commission that NIH was working to complete a Transportation Plan with the three hospitals to provided transportation of patients in need to non-emergency medical appointments.

ITEM 11: **Healthcare Regionalization (Action Item)** – The Commission will receive an update on the healthcare regionalization study and may provide direction.

Joshua Hart, Executive Officer, presented the Staff Report to the Commission. The Commission requested continuing the work in regionalization.

Mrs. M.C. Hubbard informed the Commission that NIH and SMHD had been working to negotiate a MOU for Urology Services but that SMHD had hired their doctor for these services and did not follow through with the MOU.

Commission Smith commented on the high impact the loss of SIH and the hospital in Tonopah has had on the local ambulance services.

Commissioner Peci noted working towards an MOU for services between NIH and SMHD was a big step for the hospitals and is disappointed they were not successful.

Commissioner Griffiths states this was an excellent reason to move forward with regionalization.

ITEM 12: **Budget (Action Item)** – The Commission will receive an update on the budget and may provide direction.

An update on the budget was provided by Joshua Hart, ACIP. The Commission was notified of the possible need to amend the current year budget and contracts at the next meeting as work continues on the following projects: LAFCO and Northern Inyo Hospital vs Southern Mono Healthcare District; New Annexation Application; Regionalization and Administration duties.

No action taken

ITEM 13: **Executive Officer's and Commissioners' Reports:**

The Executive Officer discussed availability of new LAFCO Act.

ITEM 14: **Determine Time and Location for the Next Meeting of Inyo LAFCO**

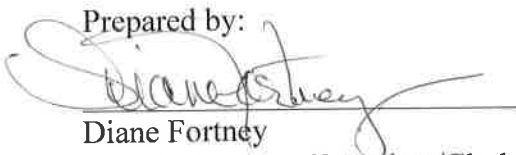
Next meeting tentatively scheduled for April 11, 2016, 10:00 am, City Council Chambers.

ITEM 14: **Adjournment**

Chair Patterson adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

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Minutes Approved: 4/11/2016, Motion passed unanimously.