SAN BENITO COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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County Administration Building – Board of Supervisors Chambers, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, California

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 11, 2007
ACTION MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors of San Benito County met in the Board Chambers on the above date *in regular session*. Supervisors Monaco, Loe, Botelho, De La Cruz and Marcus were all present. Also present was County Administrative Officer Susan Thompson, County Counsel Dennis Le Clere and Clerk of the Board Janet Slibsager. Chairman Don Marcus presided.

9:30 a.m. CALL TO ORDER:

a) Supervisor De La Cruz led the pledge of allegiance.

b) *Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, acknowledged Certificate of Posting.*

c) **Public Comment:** Ruth Erickson, Friends of the Library, thanked the Board for the decision giving the library money towards the Book Mobile. Ms. Erickson read a thank you letter from Jo Wahdon, former retired County Librarian.

Joe Thompson, local resident, expressed his concern regarding two items that he feels the Board should put on the agenda as soon as they possibly can; 1) Eminent Domain abuse and; 2) Out of control nature of the Council of Governments (COG) of San Benito County. Mr. Thompson also asked that the Board please resolve to oppose assembly constitutional amendment number 8.

Marty Richman, local resident, stated he would like to see the Board send a letter to our U.S. Senator's representative and State Senator's representative expressing thanks to the Armed Forces of the United States and their trust in the Armed Forces of the United States.

d) **Department Head Announcements:** County Administrative Officer (CAO) Susan Thompson reported that the Employee Recognition BBQ is Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at the Veteran's Park from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

H&HSA Director Kathy Flores stated that she received a letter from CSAC announcing that our Mosquito Fish project, which was a collaborative between the County and 4-H, has been selected for a challenge award. That project will be honored at the CSAC luncheon on November 13, 2007. Supervisor Botelho and Monaco will also be attending and they would also like the 4-H group to be present.

Ms. Flores also stated that our Federal Emergency Shelter grant (FESG) application for $200,000 was not funded which will affect the Homeless Task Force and the Emmaus House who had requested the funds for shelter services. Ms. Flores also

announced that Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. the Community Action Board will be holding a public hearing for the Community Development Block grant application for the notice of funding availability at 1111 San Felipe Road, Ste. 108.

Supervisor Loe stated she has a call in to assembly member Anna Caballeros and Senator Jeff Denham's office to see if there is anything that can be done and the best course to take.

Supervisor Botelho stated we couldn't let these two organizations holding an empty bag; maybe we could take a look into the county's contingencies or something to continue these very important programs forward.

Supervisor Monaco suggested maybe pursuing private grants not government grants.

Kathy Flores stated that was one of her suggestions, setting up a meeting with community foundation to look and see if there is any private foundation money that they could tap into.

Supervisor De La Cruz stated he supports the concept and direction that they are going but would like to see the item agendized and come up with ideas that can benefit the organization.

e) **Board Announcements, Introductions and Presentations:** Supervisor Monaco mentioned that CSAC Challenge Award is extremely completive and he is very proud of our County.

Supervisor Botelho stated he agrees with Marty Richman's comment and we have a responsibility to protect people that are working for us at the Federal, State or local level. Mr. Botelho stated he felt that Mr. Thompson misrepresented COG and the role of Lisa Rheinheimer and the meeting with Carl Gardino.

Chair Marcus reported that he was on the interview committee with Supervisor Loe, along with Dennis LeClere and staff, and had the pleasure of interviewing with three legal firms to assist our County Counsel in the future on a variety of land use issues.

Mr. Marcus stated he met with Supervisor Botelho and CAO Susan Thompson along with CDF and County Fire to update our new California fire code and will be bringing that information forward within the next month or so.

Mr. Marcus stated he met with COG Director Lisa Rheinheimer and Hollister City Councilman Brad Pike and they are going to be moving forward with Santa Clara County on a mobility partnership in regards to 152 East/West corridor and plans for the long term future concern.

Mr. Marcus stated that all the board members met with City Council and San Juan Bautista City Council on Monday, September 10th regarding a franchise agreement for Integrated Waste Management and will be on a future agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Upon motion made by Supervisor De La Cruz and seconded by Supervisor Monaco, approved Consent Agenda Items 1 through 5. (Unanimous)

CLERK OF THE BOARD – L. Churchill:

1) ***Approved the*** action minutes of the August 28, 2007 Board of Supervisors regular meeting.

CLERK/AUDITOR/RECORDER – J. Paul Gonzalez:

2) ***Adopted Resolution No. 2007-75*** authorizing the consolidation and provision of services by the registrar of voters for the King City Joint Union School District and the Monterey County Board of Education for the consolidated General Election on November 6, 2007. ***File #285***

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY – K. Flores:

3) ***Approved*** proposed addendum to the existing contract with Core Medical Group for the term of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 for nurse registry services and ***authorized*** HSA Director to sign proposed addendum. ***File #130***

PROBATION DEPARTMENT – M. Covell:

4) ***Approved*** augmentation of overtime budget and associated revenue line item to accommodate Hollister Police Department reimbursement for the July 2007 motorcycle rally in the amount of $8,332.07. ***File #510***

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – C. Hill:

5) ***Approved*** out of state travel for Sergeant Richard Uribe to attend the 2007 California Narcotic Officers' Association Annual Conference in Reno, Nevada on November 16-20, 2007. ***File #110***

REGULAR AGENDA:

ASSESSOR – T. Slavich:

6) Accept Assessor's annual report covering taxable values throughout San Benito County for the 2007/2008 Tax Year.

BOARD ACTION: *Upon motion made by Supervisor Monaco and seconded by Supervisor De La Cruz, accepted report made by Assessor Tom Slavich.* *File #7*

CLERK/AUDITOR/RECORDER – J. Paul Gonzalez:

7) Approve sole source contract with K & H Integrated Print Solutions for the upcoming November 6, 2007 General Election for printing services.

BOARD ACTION: *Upon motion made by Supervisor Botelho and seconded by Supervisor DeLaCruz, made findings that it is not in the best interest of the public to obtain three competitive quotes because K & H Integrated Print Solutions is the only certified company known that prints on demand and is capable of doing double checks to ensure that there are not errors in printing or mailing of the ballots and booklets; and* ***Approved*** *contract with K & H Integrated Print Solutions for November 6, 2007 General Election for the printing of the ballots and booklets, address/mailing services for sample ballot booklets and ballots, printing of absentee envelopes and* ***authorized*** *the chair to sign said contract. (Unanimous)* ***File #285***

PLANNING DEPARTMENT – A. Henriques:

8) Review proposed Bay Area to Central Valley high-speed rail project and direct staff to prepare a response letter to be reviewed at the meeting on September 25, 2007.

Planning Director Art Henriques provided informational report to the Board that there is a proposal for a high-speed train between Southern Californian and the Central Valley and the San Francisco Bay Area. COG will be reviewing the matter at their September 20, 2007 meeting and there will be further update to the board at the meeting on September 25, 2007. Mr. Henriques stated it might be appropriate for the County to consider sending a letter of comment to the High Speed Rail Authority.
Joe Thompson expressed his concern regarding the high-speed rail project.
Board members expressed their views of this project. ***File #790***

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – C. Hill:

9) Approve "Letter of Agreement" (LOA) with the State of California Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) to receive additional cannabis eradication and suppression funding in the amount of $10,000.

Sheriff Hill gave background information stating that the last several years they have been receiving approximately $20,000 from the drug enforcement agency to offset costs of marijuana eradication annually in San Benito County. Mr. Hill stated this year they have been offered an additional $10,000 to round up the funding for this year to $30,000.

BOARD ACTION: *Upon motion made by Supervisor Monaco and seconded by Supervisor De La Cruz to approve "Letter of Agreement" with the State of California Drug Enforcement Agency to receive additional cannabis eradication and suppression funding in the amount of $10,000. (Unanimous)* ***File #110***

CLOSED SESSION:

Matters discussed during Closed Session include existing and pending litigation, personnel matters and real property negotiations. Reportable actions taken by the Board during Closed Session will be announced during open session. (Gov. Code Section 54957.1(a) & (b), Ralph M. Brown Act.)

Before adjourning into closed session public comment was made by the following in regards to closed session item:

Marty Richman, local resident, commented on SEIU argument for raises and parity and noticed they were walking around with signs. Mr. Richman stated the pro capita income in San Benito County is more than $19,000 less than Santa Clara County and more than $5,000 less than Monterey County. Mr. Richman stated the taxpayers of this County are not seeing the economic development that it needs to support or be in competition with the folks up the street.

Chair Marcus added that this year, for one of the first times, they have invested a substantial amount of money in economic development with a new director and we will be working with the city to move in that direction.

The Board adjourned into Closed Session and reconvened into Regular Session re:

10) Conference with Labor Negotiators;

Agency Designated Representatives: Linzie Daniel
Employee Organization: SEIU. Local 521 – General Unit Employees
Authority: California Government Code Section 54957.6
No reportable action. ***File #235.6***

The vote of each member of the Board of Supervisors upon each matter at the foregoing meeting, unless otherwise stated, was as follows:

AYES: SUPERVISORS: Monaco, Loe, De La Cruz, Marcus, Botelho
NOES: SUPERVISORS: None
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS: None

There being no further business the Board adjourned to September 25, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.

DON MARCUS, CHAIRMAN
San Benito County Board of Supervisors

Attest:
Janet Slibsager, Asst. Clerk of the Board