



SAN BENITO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Margie Barrios
District No. 1

Anthony Botelho
District No. 2
Chair

Pat Loe
District No. 3

Reb Monaco
District No. 4
Vice-Chair

Jaime De La Cruz
District No. 5

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

REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 3, 2009 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, Barrios, De La Cruz and Botelho were present. Also present was County Administrative Officer Susan Thompson, County Counsel Matthew Granger and Assistant Clerk of the Board Janet Slibsager. Chairman Anthony Botelho presided.

9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER:

- a) Supervisor Monaco led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- b) *Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, acknowledged Certificate of Posting.*
- c) **Public Comment:** Marvin Jones, local resident, announced upcoming historical dates: Monday, November 9th is the 20th Anniversary of the Pearly Wall and November 11th is Veteran's Day. Mr. Jones said that he saw an Applebee's Restaurant commercial that mentioned Veteran's or any acting duty military personnel could go to any Applebee's Restaurant and receive a free meal on Veteran's Day.

Department Head Announcements: Chief Probation Officer Brent Cardall announced that there would be an Open House at the Juvenile Hall and the San Benito County Jail on November 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and invited the public and the Board of Supervisors.

- d) **Board Announcements, Introductions and Presentations:** Supervisor Monaco announced that he attended the Courthouse Advisory Committee meeting on November 29th and they had selected the contractor for the courthouse project. Supervisor Monaco said that the contractor had assured them that they would be having outreach meetings to invite local contractors and suppliers to attend.

Supervisor Monaco referred to a memo he received from the Public Works Administrator Steve Wittry in regards to the Hospital Road Bridge replacement status. Supervisor Monaco said he was glad to hear that they were looking into a possible low river crossing if they do not receive the funding for a bridge.

Supervisor Loe announced that she had spoken with Ray Espinosa, County IT Manager, letting him know that the contractor of the San Benito

Courthouse and the Jail was going to have a link to the San Benito County Website to allow any local contractors or suppliers who would like to apply to work with them on either of these projects.

Supervisor Loe reported that she attended the sub-committee meeting for the courthouse project and that it was going to be a thirty million dollar project that was coming to the community.

Supervisor De La Cruz said that he had met with a constitute who had brought up some interesting questions about what the Planning Department was doing in regards to contracting out services. *Supervisor De La Cruz said that he would like an item put on a future agenda to discuss contract services that are being provided out of the Planning Department. Chairman Botelho said that they would do that as soon as they could.*

Supervisor Barrios announced the following: The Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority would be holding their meeting on Friday, November 6th at 9:00 a.m. in our Board Chambers and would be open to the public. Today, a flu clinic is being held at the Veterans Memorial Building from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. San Benito County is going to be hosting the California Women in Agriculture 2010 Convention and there is going to be tours at some of our local wineries, a luncheon and fashion show in San Juan Bautista with several hundred women with their spouses attending from all over California. Supervisor Barrios said if anyone was interested in attending some of these events to contact her.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

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- 1) **Proclaimed** Friday, November 13, 2009 as National Philanthropy Day in San Benito County and **authorized** Chair to sign said proclamation for presentation at a later date. (Chairman Botelho) *File #430*

CLERK OF THE BOARD – L. Churchill:

- 2) **Approved** the action minutes of the October 6, 2009 meeting.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY – K. Flores:

- 3) **Approved** the deletion of one (1) Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Accountant I/II (Range 17.7/20.6) to the CSWD Schedule of Authorized Positions and the addition of one (1) FTE Accounting Technician (Range 14.9) to the HSA Schedule of Authorized Positions. *File #939*

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – S. Wittry:

- 4) **Approved** letter of support for Sunnyslope Water District's request for time extension to comply with Waste Discharge Requirements Re-2004-0065 for the Ridgemark Wastewater Treatment Plan; and **authorized** the Chair to sign. *File #106.1*

TREASURER/TAX COLLECTION – M. L. Andrade:

- 5) 1. **Reviewed** the list of parcels to be sold at auction sale.

2. **Provided** authorization to the Tax Collector to hold the Sale on February 20, 21, 22 & 23, 2010.
3. **Approved** the reduction in the minimum bid price if no bids are received or approve the re-offer of unsold parcels at a price.
4. **Approved** unsold parcels being reoffered for sale within a 90-day period and any new parties of interest shall be notified pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 3692(e). *File #685.2*

REGULAR AGENDA:

ADMINISTRATION:

- 6) **Accept and receive the FY 2009-10 First Quarter Budget Status Report and direct staff as necessary.**

Management Analyst Catherine Shaw provided a PowerPoint presentation on the First Quarter 2009 Budget Report which revealed that the General Fund first quarter expenditures are at 21% with revenue at 7% of budget and non-general fund expenditures are 10% of budget with revenue at 6%. Other items covered were Money in and Out; where is the money going; countywide revenues as of September 30th; what does the future hold. Ms. Shaw mentioned that in this stage of the budget year very little federal or state monies have been received thus limiting any discussion or sound revenue projections. The main focus at this time is the expenditure side of the budget.

Discussion ensued by Board and staff. *File #865*

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – M. Sanchez:

- 7) **Receive the County Superintendent's Report.**

County Superintendent of Schools Mike Sanchez provided to the County Superintendent's Report required per Education Code Section 1240. Mr. Sanchez stated that he is required to visit schools in our county that are rated as Decile 3 or below and report the results of his visit. The schools that were visited were Calavares School, RO Hardin Elementary School, San Juan and Aromas Elementary Schools.

Mr. Sanchez said that he was glad to report that there were no deficiencies in the area of instructional materials or the school facilities, no conditions were found that led us to believe that the school is not in good working order.

Supervisor Monaco said that he enjoyed the report and he believes that we truly have safe schools in San Benito County and commended Mr. Sanchez for an outstanding job.

Chairman Botelho asked how the schools were identified in the report.

Mr. Sanchez answered the schools are selected based on their test scores.

Mr. Sanchez said that he meets with the school Superintendents on a monthly basis and said that he was very pleased with their effort and focus to serve the kids. *File #13*

INTERNAL SERVICES – R. Inman:

- 8) **Approve Resolution for 2010 Employer Contributions for CalPERS Health Insurance Premiums for Retirees of San Benito County.**

Management Analyst Jacki Credico provided background and explained the proposed resolutions for 2010 Employer Contributions for CalPERS Health Insurance Premiums.

Supervisor Barrios said that she appreciated the direction that we were taking.

BOARD ACTION: Upon motion made by Supervisor Barrios and seconded by Supervisor De La Cruz, **approved Resolution No. 2009-104** for 2010 Employer Contributions for CalPERS Health Insurance Premiums for Elected Official active and retired. (Unanimous) File #630

PLANNING DEPARTMENT – A. Henriques:

9) Receive report on the 2010 City/County Housing Expo.

San Benito County Housing Coordinator Christopher “C.J.” Valenzuela provided information on the 2010 City/County Housing Expo tentatively scheduled for Friday, February 26th, 2010 and Saturday, February 27th, 2010 at the Veteran’s Memorial Hall.

Mr. Valenzuela said that the expo would offer foreclosure intervention for at risk homeowners and tenants as well as homebuyer opportunities for those interested in homeownership.

Supervisor Barrios said that this was a great approach and appreciated what was being done. Supervisor Barrios asked what the registration fee was for since it is free to the public.

Mr. Valenzuela replied the registration fee is for a non-profit counseling agency that wants to participate to get a booth or table.

Board members commended Mr. Valenzuela for a job well done.

Supervisor De La Cruz said that he would like to see if we could bring in local agents, loan officers into this expo as much as possible and he would like a report back in the future as to how many families benefited from this.

Supervisor Monaco said that he supported what Supervisor De La Cruz said that we should have some debriefing at a later meeting to report how it went.

Marty Richman, Hollister resident, said that he supported this event and hopes that it has been well advertised. File #790

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 10.00 a.m. and reconvened into Regular Session at 10:38 a.m. re:

- 10) Public Employee Employment
Title: Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer Weights and Measures
Authority: Government Code Section 54957
The San Benito County Board of Supervisors unanimously appointed Ron Ross as Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights and Measures.
File 235.6

- 11) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9) Name of case(s):
 - 1. *Cheeks v. San Benito County, et al. (Northern District Court, Case No. C09-02844 HRL)***No reportable action.** File #235.6

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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, Barrios, De La Cruz, Botelho
NOES: SUPERVISORS: None
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS: None

There being no further business the Board adjourned to October 6, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. for a regular meeting.

ANTHONY BOTELHO, CHAIRMAN
San Benito County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Linda Churchill, Clerk of the Board
By: Janet Slibsager, Assistant Board Clerk