

Minutes For March 9, 2004

The Solano County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on this day at 8:32 a.m. Chairman Silva called the meeting to order. Present were Supervisors Forney, Kondylis, and Chairman Silva. Supervisor Vasquez arrived at 8:38 a.m. and Supervisor Kromm was excused.

CLOSED SESSION: The Board moved into Closed Session at 8:33 a.m. to discuss Meet and Confer: Deputy Sheriff's Association, Units 3 and 4 with Steve Janice, Chief Negotiator; Meet and Confer: SEIU Local 1280, with Jim Ferguson, Chief Negotiator; Meet and Confer: SEIU Local 1280, In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority, with Jim Ferguson, Chief Negotiator; Potential Litigation: one (1) case. The Board moved out of Closed Session at 9:09 a.m.

The Solano County Board of Supervisors reconvened the meeting at 9:14 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

PRESENTATIONS

(Item 7A) PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VALLEJO GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC., APPROVED

On motion of Supervisor Forney and seconded by Supervisor Kondylis, the Board acted to adopt a Proclamation Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. So ordered by a vote of 3-0, Supervisors Kromm and Vasquez excused.

Phyllis Malicki was unable to be present.

(Item 7B) RESOLUTION NO. 2004-037 PROCLAIMING MARCH 20, 2004 AS AGRICULTURE DAY IN SOLANO COUNTY

On motion of Supervisor Forney and seconded by Supervisor Kondylis, the Board acted to adopt Resolution No. 2004-037. So ordered by a vote of 4-0, Supervisor Kromm excused. (see Resolution Book)

On behalf of the Board, Supervisor Forney presented Resolution No. 2004-037 to Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights Susan Cohen and Carroll Zensius, Solano County Fair.

Ms. Cohen noted the Youth Agriculture Day celebration will be held March 20th, the first day of spring. This celebration recognizes agriculture in the County.

Ms. Zensius thanked the County employees that contributed funds to provide transportation for the children from around the County to attend the Agriculture Day festivities at the fairgrounds. Ms. Zensius outlined the 2003 Youth Day program, the planned festivities for 2004, and noted the need for volunteers to help with the children.

(Item 7C) PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION PRESENTED TO STEPHANIE D. MCLEMORE, UPON HER RETIREMENT

On behalf of the Board, Supervisor Vasquez presented a Plaque of Appreciation to Stephanie D. McLemore, Social Services Supervisor, in Recognition of 19 Years of Service to Solano County.

Ms. McLemore thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve the residents of the County, recognized her supervisor, co-workers and friends in attendance, and requested the Board to continue supporting children welfare services.

Supervisor Forney noted an ongoing childhood friendship with Ms. McLemore.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

INTRODUCTION OF REAL PROPERTY MANAGER MARK BRYANT

Director of General Services Veronica Ferguson introduced Mark Bryant, Property Manager, as the newest member of her staff. Ms. Ferguson outlined Mr. Bryant's professional background and noted what an asset he will be to the County.

Mr. Bryant noted how happy he is to be here, and welcomes the opportunities and challenges the position will offer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Forney, the Board acted to approve the submitted Agenda, incorporated herein by reference. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kromm excused.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Forney, the Board acted to approve the following Consent Calendar items by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kromm excused.

(Item 13) MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2004 AND FEBRUARY 10, 2004, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the Clerk of the Board dated March 9, 2004 incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 14A) CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN FIRST 5 SOLANO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION AND DR. CAROLYN HAMILTON RE SCHOOL READINESS RELATED SERVICES, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from First 5 Solano Children & Families Commission/CAO dated March 9, 2004, incorporated herein by reference, approved and Chairman authorized to sign said contract on behalf of Solano County.

(Item 14B) AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN FIRST 5 SOLANO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION AND RIO VISTA CARE RE PRE-SCHOOL SERVICES IN RURAL RIO VISTA, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from First 5 Solano Children & Families Commission/CAO dated March 9, 2004, incorporated herein by reference, approved and Chairman authorized to sign said contract on behalf of Solano County.

(Item 15A) QUARTERLY EXAMINATION OF THE BOOKS OF THE COUNTY TREASURY AS OF DECEMBER 22, 2003 WITH ALL FUNDS TOTALING \$607,255,306, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the Auditor-Controller dated March 9, 2004, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 15B) PUBLIC HEARING RE FY2004/05 SOLANO COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE (BOOKING) FEES, set for April 27, 2004.

(Item 16) FUNDING FROM CITY OF BENICIA AND COUNTY'S PROPOSITION 40 PER CAPITA ALLOCATION FUNDS RE APPLICATION TO STATE FOR PURCHASE OF EASTERN SWETT RANCH PROPERTY, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the Department of General Services dated March 9, 2004, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 17A) CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF THE GREATER EAST BAY RE CALWORKS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SERVICES, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the Department of Health & Social Services dated March 9, 2004, incorporated herein by reference, approved and the Chairman authorized to sign said contract on behalf of Solano County.

(Item 17B) AGREEMENT WITH THE PARTNERSHIP HEALTHPLAN OF CALIFORNIA RE CORRECTION OF AGREEMENT APPROVED NOVEMBER 25, 2003, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the Department of Health & Social Services dated March 9, 2004, incorporated herein by reference, approved and the Chairman authorized to sign said agreement on behalf of Solano County.

(Item 18) RESOLUTION NO. 2004-038 APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN FY04 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM, adopted. (see Resolution Book)

(Item 19) TEMPORARY EASEMENT/LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MARY SIEBE RE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON GORDON VALLEY ROAD AT LEDGEWOOD CREEK, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the Transportation Department dated March 9, 2004, incorporated herein by reference, approved and the Transportation Director authorized to sign said agreement on behalf of

Solano County.

COUNTY WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000 TO MARY SIEBE RE THE LEASE OF PROPERTY, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the Transportation Department dated March 9, 2004, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 20) APPROPRIATION TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,125 TO AMEND FY2003/04 SOLANO COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY BUDGET, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the Department of Environmental Management dated March 9, 2004, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

ORDERS

(Item 24A) QUEST MEDIA AND SUPPLIES SELECTED TO PROVIDE A VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER AND PROBATION BUILDING

The Board was provided with an Agenda Submittal from the Office of Information Technology dated March 9, 2004, incorporated herein by reference, regarding the selection of Quest Media & Supplies for Voice Over Internet Protocol Communications System for the new County Administrative Center. Dave Zieker, AMS.Net, noted submission of a protest on the selection of Quest Media & Supplies, and requested an administrative appeal of the selection. Mr. Zieker voiced concern with the manner the Department of General Services is providing information to him, the large portion of the bid marked confidential, relative to the request to review the RFP submitted by Quest Media. With the small amount of information provided, Mr. Zieker feels that Quest Media does not meet the minimum requirements of the RFP, and voiced concern with the amount of \$976,000 to be approved when the winning bid was \$688,000. Mr. Zieker requested information as part of his protest regarding what the additional funds are for, to know how the installation is to be done since no labor costs were included on the documentation he was provided, and feels since this is a public bid he would like to review this RFP from Quest Media to allow AMS to be assured that the process was fair to all participants. The goal is to make sure Solano County is getting what they pay for from the best possible supplier of these services.

Chief Information Officer Ira Rosenthal noted the RFP was issued as a "Best Value" type that would allow a vendor that could supply the equipment needed, that had the engineering expertise, had experience with similar projects, and had the organizational backing to ensure a project of this magnitude could be completed in the required timeframe. We were also looking for an organization that could offer some imaginative approaches allowing for various alternatives. The budget in the RFP of \$600,000 was used as a tool to solicit the best pricing we could get, and Mr. Rosenthal noted the \$976,000 in the Agenda Submittal is the maximum funds allocated in the building project, approval of this amount would allow flexibility if needed. The five RFPs received were varied, and in the evaluation process the bids were basically taken apart and put back together to allow the analysis for the best price of the same materials list, and Mr. Rosenthal discussed other factors considered in the evaluation of the RFPs. The difference between Quest Media and AMS was the discount offered on like equipment. The bid was basically to qualify the vendor and to get the best price on equipment that is needed.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Forney regarding how the appeal will be addressed if the item is approved, County Counsel Dennis Bunting noted the appellant has the right to file an appeal, the process has been reviewed and feels it was fair allowing the Board to move forward today. AMS or any of the other vendor can file an appeal, the appeal would be scheduled within 20 days for hearing by the Board. At the hearing if the Board feels the appeal has merit the award today would be set aside. If Board decides the appeal has no merit then the vendor has the right of appeal through the court system.

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez and seconded by Supervisor Kondylis, the Board acted to approve the selection of Quest Media & Supplies for the Voice Over Internet Protocol Communications System for the CAC, to authorize the Chief Information Officer to enter into contract negotiations with Quest Media, and to authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreements with Quest Media in an amount not to exceed \$976,000. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kromm excused.

(Item 24B) BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE TO BE FORMED TO ADDRESS NUT TREE AIRPORT ISSUES

Kathy Gibson, County Administrator's Office, reviewed the information contained in an Agenda Submittal from her office dated March 9, 2004, incorporated herein by reference, regarding possible reorganization of the Airport Advisory Committee (AAC) and the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC).

John Foster, Chairman AAC/ALUC, presented information, incorporated herein by reference, from his perspective regarding the Consultant's Report that recommended separating the functions of the current AAC/ALUC and Mr. Foster feels this recommendation should be accomplished through the creation of a new group to address the Nut Tree issues and to leave the current ALUC structure, since it has worked well over many years. Another recommendation to focus on organization and leadership, Mr. Foster feels this could be accomplished with a change in airport management and reporting. Another recommendation was to develop a business plan for the Nut Tree airport that includes the mission, vision and values. Mr. Foster feels these are the most pertinent recommendations in the report and are areas where he needs guidance from the Board. Mr. Foster further reviewed recommendations from the current AAC basically agreeing with the consultant's report, to form a new 7-member group to focus on the Nut Tree Airport, to retain the existing ALUC structure, functions and members; and the new committee membership draft proposal. Mr. Foster voiced concern regarding a representative from the City of Vacaville being on the proposed committee, and then reviewed areas that he would like direction on from the Board.

Supervisor Vasquez noted public concern regarding the airport, feels it was a big step getting the consultant in to do the report, small steps are now needed to move forward, is leaning toward the ad hoc committee concept and discussed his vision of the membership, noted additional requirements if a formal committee is formed, feels political representatives would drive policy of the committee, wants the airport to represent the ideas of the entire County, needs to be able to relate the benefits of the airport to all citizens of the County, and thanked Mr. Foster for all his hard work.

Mr. Foster responded discussing moving toward the ad hoc concept, and feels the consultant wants the voices at the Nut Tree to be heard. We do not want to create a policy vacuum, we need to create a place for the Nut Tree stakeholders to be heard.

Dog Brenneman, Vacaville, endorsed the reorganization, but voiced concern that the people that serve on the advisory committee need to be totally up to date on general aviation information, would like to see pure technicians on the board and to leave the politics to a later date. Mr. Brenneman voiced concern with the current management not having aviation expertise.

Louis Tobin, President Solano Pilots Association, supports the reorganization of the AAC and the SLUC. The landuse is important, the AAC does need to move forward to be able to advise the Board on the issues in aviation. Mr. Tobin encouraged the Board to approve proposed facilities to help improve the airport.

Jeff Philbrook, Vacaville, voiced concern with the current liability and growth of the airport, encouraged the Board to move forward improving the airport, and feels hiring a new manager is critical. Mr. Philbrook noted he lives and has a business in the County, but has to house his airplane at the Woodland Airport since there are no hangers available at the Nut Tree Airport, and encouraged the building of the new hangers to bring the rent and tax dollars back to Solano County.

Gerald Neil, Winters, feels the airport is a diamond in the rough, noted there is a lot of room for improvement, as a businessman is interested in investing in the Vacaville area, noted the potential for benefits to the County, and an increase in demand for corporate jets. Mr. Neil voiced concern with the potential liability of the County at the airport, the need for a new airport manager with management and aviation expertise, and with the operational legality of the Fixed Base Operators (FBO) at the Nut Tree Airport and the liability of the County.

Chairman Silva noted he is in favor of splitting the AAC and the ALUC, this is a COUNTY-WIDE airport. The AAC could be staffed by the Department of Environmental Management, the need for Countywide representation on an airport committee, and feels members on the committee must be a County resident. The ALUC has been a productive committee, but the Board has ignored the AAC for many years. Chairman Silva favors an ad hoc committee to get things set up, and then a permanent commission needs to be in place to advise the airport manager and the Board, understands the concerns about a politician being on the committee, but the final committee must have varied representation of people with interests at the airport. Chairman Silva feels some advice and counsel are needed from the City of Vacaville at the planning level; a person representing the surrounding properties also needs to be on this committee, and the structure that has been presented by the current AAC is too heavily weighted. Chairman Silva feels there needs to be corporate accommodations at the airport, which would benefit everyone, could support Supervisor Vasquez being on the ad hoc committee as the liaison, without a vote, with the goal of forming a permanent airport board. Chairman Silva feels the County needs to hire a good business manager with a good

aeronautical background before a business plan is written.

Supervisor Kondylis voiced concern with the lack of meetings over the last three years for the AAC and the ALUC, if there is enough work for two commissions, feels a varied representation is needed for the airport board, the consultants report needs to be reviewed to see which parts of the report need to be dealt with before any final decisions are made, and voiced concern with people sitting on boards that may have conflicts of interest.

Chairman Silva recommended the ALUC and the AAC be split, the ALUC remain with the current membership to be staffed by the Department of Environmental Management, formation of a Blue Ribbon Task Force that would include the current AAC membership for the purpose of reviewing the consultant report and to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on how a new airport committee should be structured and how it should run. Meetings of the Blue Ribbon Task Force would allow the interested groups to present input, and further recommended the process begin to hire a new airport manager.

Mr. Foster noted the group would continue the ALUC process, create a taskforce/ad hoc group from existing members, and would invite appropriate stakeholders and staff to the meetings.

County Counsel Dennis Bunting suggested the Blue Ribbon Task Force look at expanding the membership to include more stakeholders. It is important for the stakeholders have a say in how the airport develops.

Mr. Foster suggested having any of the current members of the AAC who are interested to be on the task force, and to include stakeholders.

There was a short discussion regarding staffing for the taskforce, who the Chairperson would be, and the timeframe the taskforce would be bringing information back to the Board, it was determined that Ms. Gibson would staff the taskforce, that Mr. Foster would continue as the Chairperson, and that the group would be returning in approximately three to four months.

Supervisor Vasquez noted the need to open all lines of communication for all interested parties, and the need to invite these people to participate so everyone's concerns can be heard, and discussed the importance of reports coming back to the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Kondylis feels the task force needs to work together in a consensus building process to ensure a cohesive approach to this situation.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Forney regarding community input, Chairman Silva noted the public will be welcome at the meetings to provide input, and the meetings need to be well publicized and posted.

Supervisor Vasquez noted the meeting agendas need to be posted and need to be held.

On motion of Chairman Silva and seconded by Supervisor Kondylis, the Board acted to split the ALUC and the AAC, the ALUC will remain in effect with the current membership, the ALUC will be staffed by the Department of Environmental Management, to direct the formation of a Blue Ribbon Task Force that would include the current AAC members and other stakeholders that would like to participate for the purpose of reviewing the consultant report and to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on how a new airport committee should be structured and how it would run; and to direct the recruitment process to hire an airport manager begin. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kromm excused.

(Item 25) EXPANDED OPERATIONAL HOURS AND MODIFIED WORK SCHEDULE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, APPROVED

The Board was provided with an Agenda Submittal from Child Support Services dated March 9, 2004, incorporated herein by reference, regarding continuing the expanded operational hours and implementation of the modified work schedule within that department.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kondylis regarding why the number of clients was so much lower than Fairfield, if the Vallejo and Benicia clients are coming to Fairfield or are they getting their issues resolved over the phone, Director of Child Support Services Dennis Covell noted the Vallejo office is much smaller, and will look into the number of issues that are handled in Fairfield for South County clients.

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez and seconded by Supervisor Kondylis, the Board acted to approve the continuation of the expanded operational hours and full implementation of the modified work schedule in child Support Services. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kromm excused.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board acted to

approve the following appointments to Boards and Commissions. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Kromm was excused.

(Item 26A) MARY R. ELLSWORTH REAPPOINTED TO THE ROCKVILLE CEMETERY DISTRICT, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal dated March 9, 2004, incorporated herein by reference, for a term to expire March 1, 2008.

(Item 26B) VIOLA ROBERTSON REAPPOINTED TO THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMITTEE, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal dated March 9, 2004, incorporated herein by reference, for a term to expire April 7, 2008.

(Item 26C) SANDY AUSTIN APPOINTED AS AN ALTERNATE AND QUANG HO AND WILL TAYLOR REAPPOINTED TO THE TREASURY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the Treasurer-Tax Collector-County Clerk dated March 9, 2004, incorporated herein by reference, for terms to expire March 9, 2007.

(Item 26D) APPOINTMENT OF MICHELLE CHARGUALAF TO THE SOLANO COUNTY LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARD, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the Department of Health & Social Services dated March 9, 2004, incorporated herein by reference, for a term to expire March 9, 2007.

ADJOURN – This meeting of the Board of Supervisors adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

JOHN F. SILVA, Chairman

Maggie Jimenez
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors