



## SAN BENITO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Don Marcus  
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Chair

Anthony Botelho  
District No. 2

Pat Loe  
District No. 3

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District No. 4

Jaime DeLaCruz  
District No. 5  
Vice-Chair

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

### ACTION MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING *BOARD RETREAT* TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2007 9:00 A.M.

SAN BENITO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
1131 SAN FELIPE ROAD, HOLLISTER, CA 95023

The Board of Supervisors of San Benito County met in San Benito County Behavioral Health Department Conference Room on the above date in *special* session. Supervisors Monaco, De La Cruz, Botelho, Marcus and Loe were all present. Also present was County Administrative Officer Susan Thompson, Assistant County Administrative Officer Rich Inman, County Counsel Dennis Le Clere and Clerk of the Board Linda Churchill. Chairman Don Marcus presided

#### 9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER:

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

#### CLOSED SESSION:

The Board adjourned into Closed Session and reconvened into Regular Session at 9:20 a.m. re:

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)  
Name of Case: M. K. Ballistics Systems, et. al. v. Simpson, et al (N. District Case No. C07 00688)  
**BOARD ACTION:** *County Counsel Dennis Le Clere reported that the Board unanimously agreed to continue to deny counsel for Simpson and to continue counsel for Sarsfield. File #235.6*

## **REGULAR AGENDA:**

*For each regular agenda item, the following schedule shall occur:*

- a) *Staff report.*
- b) *Public opportunity to address the Board on a particular agenda item. Please fill out a speaker card and present it to the Clerk prior to consideration of the item.*
- c) *Consideration by the Board.*

The Board discussed the agenda items in the following order to accommodate members of the public who wished to address the Board on the particular item.

### **6. County role in economic development – opportunities, budget priority.**

Lengthy discussion ensued with regards to future economic development noting that it is important to work in coordination with the City of Hollister, the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), the local business council and other organizations.

The following members of the public addressed the Board regarding economic development in the community: George Lewis, EDC Board member; Annette Giacomazzi, Rural Nomics; Mandy Rose; local resident; and, Joe Thompson, local resident.

### **4. Wireless Internet Access Project concept discussion.**

Supervisors Loe and De La Cruz introduced the concept of a building a partnership with the City of Hollister, school district, and other organizations to create a wireless Internet access system in strategic spots throughout the county.

Supervisor De La Cruz presented a Power Point Presentation entitled “San Benito County Free WIS through Partnerships”.

This item will be placed on a future Board of Supervisor’s agenda.

### **2. Future retreat agenda guidelines, priorities and expectations.**

Lengthy discussion ensued with regards to what types of items the Board would like to have agendized for future retreats.

It was decided that the Board would hold only two retreats per year for general discussions and hold workshops to discuss specific items.

### **3. Board member / constituent advocacy and problem solving best practices.**

Discussion was held as to how to handle constituent calls to their supervisors and the County Administrative Officer and County Counsel explained the process of getting these matters to the full Board of Supervisors through the appropriate staff.

### **5. Budget Ad-Hoc Committee possible reinstatement, objectives and expectations.**

*Held discussion and decided there was no need for a budget committee noting that the quarterly reports have been exemplary and budget discussions have been very open.*

### **7. Administrative Issues:**

- **Departmental organization reviews.**
- **Hard to recruit professionals.**
- **Priority Board “Workshop” topics for 2007**

The Board indicated that they would like to hold workshops or have reports on the regular agenda regarding the Hillside Ordinance; economic development issues; Transfer of Development Credits committee; Affordable Housing; and, a highways report, specifically the East/West corridor.

Rich Inman answered questions with regards to hard to recruit professionals and how to encourage these professionals to stay with the county.

County Administrative Officer Susan Thompson noted that re-organization of the Public Works Department and the Information Technology (IT) Department was being discussed.

**8. County role in gang issues – next steps.**

*The Board decided to schedule this item as a joint workshop with the cities, law enforcement, school districts and others.*

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m. to its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

DON MARCUS, CHAIRMAN

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ATTEST:

Linda Churchill

Clerk of the Board