



SAN BENITO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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District No. 2
Chair

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District No. 3

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District No. 4
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Jaime De La Cruz
District No. 5

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

SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 26, 2013 ACTION MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors of San Benito County met in the Board of Supervisors Chambers on the above date in *special session*. Supervisors Botelho, De La Cruz, Rivas, Barrios and Muenzer were present. Also present was Interim County Administrative Officer Ray Espinosa, County Counsel Matt Granger and Clerk of the Board Denise Thome. Chairman Botelho presided.

1:00 p.m. CALL TO ORDER:

- a) Supervisor De La Cruz led the pledge of Allegiance.
- b) *Upon motion duly made by Supervisor Barrios and seconded by Supervisor Muenzer, acknowledged Certificate of Posting.*

REGULAR SESSION:

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE – R. Espinosa:

1) **Discuss and adopt changes to Budget Policies.**

Discussion was had amongst Board members and staff regarding changes to budget policies.

*Upon motion duly made by Supervisors Barrios and seconded by Supervisor Muenzer, **adopted** budget policies with the following **amendments**; to line 2, **strike** privatize on and change to improve efficiency and save money exploring services and delivery, to line 6, **change** the word increased to considered, **add** sentence that was left out in the first draft and **add** statement from Joe Paul Gonzalez. (Unanimous) File #865*

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE – R. Espinosa:

2) **Receive end of 3rd quarter report on County Financial Status.**

Interim County Administrative Officer Ray Espinosa stated that Management Analyst Melinda Casillas was supposed to present but was not there. He proceeded to give the presentation.

Clerk-Auditor-Record Joe Paul Gonzalez stated that it was not really a 3rd quarter presentation but was just up to March 19th.

Board members asked questions of staff.

Marty Richman spoke under public comment. File #865

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE – R. Espinosa:

3) Discussion on OPEB and provide direction to staff.

Clerk-Auditor-Recorder Joe Paul Gonzalez gave a staff report and stated that if the Board wanted to pay the total catch-up it would be \$4,428,506, which was about \$12,000 per employee. He noted that our OPEB was funded below 30% and any benefit not funded at 80% is a questionable benefit. He stated that it was a one-time catch-up with a one-time source of funding legitimately used. He indicated that they could make a case for the use of source of funding.

Interim County Administrative Officer Ray Espinosa stated that he and Mr. Gonzalez did not see eye to eye on the matter and expressed concern with not meeting statutes. He recommended putting it on the books, allocating but not spending it and take a look at it in April.

Discussion ensued between Board members.

Marty Richman spoke under public comment.

Further discussion ensued between Board members and staff.

Supervisor Barrios recommended getting two scenarios; the first to pay in full with one-time monies and the second to pay in three increments over three years, to be brought back to the April 16, 2013 meeting. *File #865*

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE – R. Espinosa:

4) Discussion on Maintenance of Effort with Health and Human Services Department; and direct staff to move excessive funding of Maintenance of Effort back into the general fund.

Clerk-Auditor-Recorder Joe Paul Gonzalez gave a staff report.

Discussion ensued amongst Board members and staff.

*Upon motion duly made by Supervisor Muenzer and seconded by Supervisor Barrios, **directed** staff to move \$1,632,612.00 back into the general fund. (Unanimous) File #865*

The Board adjourned at 3:08 p.m. for a break and reconvened into special session at 3:20 p.m.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE - R. Espinosa:

5) Receive fiscal report on furlough impact and vacation liability step increases and provide direction to staff.

Interim County Administrative Officer Ray Espinosa gave a staff report regarding furloughs and salary increases.

Clerk-Auditor-Recorder stated that Melinda Casillas was prepared to give the report but was not there, so he was stepping in. He proceeded to give a PowerPoint presentation on the subject matter. He stated that the total amount associated with the step freeze was \$238,771.00. He reported that furlough was expected to be \$478,561 as 67% of employees were not affected by furloughs with only 121 employees affected by furloughs.

Discussion ensued in regards to the lack of staff and the timeliness of the submission of the county audit and the benefits of removing the furloughs and freezes.

Marty Richman spoke under public comment agreeing with the removal of the furloughs and step increase freeze. *File #865*

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 4:16 p.m. to April 2, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

ANTHONY BOTELHO, CHAIRMAN

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ATTEST:

Denise R. Thome, Clerk of the Board