



# SAN BENITO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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District No. 3

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District No. 4

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District No. 5

Chair

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

## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

### *Mission Statement*

*The County Board of Supervisors will recognize the public trust it holds, will on all occasions conduct business with honesty, integrity, and respect for the individual, and will hold the organization of County government to that same standard.*

*The San Benito County Board of Supervisors welcomes you to this meeting and encourages your participation.  
Each individual speaker will be limited to a presentation total of three (3) minutes.*

### **7:00 p.m. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairwoman Barrios called the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 p.m.

- a) Pledge of Allegiance to be led by Supervisor Botelho.

The Chair asked Supervisor Botelho to lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- b) Acknowledge Certificate of Posting.

The Chair entertained a motion to acknowledge the Certificate of Posting.

- Supervisor Muenzer made a motion to acknowledge the Certificate of Posting.

- The motion was seconded by Supervisor De La Cruz.

- **The Motion was approved 5 to 0.**

Voting Yes                      Voting No

Barrios

Botelho

De La Cruz

Muenzer

Rivas

## **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 record shall note that because this meeting was posted as a Special Agenda, Public Comment was not required to be included as a section in the Order of Business.

The Chair informed the public that members who are called up to speak by an individual member of the Board of Supervisors, there will be no time limit when they speak. However, if a public comment card has been submitted to the Clerk of the Board, speakers who have done so will be subject to the three minute limit rule.

## **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY/PUBLIC WORKS – B. Barnes:**

- 1) Consider the site analysis of four potential sites and select a site for the Homeless Service Center, and direct staff to proceed with appropriate CEQA review for the selected site.

The Chair asked CAO Espinosa to introduce the agenda item to the Board by explaining that four sites will be reviewed in an effort to identify a preferred site.

CAO Espinosa also advised the Board and Public of a minor correction to Staff Recommendation Number 2 on the Agenda Item Transmittal (AIT) requesting that the words "Preferred Site" replace "Selected Site" in reference to the CEQA Review. There was no objection from the Board.

CAO Espinosa provided a brief introduction then called on James Rydingsword, Director of Health and Human Services Agency, to provide his presentation via PowerPoint. Mr. Rydingsword was joined by Brent Barnes, Director of the Resource Management Agency.

Mr. Rydingsword outlined his presentation to include the following:

- Review the History and Planning
- Review Site Options
- Review future options for homeless services in San Benito County

Mr. Rydingsword covered the following points of discussion:

- Intergovernmental Committee assigns HHSA as lead agency to resolve homelessness in San Benito County
- Formation of San Benito County Homeless Planning Services Group
- Homeless Summit – Santa Barbara
- Homeless Public Meeting
- BOS and Intergovernmental Updates
- BOS adopts Southside site

- BOS Site review – September 29, 2015

Mr. Rydingsword then described the efforts on behalf of San Benito County to address homelessness as a member of the Salinas/ Monterey/San Benito County Continuum of Care (CoC).

- San Benito County joined the CoC in 2011.
  - This year, SBC receives approximately \$216,950 from HUD for the Helping Hands Program.-CSWD
  - Winter Shelter Program for homeless families-\$50,000-CSWD
  - Winter Shelter Program for individuals-\$175,000- Homeless Coalition
  - Hotel Vouchers, transportation tokens-\$10,000-CSWD
  - Winter Shelter Programs have been operated at Southside Migrant Center for over 25 years.
  - The Homeless Coalition at the same location has been operated for 10 years. This location is next to the proposed site of the service center and no issues have occurred.

Mr. Rydingsword then discussed the history and implications on the 2014 CDBG Grant received by San Benito County as it relates to the delays in this project.

- Received \$1,500,000 to build a year-round homeless facility.
- Recoverable loan/grant for a modified 24 hour homeless service center.
- Provisions of recoverable loan/grant: Build and operate for 15-20 years.
- Concurrently seek out a provider for ongoing operations
- Contract time frame Oct. 2014-2019 and 50% rule will further affect funding delays.

Mr. Rydingsword then asked Brent Barnes, Director of the Resource Management Agency (RMA) to present the site location information to the Board.

Mr. Barnes review the four available locations identified for the Homeless Service Center including:

- Southside Road
- McCloskey Road
- Community Road
- Flynn Road

Additional information provided in Mr. Rydingsword's report included:

- A Site Analysis Matrix
- Homeless Service Center Operations
- Workforce Development
- Continuum of Housing
- Other potential funding streams

Director Barnes advised the Board that no progress cannot be made from a CQEA perspective until a site is definitively identified by the Board.

The Chair then asked the Clerk of the Board Louie Valdez to call up persons who had filled out speaker cards so as to receive Public Comment.

Speakers who addressed the Board are listed in the order in which they were received below:

- Anna Gomez
- David Crandall
- Rich Hershey
- Martin V. Hernandez
- Jim Dassel
- Wayne Jones
- Veronica Martinez
- Joey and Eleanor Escamilla
- Melissa Tobias
- Marty Richman
- Michael Martin
- Joe Tanasha
- Jackie Mcabee
- Juan Martinez (Translation by Clerk of the Board)

The board took a five minute break at this point in the meeting.

- Julio Salazar (Translation by Clerk of the Board)
- Miriam Estrada
- Kay Felice
- Rosa Fernandez (Translation by Clerk of the Board)
- Linda Lampee (Translation by Clerk of the Board from English to Spanish).
- Maria Reyes
- Maribel Cortez
- Yolanda Gil
- Shawna Taggard
- Bob Galvan
- Angel Yamin

The Chair proceeded to close public comment and brought the discussion back to the Board for a decision.

The members of the Board each stated their positions on the selection of the preferred site. After extensive discussion, the following motions were made by the members of the Board:

- Supervisor Anthony Botelho made a motion to direct staff to identify the Southside Road Location as the Preferred Site and to proceed with the CQEA Process. Supervisor Botelho also moved to have the Resource Management Agency (RMA) work with the Sheriff's Department and the Probation Chief to develop a needs assessment of the Flynn Road Site with a report to be provided to the Board in the near future.
- The motion was seconded by Chairwoman Barrios.

➤ **The Motion was not approved, failing 2 to 3.**

<u>Voting Yes</u>	<u>Voting No</u>
Barrios	
Botelho	
	De La Cruz
	Muenzer
	Rivas

The Chair entertained additional discussion and/or motions.

- Supervisor Anthony Botelho made a motion to direct staff to identify the Flynn Road Location as the Preferred Site and to proceed with the CQEA Process. Supervisor Rivas also included that staff should work with the Sheriff's Department.
- The motion was seconded by Supervisor De La Cruz on condition that Southside Road is identified as the secondary preferred site if for some reason the Flynn Road location was determined to be unfeasible by staff.
- The Clerk of the Board clarified with Supervisor De La Cruz that he was requesting that Supervisor Rivas amend his original motion to include the Southside Road as the secondary preferred site.
- Supervisor Rivas accepted Supervisor De La Cruz's conditional second of his motion and amended his original motion to include the Southside Road location as the secondary preferred site.

➤ **The Motion was not approved, failing 2 to 3.**

<u>Voting Yes</u>	<u>Voting No</u>
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	Botelho
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- Supervisor Anthony Botelho made a motion to direct staff to identify the Flynn Road Location as the Preferred Site and to proceed with the CQEA Process.
- The motion was seconded by Supervisor Muenzer.

➤ **The Motion was Approved 3 to 2.**

<u>Voting Yes</u>  De La Cruz Muenzer Rivas	<u>Voting No</u> Barrios Botelho
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- The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn.
- Supervisor Muenzer made a motion to adjourn.
- The motion was seconded by Chairwoman Barrios.

➤ **The Motion was approved 5 to 0.**

<u>Voting Yes</u> Barrios Botelho De La Cruz Muenzer Rivas	<u>Voting No</u>
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**MEETING ADJOURNED TO TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015 AT 9:00 A.M.  
REGULAR MEETING.**

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