



# SAN BENITO COUNTY County Facilities Committee

**Committee:**

**Chair of the Board of Supervisor Bea Gonzales, District 5 and  
Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisor Bob Tiffany, District 4**

## AGENDA MINUTES

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

2:00 P.M.

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

### 2:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

*The Pledge of the Allegiance led by Supervisor Gonzales, District #5.*

2. ROLL CALL.

<i>Supervisor Gonzales</i>	<u>X</u>
<i>Supervisor Tiffany</i>	<u>X</u>

3. ACKNOWLEDGE CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Motion to acknowledge certificate of posting.  
Made by Supervisor Gonzales and seconded by Supervisor Tiffany.

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<i>For (2)</i>	<i>Against (0)</i>
<i>Ayes: Gonzales, Tiffany</i>	<i>Noes: -</i>

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: *Opportunity to address the Committee on items of interest not appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken unless provided by Govt. Code Section 54954.2.*

*Committee opened public comment.  
No comment.  
Closed public comment.*

5. Approve action minutes for June 29, 2022.



*Steve provided information that there are currently 60 stalls for parking and 6-8 ADA stalls; the main concern currently is the employee parking area that is near the releasing area of inmates, which may present some risk factors to employees. The new layout would minimize encounters.*

*County Administrative Officer, Ray Espinosa, provided comments regarding the goal of Central Coast Community Energy (3CE), and it intends to reduce its carbon footprint and be more energy efficient. Introduced Warren Tomlinson representing 3CE, provided a further presentation on the Energy Battery Storage Area proposal and what it would entitle. This project would run from Santa Barbara County to Santa Cruz County. Counties have submitted parcels that would be ideal for a storage location. For San Benito County, the parcel is 710 Flynn Road. Warren provided an outline of how the project would unfold and what the county could expect.*

*Supervisor Gonzales asked about the cost-benefit analysis and any potential issues for the county with the study. It is anticipated to have any opposition from the community.*

*No cost to San Benito County, fully funded by 3CE; the only cost is associated with 3CE using the land. The battery store area will have safeguards in place to protect the product and minimize any potential issues. Anyone with intimate knowledge about the clean energy outcome would lean towards advocating for the project. The opposition may come from the placement of the storage area. This would be a one-year study; no commitment from the county is required at this time. The asset would last 15-20 years if the study had a good outcome. Great benefits to the State of California and climate change. Further dialogue regarding the benefits and what other counties are participating.*

*Supervisor Tiffany asked if there was noise involved that adjacent homes or businesses in the area would be opposed security.*

*No noise is associated, and storage will be fenced.*

*Supervisors agreed to bring the item back to the board for further consideration, along with the proposed layout of the other projects of Conex boxes.*

*Public comment opened.*

*No comment.*

*Public comment closed.*

8. **Migrant Camp Homes Rehabilitation Project-** Receive presentation and request direction from Committee regarding project funding. Discuss and provide direction if desired.

*Karen Gumin, capital project manager, introduced the item and provided background information on the capital project, migrant camp housing remodel. Provided information on the bids received and the funding gap that needs to be addressed. The State was contacted regarding the gap; however, State has no additional funding available to cover the gap. Karen provided a few options for the Committee to consider. Resource Management Agency can take an item to the board for further consideration to reject bids received and move forward utilizing the Job Order Contractors to take on the project, making it an in-house project that can help with costs.*

*Supervisor Gonzales expressed her agreement with moving forward with the recommendation of delegating the project to the in-house contractors (JOC) and bringing the item to the Board of Supervisors for further consideration and approval.*

*Supervisor Tiffany sought verification that going to the JOC labor would reduce the project's price and still meet the essentials of the project. And of there a possibility of money being left over?*

*Karen provided an overview of how the project would be handled in-house and confirmed that there might not be funding left over.*

*Public comment opened.*

*No comment.*

*Public comment closed.*

9. **Veterans Memorial Park** – Receive updates regarding bathroom rehabilitation and provide direction if desired.

*Karen provided an update on the Veteran's Memorial Park bathroom rehabilitation. The entrances were sloped and are now ADA-compliant. Has met with the architect to do a walkthrough for project designs. Also provided was a brief walkthrough of how the project may unroll and progress.*

*Supervisor Gonzales asked when the estimated completion date could be.*

*Karen anticipates that the project may be completed in January – March of 2023.*

*Supervisor Tiffany asked about the other projects at the Veteran's Park.*

*Steve Loupe provided an update on the other projects and anticipated a similar timeline as the restrooms, alluding that completion may be in the springtime as well.*

*Supervisor Tiffany inquired about the Historical Park bathrooms. Karen stated that time would need to be scheduled with the architect to do a walk-through for project initiation; however, no timeline has been set.*

*Public comment opened.*

*No comment.*

*Public comment closed.*

- 10. Resource Recovery Park-** Receive presentation and request direction from Committee regarding the potential use of homeless parking vehicles and provide direction if desired.

*Steve Loupe presented the resource recovery park item. He stated that the county owns about 100 acres adjacent to the San Benito County Landfill, and about 30 of those acres are usable as it is primarily flat. The suggested uses in the past have been to have it as a sight for concrete recycling waste and other waste materials. There is a new barb-wired fence in place, given that it is currently used for grazing.*

*CAO provided further comments; in the place, the Board has looked at other options; however, companies would request that the County front the cost, which has led potential agreements to be placed on hold.*

*Steve presented the current proposal, which included a parking area, showers, restrooms, and a leach field. The County would have to do its due diligence to maintain the foundation.*

*Supervisors provided comments. Ultimately agreed that this would not be an ideal time or location for the proposed project.*

*CAO provided further comments regarding another building that may be better suited for the proposed project.*

*Public comment opened*

*Angela Curro provided a comment.*

*Public comment closed.*

- 11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.,** No discussion of these items shall occur, but the Committee may direct any of the reports to be placed on the agenda for a future meeting.

