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Minutes - Final Board of Supervisors

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Tuesday, August 4, 2015

8:30 AM

Board of Supervisors Chambers

CALL TO ORDER - 8:30 a.m.

The Solano County Board of Supervisors met on the 4th day of August 2015 in regular session in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers at the Solano County Government Center, 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, California at 8:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Seifert, Spering, Thomson, Vasquez and Chairwoman Hannigan. Chairwoman Hannigan presided. Also present were County Administrator Birgitta E. Corsello and County Counsel Dennis Bunting.

ROLL CALL

Present 5 - John M. Vasquez, Erin Hannigan, Linda J. Seifert, James P. Spering and Skip Thomson

CLOSED SESSION

The Solano County Board of Supervisors recessed to Closed Session at 8:31 a.m. to discuss the following matters:

1 [15-0760](#) Conference with Labor Negotiators:

Solano County representatives: Marc Fox, Jeannine Seher, David Pak, Don Turko, Georgia Cochran, Birgitta E. Corsello, and Nancy Huston. Employee organizations: Teamsters, Local 150 for Unit 1 (Attorneys); SEIU Local 1021 for Unit 2 (Nurses), Unit 5 (Health and Welfare Employees), Unit 7 (Regulatory, Technical and General Services Employees), Unit 8 (General Services Supervisors), Unit 9 (Clerical Employees) and Units 82, 87, 89, and 90 (Extra Help Employees); Solano County Deputy Sheriff's Association for Unit 3 (Law Enforcement Employees) and Unit 4 (Law Enforcement Supervisors); Public Employees Union, Local One for Unit 6 (Health and Welfare Supervisors) and Unit 16 (Mid-Management Employees); Stationary Engineers, Local 39 for Unit 10 (Skilled Craft and Service Maintenance

Employees); Union of American Physicians and Dentists for Unit 11 (Physicians, Dentists and Psychiatrists); Solano County Probation Peace Officer Association for Unit 12 (Probation Employees) and Unit 15 (Probation Supervisors); Solano County Sheriff's Custody Association for Unit 13 (Correctional Officers); Teamsters, Local 856 for Unit 14 (Correctional Supervisors); Solano County Law Enforcement Management Association for Unit 17 (Law Enforcement Management) and Unit 18 (Sheriff's Office Management); Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 21 for Unit 19 (Executive and Senior Management); and unrepresented employees

In-Home Supportive Services Authority representative: Marc Fox, Gerald Huber and Birgitta E. Corsello. Employee organization: SEIU United Long Term Care Workers, Local 6434

Attachments: [A - Memorandum](#)

Meeting went into Recess

Meeting Reconvened

RECONVENE

This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 9:00 a.m. All members were present and Chairwoman Hannigan presided.

REPORT OF ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)

There were no additions to or deletions from the Solano County Board of Supervisors' agenda for August 4, 2015.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors continued with the Salute to the Flag and a Moment of Silence.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2 [15-0765](#) Adopt and present a resolution and plaque of appreciation recognizing Ricardo M. Serrano, Environmental Health Supervisor, for over 25 years of distinguished service to Solano County and its residents (Supervisor Thomson)

Attachments: [A - Resolution](#)
 [Adopted Resolution](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

On motion of Supervisor Thomson, seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board adopted and presented Resolution No. 2015-137 honoring Ricardo M. Serrano, Environmental Health Supervisor, for over 25 years of distinguished service with Solano County. So ordered by 5-0 vote. (see Resolution Book)

Enactment No: Resolution 2015-137

- 3 [15-0621](#) Adopt and present a resolution recognizing Mare Island Technology Academy in Vallejo and C.A. Jacobs Intermediary School in Dixon for receiving the 2015 California Gold Ribbon Schools Award from the State Board of Education (Supervisors Hannigan and Vasquez)

Attachments: [A - Resolution - MIT Academy](#)
 [B - Resolution - CA Jacobs Intermediate School](#)
 [Adopted Resolution - MIT Academy](#)
 [Adopted Resolution - CA Jacobs Intermediate School](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

On motion of Supervisor Thomson, seconded by Supervisor Seifert, the Board adopted and presented Resolution No. 2015-138 and Resolution No. 2015-139 recognizing the receipt of the 2015 California Gold Ribbon Schools Award to Mare Island Technology Academy and C.A. Jacobs Intermediary School. So ordered by 5-0 vote. (see Resolution Book)

Enactment No: Resolution 2015-138 and Resolution 2015-139

- 4 [15-0709](#) Adopt and present a resolution recognizing August as Breastfeeding Awareness Month (Chairwoman Hannigan)

Attachments: [A - Resolution](#)
 [Adopted Resolution](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

On motion of Supervisor Seifert, seconded by Supervisor Spering, the Board adopted and presented Resolution No. 2015-140 recognizing August as Breastfeeding Awareness Month. So ordered by 5-0 vote. (see Resolution Book)

Enactment No: Resolution 2015-140

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chairwoman Hannigan invited members of the public to address the Board on matters not listed on the agenda but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. The following comments were received:

A) George Guynn, Jr., Suisun City, commented on AB 621 regarding school bonds.

B) Ed Rust, Vacaville, commented on a 2012 petition regarding a property at 7893 English Hills Road and concerns by neighboring residents about the property and resident.

County Counsel Dennis Bunting provided the Board with information on this matter, noting that extensive resources had been expended following up on this issue.

Supervisor Thomson asked for clarification on condemnation of the house.

Mr. Bunting noted that the house was declared a hazard and locked.

Supervisor Sperring commented on septic concerns at the property.

Mr. Bunting noted that the septic concerns had been addressed.

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Supervisor Seifert, seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board approved the agenda of the Solano County Board of Supervisors for August 4, 2015 as submitted. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Chairwoman Hannigan invited members of the public to address the Board on items listed on the Consent Calendar. The following comments were received:

A) Donald Tipton, unincorporated Vallejo, commented on Item 6 regarding the reason for an increase in pay for unrepresented employees of Unit 30, Unit 62 and Unit 61, Item 7 regarding a proposed Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) 115 Investment Policy, and Item 9 regarding reappointment of Supervisor Vasquez to the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the California State Prison Solano and the California Medical Facility.

B) George Guynn, Jr., Suisun City, commented on Item 6 regarding an increase in pay for unrepresented employees of Unit 30, Unit 62 and Unit 61.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Supervisor Sperring, the Board approved the following Consent Calendar items by 5-0 vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5 **[15-0759](#)** Adopt a resolution to amend the List of Numbers and Classifications of Positions to restore a 0.8 FTE Deputy County Counsel IV to 1.0 FTE

Attachments: [A - Resolution](#)
 [Adopted Resolution](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

Adopted
Enactment No: Resolution 2015-141

- 6 [15-0775](#) Adopt a resolution amending the Alphabetical Listing of Classes and Salaries for the unrepresented employees of Unit 30 (Confidential Employees), Unit 62 (Senior Management Employees) and Unit 61 (Executive Management Employees)
- Attachments:* [A - Resolution](#)
 [Adopted Resolution](#)
 [Minute Order](#)
- Adopted**
- Enactment No: Resolution 2015-142**
- 7 [15-0758](#) Adopt a resolution to approve the proposed Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) 115 Investment Policy
- Attachments:* [A - Resolution and Policy](#)
 [B - Resolution 2015-21](#)
 [Adopted Resolution and Policy](#)
 [Minute Order](#)
- Adopted**
- Enactment No: Resolution 2015-143**
- 8 [15-0719](#) Adopt a resolution accepting an offer of dedication of public right of way, at the southwest corner of Hay Road and State Route 113, to the County of Solano from Recology Hay Road, a California Corporation
- Attachments:* [A - Resolution](#)
 [B - Hay Road RW Dedication](#)
 [Adopted Resolution](#)
 [Recorded Grant Deed](#)
 [Minute Order](#)
- Adopted**
- Enactment No: Resolution 2015-144**

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 9 [15-0729](#) Approve the reappointment of Supervisor John M. Vasquez to the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) for the California State Prison, Solano (CSP-Solano) and the California Medical Facility (CMF), representing the Board of Supervisors, for a term to expire June 30, 2017
- Attachments:* [A - Fact Sheet](#)
 [B - Letter from Warden](#)
 [Minute Order](#)
- Approved**

- 10 [15-0730](#) Approve the reappointment of Richard Lundin to the Area Agency on Aging Serving Napa-Solano, representing District 4, for a term to expire June 30, 2017

Attachments: [Minute Order](#)

Approved

- 11 [15-0753](#) Approve the appointment of Samuel E. White to the In-Home-Supportive-Services-Public Authority Advisory Committee, representing District 3, for a term to expire August 4, 2019

Attachments: [Minute Order](#)

Approved

REGULAR CALENDAR

- 12 [15-0721](#) Receive a presentation from the Registrar of Voters' Office on election trends and changes in preparation for 2016 Presidential Election

Attachments: [A - Presentation](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

Registrar of Voters Ira Rosenthal provided the Board with an overview of election trends and changes in preparation for the 2016 Presidential Election.

Assistant Registrar of Voters John Gardner provided the Board with information on department activities that would be taking place to prepare for the 2016 election.

In response to questions from Supervisor Seifert, Mr. Gardner provided the Board with information on the increasing numbers of vote by mail ballots and Colorado's use of the vote by mail processing machine.

In response to questions from Chairwoman Hannigan concerning voting centers and polling centers, Mr. Gardner noted that the voting centers would likely replace traditional polling centers, however they would be open for more days.

Chairwoman Hannigan commented on barriers to voting and the printing of ballots at a voting center.

Mr. Gardner provided the Board with information about the ballot printing process for precincts, including the preparation of ballots in advance of the election and ballot on demand printers.

In response to a question from Chairwoman Hannigan regarding the number of polling locations, Mr. Gardner noted that the number and location of polling places would be as similar as possible to what was currently in place. He then commented on future plans, hearings and public education regarding a pilot voting center for 2016.

Chairwoman Hannigan commented on the proposed vote by mail processing equipment.

Mr. Gardner provided the Board with an example of the envelopes processed by the equipment.

In response to a question from Chairwoman Hannigan, Mr. Rosenthal provided the Board with information concerning the proposed location of the equipment on the 1st floor.

County Administrator Birgitta Corsello commented on the current 6th floor location and issues arising from locating the election equipment there. She noted that the long term solution to the issue was her recommendation to locate the equipment to the 1st floor multipurpose rooms. She noted that analysis had been conducted on the number of available conference rooms elsewhere in the building to ensure adequate meeting space.

Chairwoman Hannigan commented in support of easier access for voters and noted a need to shorten the length of time it took to determine final vote results.

Mr. Rosenthal commented on the number of vote by mail ballots received on election day and noted that the proposed sorting equipment would allow for faster processing of the ballots.

Supervisor Thomson commented on the 1st floor conference rooms available for meetings, security issues with use of the 6th floor conference rooms in the evening and requested that these concerns be addressed.

Ms. Corsello noted that staff would be bringing a revised conference room charging plan to the Board in late August and would bring that explanation as well.

Supervisor Spering asked if the 1st floor would allow enough space for election training so that the County Events Center (CEC) could be freed up for meetings.

Mr. Rosenthal noted that election training for 2016 would be held in the County Events Center.

Supervisor Spering suggested that part of the plan include building a training room on the 6th floor in order to free up the rooms at the CEC. He then asked if staff was monitoring San Mateo elections regarding their use of an all vote by mail election process.

Mr. Gardner noted that they were following up on this with San Mateo, Contra Costa and Sacramento counties and would report back to the Board about this matter.

Mr. Rosenthal noted that these counties were allowed to conduct local elections using vote by mail, but not for state or federal office elections.

Supervisor Seifert commented on concerns with using the 1st floor conference rooms and noted a need to find a different location to place the equipment.

Supervisor Vasquez also commented on concerns with the placement of the equipment on the 1st floor, however he then noted that the docks available on the 1st floor would be a benefit for movement of the equipment.

Chairwoman Hannigan invited members of the public to address the Board on this matter and the following comments were received:

A) Donald Tipton, unincorporated Vallejo, commented on elections, election fraud, and certification of the election by the Board.

B) George Guynn, Jr., Suisun City, commented on the number of representatives in the County, voter education, voting equipment, and use of the cafeteria on the 1st floor.

In response to a question from Supervisor Thomson, Mr. Rosenthal provided the Board with information on how voter fraud was investigated and noted that the department had not had any confirmed cases of voter fraud.

Supervisor Thomson commented on federal and state legislation concerning voter fraud.

Mr. Rosenthal commented on reports from constituents concerning votes by illegal citizens in the past that were not found to be true. He then commented on the interconnection of voting systems, noting that connecting systems was not something that was allowed by the Secretary of State in the past until now.

In response to questions from Supervisor Spering, Mr. Rosenthal provided the Board with information on the process for individuals that deliver ballots on behalf of others.

Ms. Corsello commented on processing time for mailed in ballots and statewide verification of signatures on ballots.

Received

- 13 [15-0722](#) Approve a five-year contract with Bell & Howell, LLC for an automated Vote by Mail signature verification and sorting system that includes hardware, software licenses and maintenance for an initial term through August 3, 2016 for \$364,388, and \$29,500 for each additional year for maintenance through August 3, 2020 for a net total of \$482,388; and Authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract and any subsequent amendments not to exceed 10% of the total contract amount

Attachments: [A - Contract](#)
 [Executed Contract](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

Registrar of Voters Ira Rosenthal provided the Board with an overview of the proposed automated vote by mail ballot signature verification and sorting system.

In response to a question from Supervisor Thomson, Mr. Rosenthal noted that the proposed equipment was currently being used in Colorado and that other configurations of the equipment components were being used in Sonoma and San Joaquin counties. He noted that Solano County would be the first county in the state to use the full set of equipment components.

Chairwoman Hannigan invited members of the public to address the Board on this matter and the following comments were received:

A) George Guynn, Jr., Suisun City, commented on comparative costs, replacing jobs with equipment and local control of elections.

B) Donald Tipton, unincorporated Vallejo, commented on voter fraud, costs for setup and annual maintenance of the equipment and location of the equipment.

On motion of Supervisor Thomson, seconded by Supervisor Spering, the Board approved a five-year contract with Bell & Howell, LLC for an automated Vote by Mail signature verification and sorting system that includes hardware, software licenses and maintenance for an initial term through August 3, 2016 for \$364,388, and \$29,500 for each additional year for maintenance through August 3, 2020 for a net total of \$482,388; and Authorized the County Administrator to execute the contract and any subsequent amendments not to exceed 10% of the total contract amount. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

14 [15-0751](#)

Consider introducing an ordinance to add section 16 to Chapter 6.3 - Building Standards and Codes of the Solano County Code to provide an expedited permit process for small residential rooftop solar energy systems

Attachments: [A - Ordinance](#)
 [B - Comparison of AB2188 to Proposed Ordinance](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

Director of Resource Management Bill Emlen introduced the item.

Plan Check Engineer Saeed Iravani provided the Board with an overview of the proposed ordinance and state mandates requiring an expedited permit process for small residential rooftop solar energy systems.

Supervisor Vasquez noted that the permit process was expedited in the past and commented on the success of the process.

County Administrator Birgitta Corsello commented on past Board support for expediting and standardizing the permit process and fees.

Supervisor Spering asked who verified the integrity of the roofs supporting the solar panels.

Mr. Iravani noted that the plan check process was still required for these systems and that any concerns about the size of the roof would require an engineer to verify the plans.

Chairwoman Hannigan invited members of the public to address the Board on this matter and the following comments were received:

A) Donald Tipton, unincorporated Vallejo, commented on risks for roof integrity, cost savings, issues with roof inspections and risks of electricity issues.

Supervisor Spering commented that he had not heard any complaints about any inspectors and noted that the inspectors were very accommodating and focused on customer service.

Mr. Emlen noted that the requirements being implemented in the proposed ordinance were required by state law. He then commented on the permit and plan check process.

Supervisor Vasquez also commented on the permit process.

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Supervisor Seifert, the Board approved reading the proposed ordinance adding Section 16 to Chapter 6.3 of the Solano County Code to provide an expedited, streamlined process for small residential rooftop solar energy systems by title only and waived further reading by a majority vote. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Supervisor Spering, the Board introduced the proposed ordinance adding Section 16 to Chapter 6.3 of the Solano County Code to provide an expedited, streamlined process for small residential rooftop solar energy systems. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS ON MEETINGS

Chairwoman Hannigan invited members of the Board to make comments or reports on meetings. The following comments were received:

A. Supervisor Thomson commented on the success of the Solano County Fair.

B. Supervisor Seifert commented on the success of the Solano County Fair.

C. Supervisor Vasquez commented on the Wragg Fire and noted thanks to the firefighters and everyone involved in putting it out.

D. Supervisor Vasquez requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Edward "Eddie" Fernandez, an active member of the Vacaville community.

E. Supervisor Vasquez requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of George Buchanan, an active member of the Vacaville community.

F. Supervisor Spering commented on the success of the Solano County Fair.

G. Supervisor Spering requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Robert "Bob" Holden, an active member of the Fairfield community.

H. Chairwoman Hannigan also thanked the firefighters of the Wragg Fire and commented on the success of the Solano County Fair.

ADJOURN:

This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors adjourned at 11:06 a.m. in memory of Edward "Eddie" Fernandez, George Buchanan and Robert "Bob" Holden. Next meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors will be August 11, 2015 at 8:30 a.m., Board Chambers, 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, California.

**ERIN HANNIGAN, Chairwoman
Solano County Board of Supervisors**

**BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors**

By _____
Jeanette Bellinder, Chief Deputy Clerk