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Tuesday, January 22, 2019

8:30 AM

Board of Supervisors Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

The Solano County Board of Supervisors met on the 22nd day of January 2019 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 Brown, Spering, Vasquez, Thomson and Chairwoman Hannigan. Chairwoman Hannigan presided. Also present were County Administrator Birgitta E. Corsello and County Counsel Dennis Bunting.

ROLL CALL

Erin Hannigan, Monica Brown, James P. Spering, John M. Vasquez 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	<u>19-99</u>	<u>Conference with Legal Counsel - Potential Litigation:</u> One case
		<u>Attachments:</u> A - Memorandum Minute Order

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)

County Counsel Dennis Bunting announced that by unanimous vote, the Board had authorized County Counsel to enter into negotiations for execution of a retention agreement with Shute Mihaly for legal services to the Airport Land Use Commission and potentially to Solano County in connection with Sacramento Municipal Utility District's proposed Solano 4 Wind project.

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 [19-65](#) Adopt and present a resolution and plaque of appreciation honoring Sergeant John Arabia upon his retirement from the Sheriff's Office with over 29 years of dedicated public service to Solano County (Supervisor Thomson)

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

On motion of Supervisor Spering, seconded by Supervisor Brown, the Board adopted and presented Resolution No. 2019-13 honoring Sergeant John Arabia upon his retirement from the Sheriff's Office with over 29 years of dedicated public service to Solano County. So ordered by 5-0 vote. (See Resolution Book)

Enactment No: Resolution 2019-13

3 [19-46](#) Adopt and present a resolution and plaque of appreciation honoring Gabriela Stumbaugh, Administrative Secretary, upon her retirement from the Department of Health and Social Services, Public Health Division with over 24 years of dedicated public service to Solano County (Supervisor Brown)

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

On motion of Supervisor Brown, seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board adopted and presented Resolution No. 2019-14 honoring Gabriela Stumbaugh, Administrative Secretary, upon her retirement from the Department of Health and Social Services, Public Health Division with over 24 years of dedicated public service to Solano County. So ordered by 5-0 vote. (See Resolution Book)

Enactment No: Resolution 2019-14

4 [19-28](#) Approve and present a plaque of appreciation honoring Nazlin Huerta, Senior Health Services Manager, upon her retirement from the Department of Health and Social Services, Public Health Division with over 10 years of dedicated public service to Solano County (Supervisor Vasquez)

Attachments: [Minute Order](#)

On motion of Chairwoman Hannigan, seconded by Supervisor Spering, the Board approved and presented a plaque of appreciation honoring Nazlin Huerta, Senior Health Services Manager, upon her retirement from the Department of Health and Social Services, Public Health Division with over 10 years of dedicated public service to Solano County. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

5 [19-94](#) Adopt and present a resolution recognizing Gary Gottschall, 60th Operations Group Deputy Commander, Travis Air Force Base, for his outstanding service and contributions to Solano County (Supervisor Spering)

Attachments: [A - Resolution](#)

On motion of Supervisor Spering, seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board adopted and presented Resolution No. 2019-15 recognizing Gary Gottschall, 60th Operations Group Deputy Commander, Travis Air Force Base, for his outstanding service and contributions to Solano County. So ordered by 5-0 vote. (See Resolution Book)

Enactment No: Resolution 2019-15

6 [19-66](#) Adopt and present a resolution honoring the past and present volunteers of the Vacaville Visitation Care Center upon the center's tenth anniversary of providing a safe place for Solano County families to have their court-ordered supervised visitation and custody exchanges facilitated (Supervisor Vasquez)

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

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Supervisor Spering, the Board adopted and presented Resolution No. 2019-16 honoring the past and present volunteers of the Vacaville Visitation Care Center upon the center's tenth anniversary of providing a safe place for Solano County families to have their court-ordered supervised visitation and custody exchanges facilitated. So ordered by 5-0 vote. (See Resolution Book)

Enactment No: Resolution 2019-16

7 **18-905** Adopt and present a resolution recognizing the Month of February 2019 as Civil Grand Jury Awareness Month in Solano County (Supervisor Brown)

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

On motion of Supervisor Brown, seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board adopted and presented Resolution No. 2019-17 recognizing the Month of February 2019 as Civil Grand Jury Awareness Month in Solano County. So ordered by 5-0 vote. (See Resolution Book)

Enactment No: Resolution 2019-17

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) Linda Privatte, Vacaville, provided an update on the status of her brother, Mark Rippee.

B) Judy Calpo, Rio Vista, commented on the need for reappointments to the Senior Coalition.

C) Gaylene Robitaille, Vacaville, commented in opposition to the Tiny Shed Project.

D) Amber Robitaille, Vacaville, commented in opposition to the Tiny Shed Project.

E) George Guynn, Jr., Suisun City, commented on the Solano County City Selection Committee's nominations for the appointment to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

In response to a question from Supervisor Vasquez, County Counsel Dennis Bunting noted that the Solano County City Selection Committee was a separate public entity and that the chair of the committee had called for a special meeting to address the nominations to the Metropolitan Transportation Committee. He noted that every city was notified of the meeting and that there had been no Brown Act violations. He advised that the committee had sent its nominations to the Board for consideration.

Chief Deputy Clerk Jeanette Neiger noted for the record that she had left Mr. Guynn a voicemail the Friday prior to the committee's meeting to let him know the date, time and location of the meeting.

Supervisor Thomson commented on the remarks made by Ms. Robitaille concerning the Tiny Shed Project and noted that it was difficult to address concerns if the speaker was not willing to sit down and discuss them.

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

There were no additions to or deletions from the Solano County Board of Supervisors' agenda for January 22, 2019.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Supervisor Brown, the Board approved the agenda of the Solano County Board of Supervisors for January 22, 2019 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. There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

8 [19-27](#) Authorize the County's contribution of \$5,000 from the General Fund contribution allocated to District 4 to benefit Vacaville Heritage Council (\$1,500), Pena adobe Historical Society (\$500), Cub Scouts Pack 484 (\$1,000), the Sudie M. Smith Scholarship (\$250), Families Helping Families (\$250) and Sacramento Valley Honor Guard (\$1,500)

Attachments: [Minute Order](#)

Approved

9 [19-91](#) Receive and file the Meeting Attendance Reports from the members of the Board of Supervisors

Attachments: [A - Appointment List](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

Received and Filed

10 [19-92](#) Approve the minutes of the Solano County Board of Supervisors meetings of November 6, November 13, December 4 and December 11, 2018

Attachments: [A - Minutes - November 6, 2018](#)
[B - Minutes - November 13, 2018](#)
[C - Minutes - December 4, 2018](#)
[D - Minutes - December 11, 2018](#)
[Executed Minutes 11-06-18](#)
[Executed Minutes 11-13-18](#)
[Executed Minutes 12-04-18](#)
[Executed Minutes 12-11-18](#)
[Minute Order](#)

Approved

11 [19-69](#) Adopt a resolution to amend the Alphabetical Listing of Classes and Salaries to establish monthly salaries for two class titles designated as confidential employees of \$3,368.12 - \$4,135.16 for Legal Procedures Clerk (Entry) and \$3,967.52 - \$4,930.66 for Legal Procedures Clerk (Senior) effective January 27, 2019

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

Adopted

Enactment No: Resolution 2019-18

12 [19-61](#) Accept the Quarterly Review of the Statement of Assets of the Solano County Treasury as of September 30, 2018

Attachments: [A - Treasury Review Report Q1](#)
[Minute Order](#)

Accepted

13 [19-48](#) Adopt a resolution amending the List of Numbers and Classifications of Positions to delete a limited term 1.0 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Office Assistant II and add a limited term 1.0 FTE Accounting Clerk II in the Treasurer - Tax Collector - County Clerk Tax Collection Division

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

Adopted

Enactment No: Resolution 2019-19

14 [19-87](#) Approve a plaque of appreciation honoring Donna Vestal, Information Technology Analyst IV, upon her retirement from the Solano County Department of Information Technology with over 13 years of dedicated service to Solano County

Attachments: [Minute Order](#)

Approved

15 [19-82](#) Authorize the County Administrator to submit a letter to the California Government Operations Agency, California Complete Count-Census 2020 to opt-in to a County-Optional Outreach Agreement (Outreach Agreement); Adopt a resolution authorizing the County Administrator, or designee, to enter into the Outreach Agreement to use \$145,572 in State funds allocated to Solano County to conduct outreach activities to promote participation in the 2020 Census; and Authorize the County Administrator to execute other agreements and contracts necessary to implement activities associated with the Outreach Agreement and state funding

Attachments: [A - Resolution](#)
[B - Opt-in Letter](#)
[C -Census 2020: County Package](#)
[Executed Resolution](#)
[Minute Order](#)

Adopted

Enactment No: Resolution 2019-20

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

16 [19-75](#) Approve the reappointment of Jenalee Dawson to the Solano Partnership Against Violence, representing District 3, for a term to expire on December 31, 2021

Attachments: [Minute Order](#)

Approved

17 [19-73](#) Approve the reappointment of Christina Baird to the Solano Partnership Against Violence, representing District 5, for a term to expire on December 31, 2020

Attachments: [Minute Order](#)

Approved

18 [19-74](#) Approve the reappointment of Kelly Rhoads-Poston to the Solano County Planning Commission, representing District 3, for a term to expire January 31, 2023
Attachments: [Minute Order](#)

Approved

19 [19-71](#) Approve the appointment of Harold Martin (Business Pilot Member) and the reappointment of Mike Hedrick (Recreational Pilot Member) to the Nut Tree Airport Advisory Committee, for terms to expire on June 30, 2023
Attachments: [A - NTA Advisory Committee Roster](#)
[Minute Order](#)

Approved

20 [19-10](#) Approve the appointment of Rachelle Jackson to the Solano County Mental Health Advisory Board for a term to expire on January 22, 2022
Attachments: [Minute Order](#)

Approved

21 [19-15](#) Approve the reappointment of Sandra Lee as a member-at-large to the Solano Partnership Against Violence (SPAV) Advisory Board for a 3 year term to expire on January 22, 2022: and Approve the reappointment of Tiffani Thomas and Cora Young as members-at-large to the SPAV Advisory Board for 2 year terms to expire on January 22, 2021
Attachments: [Minute Order](#)

Approved

REGULAR CALENDAR

22 [19-83](#) Consider setting April 30, 2019 as a special Board meeting for an Agricultural Tour focusing on soil, water and agriculture sustainability

Attachments: [A - Ag Tour Draft Agenda](#)
[Minute Order](#)

Interim Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures Jose Arriaga provided an overview of the item.

Mr. Arriaga noted that the Agricultural Tour would be from 8 AM to 2 PM and would be open to the public.

In response to comments from Supervisor Vasquez, Mr. Arriaga noted that Consulting Plant and Soils Scientist Dave Kelly and Resource Management would be leading the conversation on the watershed part of the tour.

Supervisor Vasquez requested that the Solano County Water Agency be included to provide an overview of the watershed and the work being done on water matters.

Supervisor Thomson noted that it was a good idea and that he was looking forward to the tour.

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Supervisor Brown, the Board set April 30, 2019 as a special Board meeting for an Agricultural Tour focusing on soil, water and agriculture sustainability. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

23 [19-44](#) Receive a presentation from Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC), Solano County's managed care plan that administers Medi-Cal benefits through local care providers to ensure members have access to high-quality, comprehensive, cost-effective health care

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

Director of Health and Social Services Gerald Huber introduced the item.

Chief Executive Officer Liz Gibboney provided an overview of Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC).

In response to a question from Supervisor Thomson, Ms. Gibboney noted that providing housing assistance to PHC members was a business decision that was a lower cost alternative to paying for inpatient care when that type of care was not needed.

In response to a question from Supervisor Vasquez, Ms. Gibboney noted that the \$4.9 million invested by PHC into housing assistance was from a buildup of reserves over time with the rollout of the Affordable Care Act and advised that housing assistance was a more cost-effective alternative.

In response to a question and comments from Supervisor Vasquez, Ms. Gibboney advised that the PHC Board met every other month and that the meetings were open to the public. Ms. Gibboney noted that it was up to each county to determine who sat on the Board from its county.

In response to questions from Supervisor Spering, Ms. Gibboney advised that funds were divided on a pro rata formula and then put through an RFP process to provide funds to organizations that served lower income and provided coordination of services. She noted that CAP Solano would be convening the RFP process in Solano County. She then advised that the majority of those served by the PHC grants would be PHC members.

Supervisor Spering commented on the slowness of getting funds out to the programs.

In response to questions from Supervisor Spering, Ms. Gibboney provided information on transportation assistance services that were coordinated by PHC and its partners. She advised that there was a need for more transportation assistance in rural areas where there was a lack of public transportation.

Supervisor Spering commented on the need for PHC to explore pooling resources to meet the transportation needs.

Ms. Gibboney noted that PHC was open to looking into this further.

In response to a question from Supervisor Spering, Ms. Gibboney noted that the assistance provided by PHC was focused on providing assistance to PHC members.

In response to a question from Chairwoman Hannigan, Ms. Gibboney noted that the number of no-shows for appointments continued to be an issue and challenge.

Mr. Huber noted that there were some creative ideas being looked at to resolve the issues of transportation needs.

Chairwoman Hannigan commented on the need for individuals to be able to get to their appointments to get services and to conduct a study to find the reasons why they were not getting to the appointments.

Ms. Gibboney noted that tele-video appointments were an option for patients.

Supervisor Thomson noted that approximately \$32 million was spent on emergency room frequent fliers and asked if there were any updates on this issue.

Ms. Gibboney noted that she would provide an update on this number to Mr. Huber to share with the Board.

Supervisor Thomson asked if there was coordination between emergency rooms and PHC to connect the patient with a primary care physician.

Ms. Gibboney noted that hospitals were working closely with counties to ensure that patients received assessment for medical eligibility and follow on assignment to a physician. She then provided information on the quality access incentive for physicians.

In response to a question from Supervisor Thomson relating to transportation for patients, Ms. Gibboney noted that the goal was to have the patient assigned to a primary care physician in that patient's resident city unless the patient chose one in a different location. She advised that she could share data on where care was being utilized in comparison to residences.

Supervisor Thomson advised that he would have his staff reach out to Ms. Gibboney on this data.

In response to questions from Supervisor Vasquez, Deputy Director of Health and Social Services Tonya Nowakowski provided information on CAP Solano's efforts to provide funding to community providers for creation of affordable housing. She noted that Vallejo had property on Sacramento Street that already had an engaged builder. She advised that each jurisdiction, developer or community based organization had individuals plans and proposals that were being reviewed.

Supervisor Vasquez noted that results were needed and asked when an update would come back from cities and CAP Solano.

Ms. Nowakowski advised that this issue would be discussed at the next CAP Solano meeting on January 31st.

Mr. Huber advised that things were starting to move forward and that it took a lot of time for policy and practices to come together on this issue.

Chairwoman Hannigan thanked the presenters.

Supervisor Spering thanked NorthBay Vice-President of Public Affairs Steve Huddleston and Mr. Huber for their efforts on the issue.

Received

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18-891

Consider approval of 2 initial agreements with Shelter Solano, Inc.: a Contribution Agreement to provide housing and other services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness for a period of 10 years, and a Start-up Match Funding Agreement for up to \$270,000, beginning February 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020, to provide housing and other services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness; Authorize the County Administrative Officer to execute the Contribution and Start-up Match Funding Agreements and delegate authority to the County Administrator to execute any amendments to these agreements necessary to effect the intent of this item; and Approve an Appropriations Transfer Request for \$270,000 to transfer revenue from the Mental Health Reserve (4/5 vote required) (Continued from the December 11, 2018 meeting)

Attachments:

[A - Minute Order](#)
[B - Contribution Agreement](#)
[C - Start Up Match Funding Agreement](#)
[Executed Agreement 1](#)
[Executed Agreement 2](#)
[Minute Order](#)

Principal Management Analyst Debbie Vaughn introduced the item.

In response to a question from Chairwoman Hannigan, Chief Executive Officer of Shelter Solano John Eckstrom advised that the Fairfield City Council had voted 4-1 to approve the lease, with Councilmember Moy opposed and that the council had then voted 5-0 to approve funding.

Ms. Vaughn provided an overview of the initial agreements with Shelter Solano, Inc.

In response to questions from Supervisor Vasquez, Ms. Vaughn noted that the original note still outstanding on the shelter was approximately \$654,000. She advised that the new operator was asked to provide one bed per night, every year for ten years. She noted that under the \$270,000 start-up finding, the new operator had also agreed to provide two bed days per night for the first year.

Supervisor Thomson advised that this was a bad deal for the County and taxpayers. He commented on a concern about the nightly bed cost provided to him from Mr. Eckstrom previously, noting that he had provided a cost between \$85 to \$100 which did not match the bed cost of \$180 being shown in the proposal. He then commented that he also been advised by Mr. Eckstrom that clients would come with resources and that the shelter not an emergency shelter. He noted concerns that the scope of work indicated emergency shelter access and that there was a question as to whether an individual would be held back from the shelter until it was determined whether they had resources already.

Mr. Eckstrom noted that the other jurisdictions were contributing funds but not getting beds. He advised that an emergency shelter was different from a drop-in shelter and provided information on the different levels of services for the shelter.

Supervisor Thomson asked if an average homeless person had to have resources to qualify them for the shelter.

Mr. Eckstrom advised that coordinated entry was used when someone first comes to the shelter to determine where the individual needed to be placed. He then provided information on the tier levels of support.

In response to a question from Supervisor Thomson concerning who paid for the homeless individual's shelter costs, Mr. Eckstrom noted that some cities were applying for federal funding and that there was a mix of funding being worked with. He noted that roughly 95% of funding was typically federally funded and advised that county and cities had to apply for this funding through the continuum of care process.

Supervisor Thomson noted that Mission Solano had not accepted government funding which was one of the reasons it failed.

In response to a question from Supervisor Thomson, Mr. Eckstrom advised that approximately 20% of the Shelter Solano, Inc.'s revenue would be from fundraising and noted that it was working to secure foundation funding for startup costs. He noted that Shelter Solano received about 10% of its revenue from mental health funding.

Supervisor Thomson advised that \$180 a night for one bed was too much.

Chairwoman Hannigan noted that there were two different funding items before the Board for Shelter Solano. She commented that many city councils and the county have been agonizing over the homeless issue and have been relying on shelters from religious organizations to help. She noted that federal and local funding was playing into the new model coming forward and that the concern was the number of bed nights being proposed.

In response to a question from Chairwoman Hannigan, Mr. Eckstrom advised that the capacity of the shelter was 160 but that it was authorized to hold 208.

County Administrator Birgitta Corsello provided information on the startup funding, noting that it was cash and that the other \$700,000 was a lien from the prior operator. She then provided information on the agreements noting that it was a modest ask of one bed initially to ensure that the shelter was successful. She noted that research had found that successful shelters had more governmental funding. She then provided information on the past model for the shelter and the need to come up with a structure in which to assist individuals into getting in a sustainable opportunity.

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

A) Amber Robitaille, Vacaville, commented on the item, on the cost of the agreements, noted a need for the shelter to look at how to help those homeless with pets and for there to be reporting requirements on the use of the funds for the shelter.

B) Gaylene Robitaille, Vacaville, commented in support of Shelter Solano, on the cost of the agreements, the need for strict oversight of the shelter and for communication of the needs of the shelter at community forums.

C) George Guynn, Jr., Suisun City, commented on past remarks made concerning Mission Solano, tax money use, non-profit use of funding and in opposition to the item.

D) Maria Guevara, Vallejo, commented in support of additional beds for Solano County, looking at other options, noted that no one was calling her back when calling the shelter and on the need to take a more stringent look at the needs of the community.

Chairwoman Hannigan commented on the need for multiple plans to address homelessness.

Mr. Eckstrom noted that Shelter Solano had not yet taken over the operation of the Bridge to Life Center and therefore was not the current operator.

E) Brenda Crawford, Vallejo, commented that the number of beds was out of balance with the needs of Solano County, on her experience working with Shelter Inc. in Contra Costa County, and in opposition to using out of county providers.

Supervisor Spering commented that the County had made several loans to Mission Solano in the past that were never met and noted that Mission Solano failed because of its unwillingness to change. He advised that he was supportive of two beds as all the other beds were being provided to residents of Solano County. He commented on the good track record and well-handled financial records of Shelter Inc. and noted that this was an important opportunity to have a strong relationship between the County and its seven cities. Lastly, he noted that the \$700,000 was from prior Board actions and advised that he was supportive of moving forward on this matter.

Chairwoman Hannigan commented on the need for a solid solution for the issue. She then asked about oversight of the shelter.

Mr. Eckstrom provided an overview of the oversight of the shelter, noting that Sheldon Oil was the property owner and that many things had to be adapted to conform to requirements on the property owner. He advised that there was oversight on every contract that Shelter Inc. had in both a financial perspective as well as programmatic perspective.

Supervisor Vasquez commented on the need to look at the concerns being expressed and on the need to move forward in partnership with the cities.

Supervisor Thomson commented on partnerships between the County and cities and the need for the political will to move things forward successfully. He then made a motion to amend the contract to include 3 beds for the entire 10 years. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion.

In response to a question from Supervisor Spering, Mr. Eckstrom advised that he could do the calculations to look at whether 3 beds would be workable.

In response to a question from Supervisor Vasquez, Mr. Eckstrom advised that he would need to look at several things, including the cost of respite beds which were \$130 a night. He noted that Shelter Inc. had participated in a number of presentations and forums within the county. He noted that there was no cash for the ten years and that the \$270,000 startup would be expended by June 30th and that the three beds should be tied to that funding.

In response to a question from Supervisor Spering, Ms. Vaughn advised that providing 3 beds for 10 years would generate a difference of \$660,000 that Shelter Solano would need to come up with.

Ms. Corsello advised that the \$700,000 was a prior lien and was not cash being provided. She provided information on the past operator's lien and loan from the County, noting that the discussion was now about getting value as opposed to getting a revenue stream. She advised that it was important to not put a financial burden on a new operator and that it was not fair to negotiate the number of beds at the dais. She asked that the Board return this to staff and let them work the numbers first.

Mr. Eckstrom noted that Shelter Inc. had already invested \$100,000 out of pocket to keep Mission Solano alive, which did not count the time its staff had participated in meetings with cities and the community.

Supervisor Spering made a substitute motion to amend his prior motion to include 2 beds instead of one. He then commented on the importance of moving forward.

Supervisor Thomson advised that there needed to be more fine tuning before he could support the recommendations. He noted that there were too many questions around the number of beds, the rates, who was going to be allowed, whether it was for drop-in service emergency sheltering, etc. He noted that he was willing to talk to Mr. Eckstrom outside of the chamber about this but would be voting no at this time.

Supervisor Vasquez clarified that Supervisor Thomson was asking for 3 beds for 10 years and that Supervisor Spering was asking for 2 beds for 10 years and 2 beds for one year. He noted that the conflict was how many beds for 10 years and asked if the actions could be bifurcated.

County Counsel Dennis Bunting advised that the item could be tabled so that staff and the vendor could discuss this and then bring it back.

Ms. Corsello suggested splitting the item in order to move forward on the issue of the matching funds as the County had issued a challenge to the cities to contribute initial funding.

Chair Hannigan advised that the Board could vote on agreement for \$270,000 first and allow time for Mr. Eckstrom and staff to come back regarding the number of beds and the other questions from the Board members.

Mr. Eckstrom advised that there was the issue of the loan and the startup funding.

Chair Hannigan advised that the agenda item dealt with just the startup funding.

Supervisor Vasquez commented that there needed to be a clear message on the County's commitment when speaking with the cities.

Mr. Eckstrom asked if the Board was agreeing to the 2 beds for the one year under the \$270,000 agreement.

Supervisor Thomson commented in support of \$270,000 for startup, which was 0.02 percent of the annual budget.

Supervisor Vasquez clarified that the motion was to support the 2 beds for one year for \$270,000.

In response to comments from Mr. Eckstrom, Supervisor Thomson advised that he was not ready to agree to 3 beds before talking to Mr. Eckstrom and seeing the numbers.

Supervisor Vasquez advised that the Board would be sending back the request for 3 beds to Mr. Eckstrom and staff to look at those numbers.

Supervisor Spering asked what the downside would be to delay to look at the option of 3 beds.

Ms. Vaughn advised that the downside was the timing and potential delay of when Shelter Solano would take over.

Supervisor Spering noted that the debt was still there no matter what and asked if this issue could be brought back in the next one or two meetings.

Deputy County Counsel Bernadette Curry advised that the original debt was with Mission Solano and that Shelter Inc. did not want to take on that debt. She provided information on the negotiations with Shelter Inc. and the history of the current lien on the property. She advised that Shelter Inc. had accepted an obligation that they did not create and advised that the County would still maintain the deed of trust against improvements.

Chair Hannigan noted that there would be more opportunities to secure additional beds in the future.

Supervisor Thomson noted that the Debt Advisory Committee had advised against making the original loan to Mission Solano and that something needed to be worked out by the next meeting. He noted that he needed to go over the issues with Mr. Eckstrom.

Supervisor Spering made a motion to continue the rest of the item to the next Board meeting.

Ms. Curry commented on the importance of ensuring protection of the County's interest with regards to the deed of trust. She noted that there was a need to clarify whether time was of the essence on the rest of this item. She suggested taking a break to look at this.

Chairwoman Hannigan asked if Mr. Eckstrom can stay and look at this and then come back at 2 PM.

Mr. Eckstrom advised that he could come back and noted that Mission Solano had run out of money and would have to close until Shelter Inc. could open the doors again.

Mr. Bunting advised that the Board did not meet again until February 5th.

Chairwoman Hannigan noted that there was a 2 PM item already and it was the concurrence of the Board that the remainder of the item concerning the contribution agreement come back to be discussed at 1:45 PM.

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board approved a Start-up Match Funding Agreement with Shelter Solano, Inc. for up to \$270,000, beginning February 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020, to provide housing and other services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness; Authorized the County Administrative Officer to execute the Start-up Match Funding Agreement; Delegated authority to the County Administrator to execute any amendments to this agreement necessary to effect the intent of this item; and Approved an Appropriations Transfer Request for \$270,000 to transfer revenue from the Mental Health Reserve. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

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19-72

Approve an agreement with Shelter Solano, Inc., upon concurrence of County Counsel, for up to \$700,000 to provide temporary housing, shelter and related services for persons with persistent mental illness for the period of February 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019; Approve an Appropriations Transfer Request in the amount of \$700,000 with \$200,000 in revenue from the Homeless Mentally Ill Offender Treatment State grant and \$500,000 in revenue from the Mental Health Services Act restricted reserve; and Authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement and any subsequent amendments that are within budgeted appropriations (4/5 vote required)

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

Director of Health and Social Services Gerald Huber introduced the item.

Deputy Director of Health and Social Services - Behavioral Health Sandra Sinz provided an overview of the item.

Supervisor Vasquez commented on the services that the funding provided.

Supervisor Thomson commented on mental health dollars available to eligible homeless individuals.

Chief Executive Officer of Shelter Solano John Eckstrom advised that Mission Solano didn't have money coming in and only had enough funds to get through January. He noted that Shelter Inc. was poised to hire the employees of Mission Solano that were currently working there on February 1st.

Mr. Huber noted that the County did not have a contract yet in place with Shelter Solano.

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

A) Gaylene Robitaille, Vacaville, commented on levels of mental illness that would be accepted at the shelter, whether there would be a qualified trained mental health person on site to assist, and whether there would be security on the site.

B) Demetra Stall-Nash, Vallejo, commented on the need for a place for the homeless to go and on a lack of communication between the community and the shelter.

Ms. Sinz noted that the contract would serve clients that were currently at the shelter and those that were coming into the shelter. She advised that those coming in would be assessed to identify other resources that could help them in addition to shelter.

Mr. Eckstrom noted that the state defined an emergency shelter as a place people could live for up to 6 months. He then commented on the success record of Shelter Inc. and its experience assisting the homeless. He advised that the plan for Shelter Solano included security on site, that it would be a closed campus and that staff would be trained in security procedures. He then noted that discussions had already taken place with Fairfield Police Department as well.

Supervisor Vasquez made a motion to approve the agreement. Supervisor Brown seconded the motion.

In response to questions from Supervisor Thomson regarding the scope of work, Mr. Eckstrom advised that individuals referred into the shelter could stay up to 6 months. Ms. Sinz noted that staff met weekly with treatment to review cases where someone needed a higher level of care. She then provided information on the challenge of finding someone after a referral had been made for them. She noted that a timely response to the referral was needed in the contract in case there was a need for a quick response. Mr. Eckstrom noted that Shelter Inc. did review referrals for appropriateness and provided an example of a recent referral that had not been appropriate. Lastly, Ms. Sinz advised that the bed rate for this contract was approximately \$86.

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Supervisor Brown, the Board approved an agreement with Shelter Solano, Inc., upon concurrence of County Counsel, for up to \$700,000 to provide temporary housing, shelter and related services for persons with persistent mental illness for the period of February 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019; Approved an Appropriations Transfer Request in the amount of \$700,000 with \$200,000 in revenue from the Homeless Mentally Ill Offender Treatment State grant and \$500,000 in revenue from the Mental Health Services Act restricted reserve; and Authorized the County Administrator to execute the agreement and any subsequent amendments that are within budgeted appropriations. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

26 [19-58](#) Adopt 3 resolutions for participation in the No Place Like Home program to receive the noncompetitive allocation of \$1,711,136 and apply for one competitive grant in collaboration with MidPen Housing developer for up to \$3,400,000, for a total project application of up to \$5.1 million to acquire, design, construct, rehabilitate, or preserve permanent supportive housing for persons who are experiencing homelessness, chronic or risk of chronic homelessness, or who are in need of mental health service; and Authorize the County Administrator to sign and execute all necessary documents and certifications associated with the noncompetitive allocation and the competitive grant application

Attachments: [A - Resolution \(Competitive\)](#)
[B - Resolution \(Non-Competitive\)](#)
[C - Resolution \(Non-Competitive\)](#)
[D - NPLH Presentation](#)
[Executed Resolution 2019-21](#)
[Executed Resolution 2019-22](#)
[Executed Resolution 2019-23](#)
[Executed Certificate](#)
[Minute Order](#)

Supervisor Brown commented that there was no downside to this item.

On motion of Supervisor Brown, seconded by Supervisor Spering, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2019-21 through Resolution 2019-23 for participation in the No Place Like Home program to receive the noncompetitive allocation of \$1,711,136 and apply for one competitive grant in collaboration with MidPen Housing developer for up to \$3,400,000, for a total project application of up to \$5.1 million to acquire, design, construct, rehabilitate, or preserve permanent supportive housing for persons who are experiencing homelessness, chronic or risk of chronic homelessness, or who are in need of mental health service; and Authorized the County Administrator to sign and execute all necessary documents and certifications associated with the noncompetitive allocation and the competitive grant application So ordered by 5-0 vote. (see Resolution Book)

Supervisor Thomson clarified that the reason that MidPen was being recommended was because it was further along and that the two Eden programs would be coming in the future.

Adopted

Enactment No: Resolution 2019-21 through Resolution 2019-23

27 [19-64](#) Receive an update on the Napa Solano Area Agency on Aging; Approve the Area Agency on Aging Oversight Board requested changes to the Oversight Board bylaws; Authorize the County Administrative Officer to execute contract amendments with current providers to distribute remaining Area Agency on Aging funds through June 30, 2019; and Approve 2 Appropriations Transfer Requests, one for \$83,579 of unanticipated Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education services federal revenue, and the other for \$132,549 to reclassify appropriations and transfer revenue to the Area Agency on Aging from the Mental Health Reserve (4/5 vote required)

Attachments: [A - Oversight Board Bylaws \(Redlined\)](#)
[B - Oversight Board Bylaws \(Final\)](#)
[Minute Order](#)

Health Services Administrator for Older and Disabled Adult Services Joyce Goodwin introduced Elaine Clark as the Project Manager for the Area Agency on Aging.

Public Health Officer Dr. Matyas provided an overview of the item.

In response to a question from Supervisor Vasquez, Dr. Matyas noted that the bylaws for the oversight board would ultimately have to be approved by the Napa and Solano County Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Brown noted that the 30 day review was to give the public a chance to weigh in on the bylaws.

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

A) Brenda Crawford, Vallejo, commented on concerns about a lack of diversity in the oversight board, the drop-in center in the Marina Towers Senior Housing Project, distribution of funds to providers without oversight from the public and a need for a phone number to be listed on the website.

In response to a question from Chairwoman Hannigan, Dr. Matyas noted that the oversight board meetings are noticed per the Brown Act and open to the public. He then provided information on the funding process for vendors during and after the emergency period. He noted that the drop-in center in Vallejo received funds through foundation funding that were not available. He advised that staff was hopeful that a drop-in service would be included in future service contracts and noted that the website did have a phone number.

B) Pastor Dawn Roginski, Vallejo, commented on the need to look at term limits and diversity for board members, more outreach to communities of color, and asked that it be a more open process when the non-emergency funding period took place.

Dr. Matyas noted that it would be an open and competitive process, that there were term limits in the bylaws and that there was a need for more outreach into communities of color to identify members for the oversight board and advisory council. He advised that race and ethnicity diversity was a requirement for the advisory council.

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Supervisor Brown, the Board received an update on the Napa Solano Area Agency on Aging; Approved the Area Agency on Aging Oversight Board requested changes to the Oversight Board bylaws; Authorized the County Administrative Officer to execute contract amendments with current providers to distribute remaining Area Agency on Aging funds through June 30, 2019; and Approved 2 Appropriations Transfer Requests, one for \$83,579 of unanticipated Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education services federal revenue, and the other for \$132,549 to reclassify appropriations and transfer revenue to the Area Agency on Aging from the Mental Health Reserve. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

In response to comments from Supervisor Vasquez concerning Senior Coalition appointments, Ms. Corsello confirmed that the role of the Senior Coalition was being looked at to see where the coalition would better fit in with the Area Agency on Aging.

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Supervisor Brown, the Board received an update on the Napa Solano Area Agency on Aging; Approved the Area Agency on Aging Oversight Board requested changes to the Oversight Board bylaws; Authorized the County Administrative Officer to execute contract amendments with current providers to distribute remaining Area Agency on Aging funds through June 30, 2019; and Approved 2 Appropriations Transfer Requests, one for \$83,579 of unanticipated Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education services federal revenue, and the other for \$132,549 to reclassify appropriations and transfer revenue to the Area Agency on Aging from the Mental Health Reserve. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

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19-50

Receive a presentation from the staff of the Department of Health and Social Services on behalf of the Mental Health Advisory Board; Consider implementation of Assisted Outpatient Treatment, commonly known as "Laura's Law," in Solano County; and Adopt a resolution authorizing implementation of Assisted Outpatient Treatment and certifying a commitment that no voluntary mental health services for adults, and no children's mental health program, will be reduced as a result

Attachments:

[A - Resolution](#)

[B - Laura's Law Regulations](#)

[C - DHCS Laura's Law Report](#)

[Presentation](#)

[Executed Resolution](#)

[Minute Order](#)

Director of Health and Social Services Gerald Huber introduced the item.

Deputy Director of Health and Social Services - Behavioral Health Sandra Sinz provided an overview of the item.

In response to questions from Chairwoman Hannigan and Supervisor Vasquez, Ms. Sinz noted that a 72 hour hold and subsequent hold time was per admission, meaning that if a person was discharged then they would have to start over again. She noted that an attending in-patient psychologist could sign a petition for conservatorship to begin that process. She advised that not all 5150 cases were reported but that there were hundreds that were reported.

In response to a question from Chairwoman Hannigan, Ms. Sinz noted that the cost for a public defender for an individual under Assisted Outpatient Treatment would come out of the General Fund. County Counsel Dennis Bunting noted that the person must be supplied with a Public Defender and the cost really depended on that individual's resources.

Mr. Huber recommended that the Board approve a pilot implementation of the program to ensure that there was enough time for evaluation to take place.

Supervisor Brown thanked NAMI, the Chair of the Mental Health Advisory Board and in support of the item.

In response to comments from Supervisor Vasquez, Mr. Huber noted that the concept was not new and that this was bringing the concept to judges and families. He advised that it would be vetted in the current context of the department's program.

In response to questions from Supervisor Vasquez, Ms. Sinz noted that the concept was brought forward as a result of stakeholders' timing and at the urging of Supervisor Brown. She noted that no one from the courts or law enforcement was present.

Supervisor Vasquez advised that he would have rather seen this come forward at budget hearings so that other partners had a chance to analyze this.

Mental Health Manager - Adult Specialty Services Dr. Kate Grammy commented on the program, noting that it would help prevent some individuals from being conserved and would hopefully reduce what could be a traumatizing setting for some individuals.

In response to a question from Supervisor Vasquez, Ms. Sinz noted that a statewide report of what other counties were doing was in the agenda item and that she could send it to him. She noted that pushback on civil rights had made it difficult for counties to implement the program.

Chairwoman Hannigan commented that it was likely a misunderstanding of the law, that it had a narrow aspect and was not a magic pill to solve all the issues.

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

A) Juanita Pena, NAMI Solano County, commented in support of implementing Laura's Law.

Chairwoman Hannigan advised that the question was whether Laura's Law would help families who are managing a loved one's mental health need and noted that it did not create more beds or psychiatrists.

Ms. Sinz noted that an LPS conserved individual may not need LPS if Laura's Law were in place.

B) Hazel Bright, Benicia, commented in support of implementing Laura's Law.

C) Leslie Mora, Vacaville, commented in support of implementing Laura's Law.

D) Brenda Crawford, Vallejo, commented in support of implementing Laura's Law.

E) Linda Privatte, Vacaville, commented in support of implementing Laura's Law and advised that it would not help in her brother's case.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to approve the recommendation of a pilot implementation for the next two years in order to have Laura's Law in Solano County. Supervisor Thomson seconded the motion.

Supervisor Vasquez made a substitute motion to bring the item back at budget hearings so that departments that had been involved could tell the Board how it would work for them and what impacts it would have on the departments. Supervisor Spering seconded the motion.

Supervisor Brown commented that there had been unanimous commitment from the Public Defender, Health and Social Services, the Sheriff, and the courts when they had met previously and asked what the date would be.

Supervisor Vasquez advised that it would be during the June budget hearings.

Supervisor Brown commented that the costs could be handled by the department now.

Supervisor Vasquez noted that it was unknown as to the impacts on the courts, sheriff or other departments. He noted that the other departments and the courts were not present to give their input.

F) Heather Venizio, Chair of the Mental Health Advisory Board, commented in support of implementing Laura's Law as soon as possible.

Supervisor Thomson commented that this was one of those issues that could be absorbed by the department's budget now. He recommended approving the item and then revisiting it at budget hearings.

Supervisor Vasquez asked for clarification on the direction from Supervisor Thomson.

Supervisor Thomson recommended that the Board approve the recommendation and have the departments be ready to talk about it at budget hearings.

In response to a question from Chairwoman Hannigan, Ms. Sinz advised that it would take approximately four weeks to get everything ready.

Mr. Huber advised that the department could bring the program back at the Midyear Budget report to evaluate aspects of the budget and asked that the Board approve the concept of moving forward with Laura's Law.

Supervisor Vasquez removed his substitute motion.

Chairwoman Hannigan commented that she was willing to look at it for 2 years and hoped that it worked for those that need it.

On motion of Supervisor Brown, seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board approved a 2 year pilot project implementation for Assisted Outpatient Treatment, commonly known as "Laura's Law," in Solano County, with the direction that discussion be placed on the agenda for the upcoming budget hearings to discuss impacts on program partners; and Adopted Resolution No. 2019-24 authorizing implementation of Assisted Outpatient Treatment and certifying a commitment that no voluntary mental health services for adults, and no children's mental health program, will be reduced as a result. So ordered by 5-0 vote. (see Resolution Book)

Adopted

Enactment No: Resolution 2019-24

RECESS

This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors recessed at 1:31 P.M. and reconvened at 1:50 P.M. All members were present and Chairwoman Hannigan presided.

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18-891

Consider approval of 2 initial agreements with Shelter Solano, Inc.: a Contribution Agreement to provide housing and other services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness for a period of 10 years, and a Start-up Match Funding Agreement for up to \$270,000, beginning February 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020, to provide housing and other services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness; Authorize the County Administrative Officer to execute the Contribution and Start-up Match Funding Agreements and delegate authority to the County Administrator to execute any amendments to these agreements necessary to effect the intent of this item; and Approve an Appropriations Transfer Request for \$270,000 to transfer revenue from the Mental Health Reserve (4/5 vote required) (Continued from the December 11, 2018 meeting)

Attachments:

[A - Minute Order](#)
[B - Contribution Agreement](#)
[C - Start Up Match Funding Agreement](#)
[Executed Agreement 1](#)
[Executed Agreement 2](#)
[Minute Order](#)

(Continuation of item to discuss the contribution agreement)

In response to a question from Chairwoman Hannigan, County Counsel Dennis Bunting advised that the item for discussion was a contract and just needed a majority vote to pass.

In response to a question from Supervisor Spering, Supervisor Thomson advised that he could not locate Mr. Eckstrom and was not able to meet with him during the recess.

Supervisor Spering, Mr. Eckstrom commented on determining the costs of the contract and noted that Shelter Inc. didn't want to assume any obligations for the prior loan. He advised that the negotiations were for 1 bed and not 2.

Supervisor Spering commented on the options the Board faced and advised that the burden placed on this property killed any future projects and would result in the future need to forgive the loan. He advised that the burden should not be placed on Shelter Solano and noted that this is an opportunity not to be squandered.

Supervisor Thomson commented in opposition to the contract due to what he felt was a lack of good faith on the part of Mr. Eckstrom not being willing to meet with him during the break.

On motion of Supervisor Spering, seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board approved a Contribution Agreement to provide housing and other services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness for a period of 10 years; Authorized the County Administrative Officer to execute the Contribution Agreement; and Delegated authority to the County Administrator to execute any amendments to this agreement necessary to effect the intent of this item. Supervisor Brown and Supervisor Thomson voted no. So ordered by 3-2 vote.

2:00 P.M.

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19-84

Conduct a noticed Public Hearing to consider Zone Text Amendment No. ZT-17-02 of Rowland Family Properties; Adopt an ordinance proposing to amend Chapter 28 of the Solano County Code relating to museum and library by allowing such uses on all properties located in the ATC-NC zoning district located south of the intersection of Abernathy and Suisun Parkway, north of the City of Fairfield, APN's: 0027-510-170, 180, 140, 240, 270, 310 and 340; and Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project

Attachments:

[A - ATC-NC Map](#)
[B - Ordinance](#)
[C - Agriculture Tourist Center](#)
[D - LU-8 Desired Uses in Suisun Valley](#)
[E - Table 28-23A Suisun Valley Ag Districts](#)
[F - 28-73.30 Public Assembly Uses](#)
[G - ZT 17-02 U-17-06 PC Resolution](#)
[H - Planning Commission Staff Report](#)
[I - December 20, 2018 PC Minutes \(draft\)](#)
[J - ZT-17-02 Initial Study Negative Declaration](#)
[K - Agriculture Advisory Committee Letter](#)
[L - AAC minutes Dec 12 2018](#)
[M - Notice of Public Hearing](#)
[Executed Ordinance](#)
[Presentation](#)
[Minute Order](#)

Director of Resource Management Bill Emlen introduced the item.

Planning Program Manager Mike Yankovich provided an overview of Zone Text Amendment No. ZT-17-02 of Rowland Family Properties.

Mr. Emlen noted correspondence from the Agricultural Advisory Committee. He advised that he and Mr. Yankovich had had a subsequent discussion with the committee that was positive.

In response to a question from Supervisor Thomson, Mr. Yankovich provided information on Zone Text Amendments and why they were used.

County Counsel Dennis Bunting advised that a Zone Text Amendment was used for the pet crematorium near Travis Air Force Base.

In response to comments from Supervisor Brown, Mr. Yankovich advised that the applicant was looking at possibly moving the armory museum to the Nut Tree in Vacaville in the future. He advised that future use of the property beyond the museum use would have to be looked at by City of Fairfield. He advised that staff was trying to work with the applicant to bring them up to compliance. Mr. Emlen noted that the applicant has been cooperative in working with staff.

On motion of Chairwoman Hannigan, seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board approved reading the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 28 of the Solano County Code relating to museums and libraries, and providing for such uses in the ATC-NC zoning district (ZT-17-02) by title only and waived further reading by a majority vote. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

Jeff Litman, American Armory General Manager, provided information on the proposed use of the property for the armory museum.

Chairwoman Hannigan commented on the proposed fundraiser, noting that it would include live vehicle demonstrations and host 600 people. She asked whether a car license qualified an individual to drive a tank.

Mr. Litman noted that the museum had a safety regimen in place for this and that the event would more than likely be held at the Nut Tree to accommodate the event and the number of participants. He advised that the public was separated from the moving vehicles by a security fence and that all drivers had radio communications.

Supervisor Vasquez commented in support of staff looking at these areas where small parcels that weren't agriculturally viable anymore could have different uses. He noted that it was a good example of how defense of the nation protected the ability to farm.

On motion of Supervisor Spering, seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 2019-1803, an ordinance amending Chapter 28 of the Solano County Code relating to museums and libraries, and providing for such uses in the ATC-NC zoning district (ZT-17-02); and Adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project. Supervisor Brown voted no. So ordered by 4-1 vote.

Enactment No: Ordinance 2019-1803

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19-93

Receive a presentation from District 2 on a request to establish an Independent Redistricting Commission as contained in law under California Elections Code Div. 21, Chapter 9 (EC § 23000-23004) amended by SB 1108 (Allen) Local Redistricting Commissions in 2016 and further amended by SB 1018 (Allen) Elections: state and local reapportionment in 2018

Attachments: [A - CA Elections Code - Redistricting](#)
[B - 2011 Redistricting Demographics](#)
[Presentation](#)

District 2 Board Aide Stephen Hallett introduced the item.

Common Cause Attorney Nick Heidorn provided an overview of the item.

Supervisor Vasquez asked if there was anything wrong with the current districts.

Mr. Heidorn advised that there was a better process that could be used.

Chairwoman Hannigan advised that the Assembly redistricting had not been positive for Solano County, noting that the County had three different Assembly Members that didn't represent the same constituency.

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

A) Andrea Slater, Vallejo, commented in support of establishing an Independent Redistricting Commission.

B) Robert McConnell, Vallejo, commented in support of establishing an Independent Redistricting Commission.

Supervisor Spering commented on past redistricting and the open and transparent processes that were involved. He advised that to imply that it was not transparent was incorrect. He then commented that he did not want to give up authority over his district and constituents. He noted that he was hoping that part of the presentation would include how to make what was done in the past stronger. He advised that he liked the advisory aspect of the item, but that he wanted to be involved in what happened in his district and how the lines were drawn. He recommended that the ultimate decision be kept with the Board.

Mr. Heidorn advised that he was coming to the Board as an expert in local redistricting and not on what happened in Solano County. He noted that part of the goal was to ensure that transparency stayed in place.

Supervisor Vasquez commented on past process of redistricting and noted that there was a great deal of transparency in 2001 and 2011. Advised that it was unfair to characterize the process by using examples of what was done by other places.

Mr. Hallett noted that the Board choosing a commission was not allowed by law.

C) Helen Grieco, Field Organizer for Common Cause, commented in support of establishing an Independent Redistricting Commission.

Supervisor Brown commented on the public's involvement working on the redistricting in Vallejo and in support of a hybrid process for an Independent Redistricting Commission.

Supervisor Thomson commented on past redistricting, noting that the redistricting process in 2011 was very transparent. He noted that the best candidate would win despite what the district looked like. He advised that citizens want an independent commission drawing the lines for districts and that they should be obliged.

Chairwoman Hannigan commented on the 2011 redistricting process and advised that she did not see much changing for the boundaries of District 1. She commented in favor of public participation but noted that she was not ready to establish an Independent Redistricting Commission. She noted that she would like to have robust participation throughout the county when the redistricting process happened in two years.

Supervisor Vasquez advised that the July 6, 2011 agenda packet contained all of the outreach conducted for community workshops, as well as the emails and comments from residents, showing that it was a very robust and transparent process.

Supervisor Spering thanked Common Cause for the presentation and reiterated that the last redistricting process was very transparent. He commented on the need to perhaps revisit how engage groups and do the public outreach. He noted that he was not supportive of establishing an Independent Redistricting Commission and that he did not want to relinquish his authority to approve the final plan.

Supervisor Brown noted the importance of having night and weekend meetings for this process. She then commented on the need to ensure that there was public input and to avoid what had happened to former Board member Barbara Kondylis when she had to move because of redistricting.

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 requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Jack Victor Liberati.*
- B. Chairwoman Hannigan requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Philip E. Kukuruza, an active member of the Vallejo community.*
- C. Chairwoman Hannigan requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Ernest A. Aguada, an active member of the Vallejo community.*
- D. Chairwoman Hannigan requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Janelle Kay Stevens an active member of the Vallejo community.*

ADJOURN:

This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors adjourned at 3:04 P.M. in memory of Jack Victor Liberati, Philip E. Kukuruza, Ernest A. Aguada and Janelle Kay Stevens. Next meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors will be February 5, 2019 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

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Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk

