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Meeting Minutes - Draft Board of Supervisors

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Tuesday, September 22, 2020

9:00 AM

Board of Supervisors Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

The Solano County Board of Supervisors met on the 22nd day of September, 2020 in regular session in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers at the Solano County Government Center, 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, California at 9:00 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 Bernadette S. Curry.

ROLL CALL

Erin Hannigan, Monica Brown, James P. Spering, John M. Vasquez and Skip Thomson

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

1 [20-679](#)

Adopt and present a resolution and plaque of appreciation recognizing Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk, for outstanding public service (Supervisor Thomson)

On motion of Supervisor Thomson, seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board adopted and presented Resolution No. 2020-174 recognizing Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk, for outstanding public service. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

Enactment No: Resolution No. 2020-174

2 [20-667](#) Adopt and present a resolution recognizing September 21-25, 2020 as Fall Prevention Week in Solano County (Supervisor Brown)

On motion of Supervisor Brown, seconded by Chairwoman Hannigan, the Board adopted and presented Resolution No. 2020-175 recognizing September 21-25, 2020 as Fall Prevention Week in Solano County. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

Enactment No: Resolution No. 2020-175

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) Tim Flanagan, Director of DoIT/Registrar of Voters, commented on the upcoming election.

B) Terry Schmidtbauer, Interim Director of Resource Management, commented on the County's current COVID-19 regulations.

C) Richard Ropiak commented in opposition to the current COVID-19 regulations.

D) Simone Arnett commented about racial inequality within Solano County.

E) George Guynn commented about the current COVID-19 regulations.

F) Nathan Hansford commented about racial inequality within Solano County.

G) Misty (no last name provided) commented about racial inequality within Solano County.

H) Akbar Bibb commented about racial inequality within Solano County.

I) Richard Livingston Jr. commented about racial inequality within Solano County.

J) Dr. Fuller commented about systemic racism in the community.

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

There were no additions to or deletions from the Solano County Board of Supervisors' agenda for September 22, 2020.

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 September 22, 2020 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 Brown, the Board approved the following Consent Calendar items by 5-0 vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3 [20-664](#) Approve the minutes of the Solano County Board of Supervisors meeting of August 11, August 25 and September 1, 2020
Approved

- 4 [20-683](#) Receive and file the Meeting Attendance Reports from the members of the Board of Supervisors
Received and Filed

- 5 [20-690](#) Review the August 19, 2020 Proclamation of Local Emergency and the August 24, 2020 Proclamation of a Local Health Emergency in response to the LNU Lightning Complex Fire; and Adopt a resolution confirming the need for continuing the Local Emergency and Local Health Emergency Proclamations
Adopted

Enactment No: Resolution No. 2020-176

- 6 [20-673](#) Adopt a resolution setting the property tax rates for the County of Solano, cities, schools and applicable special districts for FY2020/21
Adopted
Enactment No: Resolution No. 2020-177

- 7 [20-674](#) Accept the Annual Audit of the Statement of Assets of the Solano County Treasury as of June 30, 2020
Accepted

- 8 [20-676](#) Receive the Auditor-Controller’s Internal Audit Division’s Review of the Solano County Department of Health and Social Services’ Contract with Child Haven, Inc
Received

- 9 [20-672](#) Declare a VWR Signature Reach-In Incubator, Model 1915 as surplus County personal property; and Authorize a donation of the incubator to the California Department of Public Health, a public agency, for use in its Public Health Microbiologist Training Program
Approved

- 10 [20-627](#) Adopt a resolution recognizing September 20-26, 2020 as National Forensic Science Week in Solano County
Adopted
Enactment No: Resolution No. 2020-178

- 11 [20-686](#) Adopt a resolution approving participation in the federally funded 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program COVID-19 Supplemental for the period of January 27, 2020 through October 26, 2021; Approve an Appropriation Transfer Request (ATR) of \$108,682 to recognize the unanticipated grant revenue and appropriate funds to assist with the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency (4/5 vote required); and Authorize the Sheriff or his designees to accept and administer the program funds, including executing the agreement and any subsequent amendments and modifications which are within budgeted appropriations

Adopted

Enactment No: Resolution No. 2020-179

- 12 [20-668](#) Approve a 3 year agreement with A Better Way, Inc. for a total of \$1,018,149 to provide Parent Partner and Family Navigation Program support services from October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023; and Authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement

Approved

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 13 [20-665](#) Approve the reappointment of Olivia Ruiz to serve on the Solano Commission for Women and Girls, representing District 1, for a term to expire September 21, 2023

Approved

- 14 [20-677](#) Approve the reappointment of Jennifer Hamilton to serve on the Solano Commission for Women and Girls, representing District 4, for a term to expire on October 19, 2023

Approved

- 15 [20-689](#) Approve the appointment of Supervisor Hannigan as the primary member and Supervisor Brown as the alternate member to the California State Association of Counties Board of Directors for the 2020 CSAC Annual Meeting on November 12, 2020

Approved

REGULAR CALENDAR

- 16 [20-463](#) Conduct a noticed/published hearing to consider adoption of the FY2020/21 Recommended Budget
- a. County Administrator's presentation of the FY2020/21 Supplemental Recommended Budget
 - b. Recommendations for consideration and action regarding the FY2020/21 Recommended Budget documents, including technical adjustments proposed at this hearing
 - c. Public Comment of the FY2020/21 Recommended Budget
 - d. Selection of budget units for discussion and Board of Supervisor members' comments
 - e. Board discussion of budget units selected for discussion by functional area
 - f. Continue FY2020/21 Recommended Budget Hearings as needed until conclusion
 - h. Final Public Comment of the FY2020/21 Recommended Budget
 - i. Adopt the Budget and Position Resolutions for FY2020/21 and other recommendations included in the Recommended Budget, Supplemental Budget and technical adjustments from the Board budget hearings

Chairwoman Hannigan opened the public hearing.

Budget Officer Ian Goldberg introduced the item.

In response to a question by Supervisor Vasquez, Mr. Goldberg provided information on revenues. County Administrator Birgitta Corsello also provided information on revenues.

In response to a question by Supervisor Brown, Assistant County Administrator Nancy Huston provided information on sales tax revenues.

In response to a question by Supervisor Vasquez, Ms. Huston and Ms. Corsello provided information on the property tax estimates as a result of fire damage.

In response to a question by Supervisor Brown, Mr. Goldberg provided information on CARES Act funding.

Ms. Corsello provided information on the recommended allocation of positions.

In response to a question by Supervisor Thomson, Ms. Corsello spoke about the policy regarding vacant positions.

In response to questions by Supervisor Spering, Ms. Corsello provided information regarding filling current vacant positions during the COVID-19 pandemic and the current recruitment procedures for Solano County.

Ms. Corsello provided an overview of County Services provided for in the FY2020/21 Budget.

Mr. Goldberg provided an overview of the general reserves, designations and commitments.

In response to a question by Chairwoman Hannigan, James Bezek, Assistant Director of General Services, provided information on the County Detention Facility repair costs.

Ms. Huston provided an overview on CalPERS rates.

Supervisor Vasquez thanked staff for their continued work on the County's pension liabilities.

Chairwoman Hannigan spoke about the COVID-19 pandemic and the current civil unrest in the communities. She requested the creation of a Board Subcommittee on Diversity and Equity to include Supervisor Vasquez and herself. She requested an allocation of \$150 thousand to hire new Equity Officer management position to address social equity.

Supervisor Vasquez stated he would support the creation of the Board subcommittee but would not support the allocation of funds for the position at this time. He further requested that the cities be included in the process.

Supervisor Spering spoke in support of the Board subcommittee but stated at this time he will not support the allocation of funds for the position at this time.

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

A) George Guynn, Jr., commented in opposition to the recommended action.

B) Kim Williams, Human Resources Director, commented in support of the recommended action.

C) Akon Walker commented about racial inequality within Solano County.

In response to questions by Supervisor Spering, Assistant County Administrator Bill Emlen, provided information on funding for the Lakes Water System.

In response to a question by Supervisor Vasquez, Ms. Corsello, provided

information on potential appropriations for the requested Board Committee budget.

Supervisor Vasquez commented that subcommittee operate in conjunction with the local cities and schools and return with recommendations for the Board to vote on before allocating funds for a new position.

In response to a question by Supervisor Vasquez, Ms. Corsello stated the Board could allocate contingency funds for the committee but recommended that the funds come from fund balance.

Chairwoman Hannigan provided an overview of the potential stakeholders that could be involved and the issues that could be addressed by the subcommittee. She advised that the intent of the request was to have someone dedicated to assisting the subcommittee and County with equity and diversity, with support from departments as well.

D) Aaron Crutison, Deputy Director of Child Welfare, spoke about racial inequality in Solano County.

Supervisor Brown made a motion to create a Board subcommittee to look at the equity issue in Solano County and to allocate \$150,000 in funds to support the subcommittee in their endeavors, with a report from the subcommittee due back to the Board by April 2021.

Supervisor Spering requested the motion be bifurcated so that the two matters could be voted on independently.

Supervisor Spering commented in support of creating the subcommittee and advised that he was not in support of allocating funding at this time until after recommendations came back to the Board. He then commented on the importance of looking at other issues that were affecting the minority populations as well, such as schooling.

Supervisor Brown commented that the rationale for funding was to provide resources to the subcommittee to begin working and to hire an outside expert if need be.

Supervisor Thomson commented on racial equity and noted that the subcommittee would need funds as resources to start looking at this matter.

Supervisor Spering advised that the subcommittee should come back with a laid out process for the full Board to review and take action on before the funds are allocated.

Chairwoman Hannigan commented that the subcommittee would report back on recommendations, work plans, goals and priorities to the Board and request Board input.

Supervisor Spering commented that no large sums of funds should be spent

prior to the subcommittee reporting back to the Board.

Chairwoman Hannigan advised that some funds would likely be needed to begin looking at the issues in the form of outside experts to assist the subcommittee.

Supervisor Vasquez commented that he was not in favor of creating a position at this time but was supportive of having the subcommittee coming back with the requests and on earmarking the funds for the requests later. He then commented on the amount of tension in the country and on the need to show leadership regarding the equity issues. He noted that the County Administrator had budget authority for expenses.

Supervisor Spering made a substitute motion to form the subcommittee and to earmark \$150,000 to be spent after the Board received a report back and took action on the requests from the report back. Supervisor Vasquez seconded the motion. The motion failed 3-2 with Supervisors Hannigan, Brown and Thomson voting no.

On motion of Supervisor Brown, seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board approved the creation of a Board subcommittee to look at the equity issue in Solano County. So ordered by 5-0 vote.

On motion of Supervisor Brown, seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board appropriated \$150,000 for the subcommittee with a report back to the Board required. Supervisors Spering and Vasquez voted no. So ordered by 3-2 vote.

Chairwoman Hannigan closed the public hearing.

On motion of Supervisor Thomson, Seconded by Supervisor Brown, the Board:

- 1. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-181 approving the FY2020/21 Supplemental Budget adjustments.**
- 2. Approved Changes in Position Allocation List reflecting allocated positions included in the Supplemental Budget and Adopted Resolution NO. 2020-180 Amending the List of Numbers and Classifications of Positions incorporating the deletions and additions recommended in the FY2020/21 Supplemental Budget to be effective October 4, 2020.**
- 3. Approved the list of Capital Projects in both Accumulated Capital Outlay and Public Works Departments reflected in the Supplemental Budget to be effective October 1, 2020.**
- 4. Approved the list of Fixed Assets included in the Supplemental Budget (See Supplemental Budget narratives) to be effective October 1, 2020.**
- 5. Authorized the Auditor-Controller with the concurrence of the County Administrator, to increase unrestricted Fund Balance to finance the gap between revenues and expenditures for FY2020/21 of any amount and to transfer year-end General Fund Balances to all or some of the following committed/restricted reserves in the following manner:**

- i. Increase the General Fund Contingency up to \$5.0 million;**

ii. Increase the General Fund Committed Fund Balance for Capital Renewal up to \$5.0 million; and

iii. Increase the General Fund Committed Fund Balance for the Employer PERS Rate Increases up to \$5.0 million.

6. Authorized an additional payment to CalPERS up to the amount of \$6,811,584 from the Pension Debt Service Fund's available fund balance to pay down select amortization bases under the County's Miscellaneous and Safety Retirement Plans, as recommended by the Pension Advisory Committee; Approved any necessary appropriation transfer request to complete the CalPERS Additional Discretionary Payment from fund balance in the Pension Debt Service Fund; and Authorized the Auditor-Controller to work with CalPERS to determine the timing of the payment.

7. Authorized the Director of Human Resources, with the concurrence of the County Administrator, to make technical changes to the Position Allocation List.

8. Authorized the Auditor-Controller, with the concurrence of the County Administrator, to make adjustments after the close of the Budget Hearing as needed and where applicable to balance the FY2020/21 Adopted Budget.

9. Authorized the County Administrator to sign all agreements and/or contract amendments resulting from the Board's approval of the FY2020/21 Supplemental Budget adjustment requests.

So ordered by 5-0 vote. (See Resolution Book)

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[20-675](#)

Consider reactivation of the Board Subcommittees for Law and Justice and Health and Social Services & Family Justice

Supervisor Vasquez commented that he had spoken to Supervisor Brown about the Senior Coalition bylaws and suggested that the discussions regarding the Senior Coalition be put under the Health and Social Services and Family Justice subcommittee.

County Counsel Bernadette Curry commented on the suggestion of nominating the Supervisor-Elect to a new committee.

In response to a question from Chairwoman Hannigan, Assistant County Administrator Nancy Huston advised that it made sense to reactive the Law and Justice subcommittee now in order to deal with current issues and legislation.

Ms. Curry advised that once reactivated, the subcommittees would become standing committees subject to the Brown Act.

Ms. Huston noted that there were competing funds for programs with a reduction of realignment dollars for mental health services.

Director of Health and Human Services Gerald Huber provided information on the Health and Social Services and Family Justice subcommittee, noting that there was time capacity concerns and that there were 8-10 advisory committees already functioning in the department that involved significant staffing. He suggested that all of the committees feed into a Health and Services committee and then to the Board. He requested that meetings be held on an as-needed basis.

Supervisor Vasquez noted that the subcommittee would act like an advisory to the Board.

Mr. Huber requested a system of accountability for the different advisory committees.

Supervisor Vasquez commented that he would be supportive of a quarterly meeting schedule.

Ms. Huston suggested waiting to reactive the subcommittee until the annual January Board appointment process to better establish the framework for the subcommittee.

Supervisor Brown asked that Mr. Huber forward her some information on what he had requested of the committee.

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, Seconded by Chairwoman Hannigan, the Board approved the reactivation of the Board subcommittee for Law and Justice, appointing Supervisor Vasquez and Chairwoman Hannigan to the committee. 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 Brown requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of John Kalamaras, an active member of the Vallejo community.

B. Supervisor Brown requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Velma Rockwell, an active member of the Fairfield community.

C. Supervisor Brown requested that the meeting also be adjourned in memory of those that had lost their lives due to COVID-19.

CLOSED SESSION

The Solano County Board of Supervisors adjourned to Closed Session to discuss the following matters with no report out:

18 [20-684](#) Public Employee Performance Evaluation: County Counsel

ADJOURN:

This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors adjourned at 1:04 P.M. in memory of John Kalamaras and Velma Rockwell. Next meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors will be October 6, 2020 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 _____
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk