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Minutes - Final Board of Supervisors

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Tuesday, April 2, 2019

9:00 AM

Board of Supervisors Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

The Solano County Board of Supervisors met on the 2nd day of April 2019 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 Spering, Vasquez, Thomson and Chairwoman Hannigan. Supervisor Brown was excused. Also present were Assistant County Administrator Nancy Huston and County Counsel Dennis Bunting.

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 [19-258](#) Receive a presentation from the Department of General Services on the selection of Michelle Offermann for the "Employee of the Month" Parking Program for April 2019

Attachments: [Minute Order](#)

Received

- 2 [19-214](#) Adopt and present a resolution recognizing April 7-13, 2019 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Solano County (Supervisor Vasquez)

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

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Supervisor Sperring, the Board adopted and presented Resolution No. 2019-56 recognizing April 7-13, 2019 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Solano County. So ordered by 4-0 vote. (See Resolution Book)

Enactment No: Resolution 2019-56

- 3 [19-256](#) Adopt and present a resolution proclaiming April 2019 as "Children's Month" to support celebrations that raise awareness of critical children's issues and commemorate observances for children (Chairwoman Hannigan)

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

On motion of Chairwoman Hannigan, seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board adopted and presented Resolution No. 2019-57 proclaiming April 2019 as "Children's Month" to support celebrations that raise awareness of critical children's issues and commemorate observances for children. So ordered by 4-0 vote. (See Resolution Book)

Enactment No: Resolution 2019-57

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) Donald Tipton, unincorporated Vallejo, commented on property tax administration fees.

B) George Guynn, Jr., Suisun City, commented on remarks by Supervisor Sperring at the last meeting and the MTC/ABAG CASA compact.

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

Supervisor Thomson requested that Item 4 be moved to the Regular Calendar for discussion.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Supervisor Vasquez, seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board approved the agenda of the Solano County Board of Supervisors for April 2, 2019 as submitted. So ordered by 4-0 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 Thomson, seconded by Chairwoman Hannigan, the Board approved the following Consent Calendar items by 4-0 vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 5 [19-212](#) Ratify a purchase order with Marathon TS Inc. for \$91,111.96, which includes an increase of \$18,311.96, to allow for final payment for project management services provided to the County for the Solano County Integrated Property System (SCIPS) replacement project
- Attachments: [Minute Order](#)
- Approved**
- 6 [19-217](#) Adopt a resolution and plaque of appreciation honoring Guadalupe Rodriguez, Eligibility Benefits Specialists III, upon her retirement from the Department of Health & Social Services, Employment & Eligibility Services Division (E&ES) with over 22 years of dedicated service to Solano County
- Attachments: [A - Resolution](#)
 [Adopted Resolution](#)
 [Minute Order](#)
- Adopted**
- Enactment No: Resolution 2019-58**
- 7 [19-253](#) Approve a first contract amendment with Medical Hill Rehabilitation Center, LLC. for \$34,400, for a total contract amount of \$160,400, to provide additional sub-acute inpatient residential psychiatric medical services from the current contract period through June 30, 2019; and Authorize the County Administrator to execute the amendment and any subsequent amendments that remain within budgeted appropriations
- Attachments: [A - Amendment](#)
 [B - Link to Original Contract](#)
 [Executed Contract](#)
 [Minute Order](#)
- Approved**

- 8 [19-254](#) Approve a 4 year contract with the Regents of the University of California, University of California, Davis for \$122,812 to provide infrastructure development for a statewide early psychosis learning health care network beginning January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2023; and Authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract and any subsequent amendments that remain within budgeted appropriations

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

Approved

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 9 [19-248](#) Approve the reappointment of Richard K. Dana and Jean Rubier to the Rio Vista-Montezuma Cemetery District Board of Trustees, representing District 5, for a term to expire on January 2, 2023

Attachments: [Minute Order](#)

Approved

- 10 [19-249](#) Approve the reappointment of H. Lee Tedder to the Vacaville-Elmira Cemetery District Board of Trustees, representing District 5, for a term to expire on January 2, 2023

Attachments: [Minute Order](#)

Approved

- 11 [19-250](#) Approve the reappointment of Russell Bruno to the Vacaville Fire Protection District, representing District 5, for a term to expire on July 1, 2022

Attachments: [Minute Order](#)

Approved

- 12 [19-264](#) Approve the appointments of Debbie Vaughn, Principal Management Analyst, County Administrator's Office as the primary and Emery Cowan, Mental Health Services Administrator, Health and Social Services as the alternate, to the Community Action Partnership of Solano (CAP Solano) Joint Powers Authority, to complete the 2 year terms expiring on June 30, 2019; and Approve the appointment of Emery Cowan as the Solano County representative to the Housing First Solano Continuum of Care

Attachments: [Minute Order](#)

Approved

- 13 [19-257](#) Approve the appointment of Sabrina Drake to the Solano County Child Care Planning Council for a four year term to expire on April 2, 2023

Attachments: [A - Membership Roster](#)
 [Minute Order](#)

Approved

REGULAR CALENDAR

- 4 [19-268](#) Affirm the County's Personal Relationships Policy set forth in Civil Service Rule 7.13, Personal Relationships; and Amend the Personnel and Salary Resolution to include as Section 2.4, Personal Relationships

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

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 the need for noticing requirements for all individuals.

Supervisor Thomson commented in support of the policy and commented on section 6E.

Director of Human Resources Marc Fox advised that the policy language was from the Civil Service Rules adopted in 1994.

Supervisor Thomson commented that the policy was premature and could negatively impact departments. He suggested holding the item to let departments make the transition.

Mr. Fox noted that Civil Service rules had been applied to all employees since 1994 and that the Personal Relationships Policy had consistently been applied to all employees, including those that were not under the Civil Service rules.

Supervisor Thomson advised that a delay would be helpful to allow the County Administrator and department heads time to resolve current issues.

County Counsel Dennis Bunting provided information on one current issue concerning the hiring of an individual that was working for the County as a contract employee for his daughter. He advised that the agenda item would remove ambiguity as to the policy as it pertained to contract employees.

Supervisor Thomson commented on the need to think about potential impacts to departments and citizens and advised that the item should be held over for a month to allow for the departments and the County Administrator's Office to work out a transition plan.

Supervisor Vasquez asked whether the policy prevented the department head from contracting with the individual.

Mr. Fox advised that it would prevent this and noted that it applied to department heads or assistant department heads or deputies. He noted that the intent of the agenda item was to remove the ambiguity that the policy wouldn't apply in situations where the employee was not under Civil Service rules.

Mr. Bunting advised that the contracted individual in question had about 8 hours of work remaining on the contract and would be entitled to complete that service; however, the policy would not allow for the contract to be renewed in the future.

Supervisor Thomson asked what happened if an individual could not be found with the needed skillset.

Assistant County Administrator Nancy Huston advised that there were other resources available in the department for the department head to utilize for those type of situations.

In response to a question from Supervisor Vasquez, Mr. Fox provided information on the approval process for the contract employee and noted that no one had recognized that there was a family relationship between the individual and the department head. He noted that the relationship was recognized when the request for renewal of the contract was made. He then advised that the contract had been signed by the County Counsel, Human Resources, and the District Attorney's Office. He then noted that the contract was not required to be signed by the County Administrator as it was under the monetary threshold that would require the signature.

Mr. Bunting advised that the reviewers were not told about the family relationship.

Ms. Huston advised that the threshold for the County Administrator's signature was \$7,500 or more and that the contract for the contracted employee was approximately \$7,400. She then noted that the relationship was discovered by one of the analysts in the County Administrator's Office when the contract renewal request came forward and advised that the County Administrator's Office did not agree to extend the contract to \$15,000. She then stated that there were other resources within the department to redeploy an individual to work on the specific legislation and that there were other contract employees that were not in a relationship with a department head.

In response to a question from Supervisor Vasquez, Mr. Bunting advised that department heads, including elected officials, had honored the rule and had not entered into contracts with family members in the past. He noted that this was the first time this issue had come up where the policy had been challenged.

On motion of Supervisor Spering, seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board affirmed the County's Personal Relationships Policy set forth in Civil Service Rule 7.13, Personal Relationships; and Adopted Resolution No. 2019-59 amending the Personnel and Salary Resolution to include as Section 2.4, Personal Relationships. Supervisor Thomson voted no. So ordered by 3-1 vote. (See Resolution Book)

Supervisor Vasquez noted that the individuals that had signed off on the contract should have done better at checking the contract before they signed off on it.

Supervisor Spering suggested adding a box to the contract form that indicated that the contracted individual was not a relative.

District Attorney Krishna Abrams commented on the situation and on what she was told had been said about the situation by the County Administrator in Closed Session. She advised that it had become challenging for the department to meet a 60 day deadline to file on petitions to release individuals that had been prosecuted for homicide that were resulting from the new SB 1437. She then advised that every contract went through checks and balances in the County Administrator and County Counsel offices. She noted that there was a lack of staffing and resources to work on the petitions, resulting in the hiring of two experienced homicide prosecutors, one of whom was her father Phil Abrams. She advised that the contracted individuals were exempt from Civil Service rules. Lastly, she advised that there was no intent to go around the personal relationships policy and that it was a matter of finding experienced prosecutors to work on the petitions given the 60 day deadline that the department was faced with.

Supervisor Spering commented that it was not appropriate to make comments about what the County Administrator may have said during Closed Session. He advised that he had been present in the Closed Session meeting and had not heard anyone make the comments that Ms. Abrams had brought up. He noted that there was no need to justify anything and that what had been done was fine. He then noted that he felt it was inappropriate for any elected official to directly hire a family member. He then advised that every department head had workload issues and that the discussion was inappropriate.

Chairwoman Hannigan commented on Supervisor Spering's remarks and noted that the Board meeting was not the venue to argue the issue and that further discussion could take place at budget time or another appropriate place.

Supervisor Vasquez noted that the issue for the department had not been resolved concerning the needed staffing and expertise to resolve the issues. He asked that the District Attorney and the County Administrator work on finding individuals to work on the petitions.

Chairwoman Hannigan advised that a familial relationship was not the way to get the work done and that the issue wasn't a matter of denying that the work needed to be done. She noted that other solutions would have to be explored.

Adopted**Enactment No: Resolution No. 2019-59****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 Vasquez requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Jacob Hourmouzus, of Vacaville, and Jacob Schneider, of Dixon.

B. Supervisor Sperling requested that this meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of John Clinton Peterson, an active member of the Fairfield community.

County Counsel Dennis Bunting commented on the life of Mr. Peterson.

ADJOURN:

This meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors adjourned at 10:16 A.M. in memory of Jacob Hourmouzus, Jacob Schneider and John Clinton Peterson. Next meeting of the Solano County Board of Supervisors will be April 9, 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