

Minutes For February 05, 2002

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SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS" MINUTES

February 5, 2002

The Solano County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on this day at 8:34 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carroll. Present were Supervisors Kromm, Silva, Thomson, and Chairman Carroll. Supervisor Kondylis arrived at 8:36 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION: The Board moved into Closed Session at 8:35 a.m. to discuss Litigation: Solano County vs. Bridget Dempsey. The Board moved out of Closed Session at 8:49 a.m.

The Solano County Board of Supervisors reconvened on this day at 9:00 a.m.

(Item 5) WRIT OF MANDATE TO BE DISMISSED AGAINST BRIDGET DEMPSEY

County Counsel Dennis Bunting noted that by unanimous vote the Board has agreed to dismiss the Writ of Mandate filed by the County of Solano against Bridget Dempsey in exchange for release of all liability. Each side will bear their own attorney fees and costs.

The Board continued the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Veterans Services Director Bill Reardon, and a moment of silence.

(Item 7A) RESOLUTION NO. 2002-020 PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10 THROUGH 17, 2002 AS NATIONAL SALUTE TO HOSPITALIZED VETERANS WEEK AND RECOGNIZING SOLANO COUNTY SCHOOLS THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE VALENTINES FOR VETERANS PROGRAM, ADOPTED

On motion of Supervisor Silva and seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board acted to adopt Resolution No. 2002-020 Proclaiming the Week of February 10 through 17, 2002 as National Salute to

Hospitalized Veterans Week and recognizing Solano County Schools that participate in the Valentines for Veterans Program. So ordered by a vote of 5-0. (see Resolution Book) On behalf of the Board, Chairman Carroll presented Kelli L. Eberle-Germeraad with the resolution.

Ms. Eberle-Germeraad provided the Board with samples of the Valentines that will be distributed along with an informational packet on Veterans medical services.

Ms. Eberle-Germeraad noted approximately 15,000 valentines were made by local students and will be distributed, and

thanked the Board for their years of support for this project.

There was a brief discussion relative to budget problems that could affect the clinics at Travis

AFB and Mare Island.

Mrs. Lore Catania, Director of the Veterans Administration Clinic Fairfield/Mare Island gave

a brief update on the clinics.

(Item 7B) RESOLUTION NO. 2002-021 SUPPORTING THE FAIRFIELD-SUISUN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 5, 2002, ADOPTED

George Guynn, Jr. noted opposition to this bond measure. Mr. Guynn feels the education and

knowledge of the students needs improvement not necessarily the buildings, voiced concern regarding

interest rates, no guarantees there will be State matching funds, with oversight, and numerous problems

with the bond.

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Kromm, the Board acted to adopt

Resolution No. 2002-021 Supporting the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District Bond Election to be

held on March 5, 2002. So ordered by a vote of 5-0. (see Resolution Book)

There were brief remarks regarding the overall benefits of updated, clean school facilities.

On behalf of the Board, Supervisor Thomson presented Resolution No. 2002-021 to John

English, Chairperson of the Yes on Measure C - Friends Fairfield-Suisun Children Committee.

Mr. English noted appreciation for Board support, and discussed the urgent need for better facilities for the children and teachers in this community.

(Item 7C) PROCLAMATION ENDORSING THE THIRD ANNUAL SOLANO BICYCLE CLASSIC MARCH 28 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2002, APPROVED

On motion of Supervisor Kromm and seconded by Chairman Carroll, the Board acted to adopt

a proclamation Endorsing the Third Annual Solano Bicycle Classic March 28 through March 31, 2002.

So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

On behalf of the Board, Supervisor Kromm presented S. Scott Reynolds with the

proclamation, and commented on extensive volunteer participation by the community.

Mr. Reynolds noted the benefits to the community with support of this event, and the critical need for volunteers.

(Item 7D) PROCLAMATION HONORING GAILE SHEA-EVERIDGE FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILD HAVEN AND THE CHILDREN OF SOLANO COUNTY, APPROVED

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Kromm, the Board acted to adopt

a proclamation honoring Gaile Shea-Everidge for her dedicated service to Child Haven and the children

of Solano County. So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

On behalf of the Board, Supervisor Kromm presented Gaile Shea-Everidge with the

proclamation.

Ms. Shea-Everidge thanked the Board for the ongoing support, and introduced her

replacement, Shelly McQuinn.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

APPEARANCE BY DONALD TIPTON RE THE HOMELESS PROBLEM

Donald Tipton, Homeacres Improvement Association, voiced his concerns regarding the delays

in resolving the homeless issue.

APPEARANCE BY GEORGE GUYNN, JR. RE VIRTUES OF LESS GOVERNMENT

George Guynn, Jr., Suisun, spoke on the virtues of less government being better government, and

the need to ensure that politicians need to do what the public wants and not necessarily what the politician

wants.

APPEARANCE BY NORA MARTINEZ RE THE HOMELESS

Nora Martinez, Fairfield, voiced concern regarding the homeless, issues of affordable housing, the need to initiate a homeless tax, the need to address the mentally ill that are homeless, and discrimination issues.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board acted to approve the submitted Agenda, incorporated herein by reference, with the following modifications:

(Item 12.1) AMENDED AGENDA: Approval of a letter of recognition and support of the Chinese American Association of Solano County's (CAASC) 6th Annual Chinese New Year's Celebration to welcome the "Year of the Horse" on Saturday, February 23, 2002 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Ulatis Community Center in Vacaville, added to the Consent Calendar.

(Item 13C) Approval of a master agreement for management/organizational consulting services with Public Resource Consultants, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the period February 5, 2002 through June 30, 2003; authorize the County Administrator to approve specific services amendments in accordance with the terms of the master consulting agreement, removed from the Consent Calendar.

(Item 15) Approval to pay poll workers a \$10 stipend to attend training classes; approval to increase the amount paid for rental of polling place facilities from \$35 to \$50, clarification that the \$10 stipend would apply to County workers that serve on their own time.

(Item 17A) Adoption of a resolution amending the Allocation List to add .75 Social Worker II to provide post adoptive services in Child Protective Services, correction to Agenda to read Social Worker III.

(Item 17B) Approval to extend the Interagency Agreement for an Inter-jurisdictional Exchange of Claudia Burnett, Health and Social Services (H&SS) Administrator, to the State

Department of H&SS Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Branch to continue as Chief of the Nutrition Education and Training Services for an additional limited term appointment of nine months; approval of a resolution amending the Allocation List extending a 1.0 FTE Limited Term H&SS Administrator until September 30, 2002, removed from the Consent Calendar.

(Item 17D) Approval of an agreement with Contra Costa County in the amount of \$497,520 to provide four (4) Community Treatment Facility beds at Seneca Oak Grove Treatment Facility for the period of September 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002, removed from the Consent Calendar.

(Item 18C) Approval to accept a State matching grant in the amount of \$30,510 for taxiway improvements at the Nut Tree Airport; authorize the Airport Manager to sign the grant documents (Federal share of \$160,200 previously approved by the Board of Supervisors), correction to Agenda the Federal Share amount should read \$610,200.

(Item 21) Presentation and consider acceptance of the audit for FY2000/01 conducted by Macias, Gini and Company, L.L.P., CPAs of the County's basic financial statements and required supplementary information, removed from the Agenda.

(Item 22B) Reappointment of Misty Ismail, Leslie Kvasnicka, Shirley Roady and Leslie Weiss to the Animal Care Advisory Committee (ACAC); appointment of Cathy Bullard to the ACAC, correction to the Agenda should read Lisa Weiss.

So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board acted to approve the following Consent Calendar items by a vote of 5-0.

(Item 12) MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2002, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the Clerk of the Board dated February 5, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 12.1) LETTER OF RECOGNITION SUPPORTING THE CHINESE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SOLANO COUNTY'S (CAASC) 6TH ANNUAL CHINESE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the County Administrator's dated February 5, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 13A) RESOLUTION NO. 2002-022 APPROVING THE APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL, adopted. (see Resolution Book)

(Item 13B) ORDINANCE NO. 1617 ADDING PART 15 AND SECTIONS 2-150 THROUGH 2-153 TO CHAPTER 2 OF THE SOLANO COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, adopted. (see Ordinance Book)

(Item 14) LIABILITY CLAIMS REPORT FOR THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2001, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Human Resources dated February 5, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, accepted.

(Item 16) TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2001 - DECEMBER 31, 2001, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the Treasurer/Tax Collector/County Clerk dated February 5, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 17A) RESOLUTION NO. 2002-023 AMENDING THE LIST OF NUMBERS AND CLASSIFICATIONS OF POSITIONS (HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES-.75 SOCIAL WORKER III), adopted. (see Resolution Book)

(Item 17C) AGREEMENT WITH ALDEA, INC. RE FULL-DAY INTENSIVE DAY TREATMENT AND GROUP HOME MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS AND FAMILIES, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Health and Social Services dated February 5, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, approved and Chairman authorized to sign said contract on behalf of Solano County.

(Item 18A) AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS RE CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from

Department of Transportation dated February 5, 2002, incorporated herein by reference,
approved and County Administrator authorized to execute contracts with the lowest responsible bidders.

(Item 18B) RESOLUTION NO. 2002-025 ADOPTING TRAFFIC ORDER NUMBER 378 ESTABLISHING A 45 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON SUISUN VALLEY ROAD FROM WILLIAMS ROAD TO THE NAPA COUNTY LINE, adopted. (see Resolution Book)

(Item 18C) STATE MATCHING GRANT RE TAXIWAY IMPROVEMENTS AT THE NUT TREE AIRPORT, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the Department of Transportation dated February 5, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, accepted and Airport Manager authorized to sign grant documents.

ORDERS

(Item 15) INCREASE IN POLL WORKERS STIPEND AND POLLING PLACE FACILITIES RENTAL FEE, APPROVED

The Board was provided with an Agenda Submittal from the Registrar of Voters dated February 5, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, outlining the need to ensure poll workers are knowledgeable in election laws and procedures, and the need to increase the polling place rental fees.

Donald Tipton, Vallejo, expressed concern regarding the training and if the \$12 amount is

enough, and noted the need for poll workers to be educated in the law and procedures.

Supervisor Kondylis would like a review of the stipend issue to see if the \$12 is enough after this election.

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Kromm, the Board acted to approve the increase in the poll worker stipend and the polling place rental fees. So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

(Item 17B) INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT EXTENSION RE INTER-JURISDICTIONAL EXCHANGE WITH STATE DEPARTMENT OF H&SS WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC) SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION BRANCH,

APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-024 AMENDING THE LIST OF NUMBERS
AND
CLASSIFICATIONS OF POSITIONS (LIMITED TERM H&SS
ADMINISTRATOR), ADOPTED

The Board was provided with an Agenda Submittal from the Department of Health and Social Services dated February 5, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, outlining the need to extend the exchange program.

Donald Tipton, Vallejo, expressed concern regarding the need to have the department fully staffed, and if the position is really necessary.

On motion of Supervisor Silva and seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board acted to approve the Interagency agreement extension for the inter-jurisdictional exchange with the State Department of Health and Social Services Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Branch, and to adopt Resolution No. 2002-024 Amending the List of Numbers and Classifications of Positions (Limited Term H&SS Administrator). So ordered by a vote of 5-0. (see Resolution Book)

(Item 13C) MASTER AGREEMENT FOR MANAGEMENT/ORGANIZATIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES WITH PUBLIC RESOURCE CONSULTANTS, INC., APPROVED

The Board was provided with an Agenda Submittal from County Administrator's Office dated February 5, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, regarding a master contract for management/organizational consulting services.

Supervisor Kondylis noted the importance of management audits, but voiced concern with the County Administrator's signing authority of contracts up to \$50,000, with the number of audits that would be done, and prefers the Board be notified of when audits are going to be done.

Supervisor Silva noted approval, with the caveat that the Board is notified when an audit is to begin.

Supervisor Kromm noted the Weekly Update listing any contracts signed by the County Administrator that are for more than \$25,000.

County Administrator Michael Johnson discussed past experience with this firm, and explained the benefits of this type of program in solving departmental issues and further developing the organization of the departments.

On motion of Supervisor Silva and seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board acted to approve the master agreement for management/organizational consulting services with Public Resource Consultants, Inc. So ordered by a vote of 4-1; Supervisor Kondylis voted no.

(Item 17D) AGREEMENT WITH CONTRA COSTA COUNTY RE FOUR (4) COMMUNITY TREATMENT FACILITY BEDS AT SENECA OAK GROVE TREATMENT FACILITY, APPROVED

The Board was provided with an Agenda Submittal from the Department of Health and Social Services dated February 5, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, regarding four dedicated community treatment facility beds. Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Thomson regarding the high cost of these four beds, start up costs, and the limited number of beds, Heidi Garcia discussed the startup and hard dollar costs that are not reimbursable. Funds to address these costs are from redirected program funds. The program is very expensive. Contra Costa has invested approximately \$5 million in the program and building, and the costs are prorated per bed, and this is the first time the County has been able to treat minors in a locked facility for mental health services. This program does offer 24 hour nursing care. Ms. Garcia discussed the types of sub-acute minors that would be placed in this facility with rigorous admittance criteria and screening.

On motion of Supervisor Thomson and seconded by Supervisor Silva, the Board acted to approve the agreement with Contra Costa County for four community treatment facility beds at Seneca Oak Grove Treatment Facility. So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

(Item 20A) STATUS REPORT ON LEGISLATION OF IMPORTANCE TO SOLANO COUNTY RECEIVED

Paul Yoder, Legislative Analyst, Gerber Shaw & Yoder, reviewed the

information contained in the Agenda Submittal from the County Administrator's Office dated February 5, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, regarding a status report on legislation of importance to Solano County. Mr. Yoder presented an update on the State budget noting the relief of \$2.2 billion in the deficit leaving a \$10 billion problem, and the positive outlook for issuance of the power bonds to address the repayment of \$6.2 billion from the General Fund that was used to pay for electrical purchases.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kondylis regarding current effects of the State budget locally, Mr. Yoder noted the Governor is stating that he does not want to balance the budget on the backs of local government, but does expect program cuts. Supervisor Kondylis feels the budget will be balanced on the backs of the citizens. Mr. Yoder noted there have been discussions relative to raising taxes, but feels the votes to do that are not there.

Mr. Yoder noted funding cuts for special projects that were approved last year, that included assistance for the relocation of the Fairfield Girl Scouts building, and work to get the funding in the future. The Public Protection and Emergency Services Act of 2002 is dead, but there are still some efforts to raise funds for Public Protection.

Mr. Yoder noted language for the creation of a countywide open space district is still with legislative counsel, the language is modeled after the Napa piece and is short and simple. Mr. Yoder discussed actions necessary for the legislation. Mr. Yoder suggested backing by all Board members would greatly raise the chances of passage though the Senate and Assembly, noted options of amending onto existing bills, portions of PRC 5500 allow for formation of an open space district with the ability to dictate the governance and financing after the legislation is enacted through a resolution. Mr. Yoder recommended further research be done relative to Proposition 40 and formation of districts after passage of the proposition.

Supervisor Kromm provided the Board with a spreadsheet "Proposition 40 Funding to Open Space Districts", and discussed funding availability through this proposition if a district has been formed. Supervisor Kromm feels an open space district would make sense for the County, the details

still need to be addressed, and noted possibilities for funding if a district is in place in November.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Silva regarding funds going to county park departments or commissions, if the Parks Commission is working with the Open Space Commission, Supervisor Kromm noted the requirement of district formation under PRC 5500 to be eligible for funding.

Mr. Yoder noted a portion of the legislation that does allocate funds to cities and counties on a per capita basis, if Proposition passes. This is an incentive for communities to create open space districts.

Supervisor Kondylis noted the need to include all cities in the County to somehow connect the parks and open space, and suggested putting this on as an agenda item in the near future, and would like to get a placeholder for legislation.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kromm about timing, Mr. Yoder noted the issues and the deadlines that would need to be met, and discussed the possibility of investigating the possibility of tacking onto AB 1145, the Ventura County legislation. There is a sense of urgency to get this measure moving forward.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kondylis regarding legislation passing and then the Board deciding not to go forward, Mr. Yoder noted the Board could do that. Supervisor Kondylis feels it would be beneficial for Mr. Yoder to move forward to get a placeholder for the legislation, and public input regarding formation and governance can be conducted later.

Chairman Carroll noted the Board could support the action with the caveat for future changes.

Supervisor Kromm noted many questions on formation of a district and typing that with the Ventura legislation, there are many questions surrounding the formation of a district that need to be addressed, feels legislation for Solano County should be independent, and the need for support from all the cities in the County, and there is the vote of the people to see if they want an open space district.

Supervisor Kondylis would like to see the legislation mimicked from Ventura County for a placeholder, Mr. Yoder suggested more generic and spotty language for a bill.

Supervisor Silva feels more discussion is needed to garner opinions of the cities, feels any action is premature for the November ballot, and noted many questions that are being posed by the Mayors.

Supervisor Thomson noted a number of issues that need to be decided before the cities will participate, and voiced concern with prematurely forcing the issue. The County needs to get the cities involved prior to any action. Supervisor Thomson suggested holding off on any decisions.

Supervisor Kromm noted if the matter does not go on the November ballot, it will be two years before it can be considered again, and would like to keep the matter open. Supervisor Kromm noted his commitment to making Solano County a better place in many different ways, which includes transportation and open space.

Supervisor Kondylis feels it is incumbent to start working with the transportation community, and to put open space and transportation together, and suggested directing Mr. Yoder to do a place holder, to notify the cities that the Board is looking at this and to solicit input from the cities and the public.

Supervisor Thomson suggested Supervisor Kromm meet with the mayors on February 20, 2002 and report back to the Board on their opinions. The Board needs to have the support of the cities.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kondylis relative to the legislation for additional fees on birth certificate and marriage license, Mr. Yoder noted the Board will need to take actions as listed in the legislation, SB 425, and that he will be meeting with Carolyn Thomas-Wold, Office of Family Violence Coordinator, to work on the actions needed. Mr. Yoder noted he will bring back information on what information should be included in the bill, what the County needs to do in order to be successful in getting the legislation passed, and suggested staff contact Contra Costa County to get information on their process on getting their legislation passed.

Responding to questions posed by County Administrator Michael Johnson relative to the introduction of spot bills, Mr. Yoder noted there are some spot bills currently available, and will get

more for Solano County.

Chairman Carroll noted receipt of the report.

(Item 20B) RESOLUTION NO. 2002-026 CALLING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE GRAND JURY TO INVESTIGATE THOSE ISSUES BEYOND THE SCOPE OF LOCAL GRAND JURIES, ADOPTED

The Board was provided with an Agenda Submittal from the County Administrator's Office dated February 5, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, regarding establishing a State Grand Jury.

Ann Klink, Vacaville, discussed a letter from former Supervisor Sam Caddle written in 1993

supporting the formation of a State Grand Jury, and support in 1997 by the Board. Ms. Klink noted the current initiative is more refined, and the great savings that could result from the formation of a State Grand Jury.

Donald Tipton, Vallejo, urged the Board to support this initiative. This would give the public the opportunity to vote on this matter.

George Guynn, Jr., Suisun, noted his support for the formation of a State Grand Jury, feels that

a State Grand Jury could save large amounts of money, and commended Ralph Morrell for all his work on this initiative.

Chairman Carroll noted the public has the opportunity for oversight of local government, feels

State government should be more open.

Ralph Morrell provided the Board with documents supporting the need for a State Grand Jury,

incorporated herein by reference. Mr. Morrell discussed the genesis of the State Grand Jury, incidents

that warrant investigation by a State Grand Jury.

Chairman Carroll commended Mr. Morrell for all the continued effort in the formation of a

State Grand Jury, which would make this a better State that would be more honestly run.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kromm relative to paying Grand Jurors where

local Grand Jurors are minimally paid, Mr. Morrell discussed the proposed selection process and

noted the jurors would be assembled and paid only when there is business to conduct.

Supervisor Kromm expressed concern with erroneous regulations in the statute.

Supervisor Thomson noted his support for the concept of a State Grand Jury,

but voiced

concern regarding the terminating clause, with no spending restrictions for investigations, and with the legal authority implied in the initiative.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Thomson regarding support of the initiative

through approval of the requested resolution, County Administrator Michael Johnson noted historical

Board support for the concept of a State Grand Jury, and feels the Board can take no position on the initiative that has been presented.

Mr. Morrell noted the intent to have the Board vote on the initiative.

Supervisor Silva noted support for a State Grand Jury to oversee State government, but feels

this initiative creating a body higher than the California Supreme Court, with usurping local

jurisdiction, with the employer/employee relations of a State Grand Juror, with unrestricted funding

for investigations, with the lack of adhering to rules of order, no oversight of the group, and feels this

initiative goes far beyond what the founding fathers intended for this country.

Supervisor Kondylis also noted support for the concept of a State Grand Jury, but also voiced

many of the same concerns expressed along with pay inequity for the jurors.

Mr. Morrell noted there is nothing else that will address the problems in Sacramento, and

noted the initiative can be amended to address any improprieties that are determined. There is one

alternative. To do something or do nothing, and requested further consideration.

Chairman Carroll discussed the issue of the Supreme Court and the political influences there,

and feels the good of this initiative could outweigh some of the difficulties.

On motion of Supervisor Thomson and seconded by Supervisor Kromm, the Board acted to

adopt Resolution No. 2002-026 Calling for the Establishment of a State Grand Jury to Investigate

those issues Beyond the Scope of Local Grand Juries. So ordered by a vote of 5-0. (see Resolution

Book)

On motion of Supervisor Thomson and seconded by Supervisor Kromm, the Board acted to

oppose the Initiative for a State Grand Jury as currently written. So ordered by a vote of 4-1;

Chairman Carroll voted no.

(Item 22A) RESOLUTION NO. 2002-027 ESTABLISHING COUNTY

TREASURY
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, ADOPTED

Treasurer/Tax Collector/County Clerk Charles Lomeli reviewed the information contained in the Agenda Submittal from his department dated February 5, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, regarding amending Resolution 97-91 establishing the Treasury Oversight Committee to add two alternate committee members; to establish a 3-year term of office for committee members; and to establish a 3-year rotation for expiration of terms.

On motion of Chairman Carroll and seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board acted to adopt Resolution No. 2002-027 Establishing County Treasury Oversight Committee. So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

(Item 22B) MISTY ISMAIL, LESLIE KVASNICKA, SHIRLEY ROADY AND LISA WEISS REAPPOINTED TO THE ANIMAL CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ACAC)

CATHY BULLARD APPOINTED TO THE ACAC

On motion of Chairman Carroll and seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board acted to reappoint Misty Ismail, Leslie Kvasnicka, Shirley Roady and Lisa Weiss, and to appoint Cathy Bullard to the Animal Care Advisory Committee. So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

(Item 22C) LOUIS SOUZA-FUENTES APPOINTED TO THE SOLANO COUNTY CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL

On motion of Chairman Carroll and seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board acted to appoint Louis Souza-Fuentes to the Solano County Child Abuse Prevention Council for a term to expire February 5, 2004. So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

(Item 23) PUBLIC HEARING RE PURCHASE OF LAND ADJACENT TO TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE (WILCOX RANCH) CONTINUED TO APRIL 2, 2002

The Board was provided with an Agenda Submittal from the Department of Environmental Management dated February 5, 2002, incorporated herein by reference,

regarding continuing the public hearing to consider the purchase of approximately 1861 acres of land adjacent to Travis Air Force Base in partnership with the City of Fairfield, the adoption of a resolution authorizing the purchase, and to authorize County Property Management staff to open escrow and submit and execute the necessary documents to close escrow for purchase of land in accordance with the terms and conditions of the purchase and sale agreement. Chairman Carroll opened the Public Hearing, and continued the public hearing to April 2, 2002 at 2:00 p.m.

(Item 24) ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY PROCESS RE I-80/I-680 INTERCHANGE PROJECT, APPROVED

The Board was provided with an Agenda Submittal from his department dated February 5, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, regarding endorsing recommendations from Solano Transportation Authority (STA) for improving the 1-80/I-680 Interchange. Paul Wiese, Department of Transportation, noted this interchange is the number one traffic problem in the County, and gave a brief history of the area. Darrell Halls, Executive Director Solano Transportation Authority, reviewed the department recommendations supporting the STA's efforts to proceed with the project environmental study process for the evaluation of a north connector evaluation of a south parkway component, evaluation of alternative locations for the truck scales, and to approve the proposed roadway improvements. Mr. Halls reviewed the highlights of the visual presentation from January 22, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, along with an overview of the public meetings that have been held, project delivery issues, other issues, and the next steps. Mr. Wiese reviewed peak hour local traffic impacts on the County road system, the traffic survey projections for Suisun Valley Road, Rockville Road, Abernathy Road, Mankas Corner Road and Cordelia Road, County road traffic standards, and rapidly increasing traffic on County roads. Mr. Wiese noted the benefits if the improvements are done, financial impacts and increasing traffic if

improvements are not done, and reemphasized that approval is for beginning the environmental process. Mr. Wiese requested approval of the recommendations contingent on that the STA will look at the impacts the project will have on residents in unincorporated Solano County including Old Cordelia, and the County road system.

Responding to concerns voiced by Supervisor Kromm regarding the north connector and the widening of the Green Valley Road freeway over crossing those impacts, and has modeling been done, Morrie Barr, Deputy Assistant City Manager City of Fairfield, noted the same concern of residents in the area that if the connector is done more traffic will use the surface streets, the improvements would probably attract more traffic, modeling has been done and shows approximately a 40% increase at peak p.m. times, and the residents noted currently that the can not access both sides of the freeway nor can the residents. The residents have weighed these issues and feel the City of Fairfield should proceed with the Green Valley Road over crossing project.

Donald Tipton, Vallejo, noted the increase in large truck traffic, the need to encourage car pooling, the need to promote public transit, questioned the viability and productivity of the truck scales, and if the issue of driving safety will be addressed.

Steven Chappell, Executive Director Suisun Resource Conservation District (SRCD), voiced concern with the south parkway proposal, objects to any projects that would encroach upon the Suisun Marsh Preservation Act, and objects putting a highway through critical habitats in the primary and secondary marsh.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kromm regarding an option to put the roadway or a viaduct along the train tracks, Mr. Chappell noted the Suisun Resource Conservation District Board has noted objection to any projects that would encroach on the current boundaries of the district and the marsh. An option that is outside of the marsh is the preferred alternative, since roads have such great impacts on the marsh.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Silva on how SRCD feels about having environmental studies done, Mr. Chappell noted the district would support an environmental study.

There was a brief discussion regarding the boundaries of the marsh, and in conjunction of the railroad tracks.

Supervisor Kondylis suggested STA take the project presentation to the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) for their input.

Daphne Nixon, Old Cordelia, read a prepared statement dated February 5, 2002, incorporated

herein by reference, requesting the south parkway proposal not be placed directly behind, near, or

through Old Cordelia, and stating the reasons to preserve the historic area.

Ken Smith, President Cordelia Home Owners Association, read a prepared letter dated

February 5, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, citing the many concerns about the study of the I-

80/I-680/SR-12 improvements, to conditionally support a northern connector. James Williams, Vacaville, voiced concern that there are no proposals for just the highway

improvement, feels the north or south parkways are not necessary, noted the undesirable condition of

the Fairfield exits off I-80, the need for improvement to County roads, and

noted support for the

relocation of the truck scales and widening of I-80.

Mark Hall, Suisun, noted ownership of 835 acres in the marsh in the area proposed for the

south parkway, and support for the south parkway from Gold Hill. Mr. Hall discussed the issues as

they relate to the south connector, and feels funds from the connector could be used to do real

restoration to the marsh.

Assistant County Administrator Darby Hayes noted the four recommendations, and that

recommendation number 1 should read Evaluation of a North Connector, not implement.

Supervisor Silva noted staff recommendations, a letter received from Fairfield Mayor Karin

MacMillan dated February 4, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, containing a resolution that will

be presented to the Fairfield City Council for consideration relative to this project. Supervisor Silva

suggested adding the considerations as outlined in this letter to the actions that will be taken.

Supervisor Silva read the considerations 1 through 4. Supervisor Silva commended all parties

involved in this matter.

Supervisor Kromm discussed the principles outlined in the letter from Mayor MacMillan that

local streets are for local traffic and freeways are for highway and through traffic, noted the difficulties with the engineering keeping the principles in mind, noted that it is difficult to support anything going into the marsh, and suggested evaluating Cordelia Road as an alternative.

Supervisor Kondylis noted opposition to this process, the lack of incentives to get people into mass transit, and noted the many problems that will remain until there are incentives to get people into public transportation.

Chairman Carroll noted Solano County had originally opposed the Bay Area Rapid Transit when it was introduced.

Supervisor Silva agreed to add the principles as outlined in Mayor MacMillan's letter, and to evaluate Cordelia Road as an alternative to the motion.

On motion of Supervisor Silva and seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board acted to approve evaluation of a north connection; evaluation of a south parkway component as part of the I-80/I-680 master environmental document; evaluation of alternative locations for the truck scales contingent upon the County continuing to receive fine and forfeiture monies from the scales in any alternative location; to approve the proposed roadway improvements contingent upon the STA evaluating and mitigating impacts that the project will have on residents in unincorporated Solano County, including Old Cordelia, and upon the STA evaluating and mitigating impacts that the project will have on the County road system, including Abernathy Road, Rockville Road, and the Abernathy Road – Rockville Road intersection. To also include recommendations for the north connector to use Business Center Drive as the street alignment for the north connector; cul-de-sac Mangles Road at its westerly terminus with no connection to Business Center Drive, except for vehicle emergency, bicycle and pedestrian use; connect the westerly end to Highway 12 (W) as part of the last phase of the I-80/I-680 Interchange project; to prohibit vehicle access to adjacent lands between Suisun Valley and Abernathy Roads; to prohibit large trucks between Suisun Valley and Abernathy Roads; to use City of Fairfield enforcement and maintenance through a cooperative agreement with the County between Suisun Valley and Abernathy.

For the south parkway: to connect Red Top Road to the I-680 /Red Top Road Interchange as part of the last phase of the I-80/I-680 Interchange Project, if the I-680/Red Top Road Interchange becomes the westerly connection to the south parkway; to include the I-680/Gold Hill Road Interchange as an alternative westerly connection to the south parkway; to include the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way (i.e. the Capitol Rail Line) or an alignment adjacent to it, as an alternative for the south parkway; to research possible methods for restricting access to certain local streets to residents only; and to consider the possibility as a discussion point to include the establishment of a "toll road" as an alternative for the south parkway. Also to approve the principles as outlined in Mayor MacMillan's letter, and to evaluate Cordelia Road as an alternative. So ordered by a vote of 4-1; Supervisor Kondylis voted no.

(Item 25) ALTERNATIVE C FOR SITE PLACEMENT OF THE SOLANO COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BUILDING, APPROVED

STAFF TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD RE LEASE FOR CITY USE OF THE PUBLIC PLAZA

The Board was provided with an Agenda Submittal from the Department of General Services dated February 5, 2002, incorporated herein by reference.

Assistant County Administrator Darby Hayes gave a brief introduction along with a brief history of the project, and noted the public meetings that have been conducted for public input.

Albert King, Project Manager URS, discussed the schedule of the project, design concepts in progress, and the need to confirm the preferred alternative of siting the building on the property.

Scott Johnson, Chief Architect Johnson Fain Partners, reviewed a visual presentation, contained in the Agenda Submittal dated February 5, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, describing the options and their benefits, and the need to determine the preferred alternative to proceed with the design process. County Administrator Michael Johnson recommended Alternative C, which presents an open plaza area around the Old County Library building. Models of the

alternatives were laid out for viewing and comment.

Responding to concerns voiced by Supervisor Thomson regarding safety, Mr. Johnson discussed the options for safety and others that could be incorporated. Mr. Hayes noted the plaza would be blocked off and only opened freely for ceremonial occasions.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kromm regarding the size of the parking garage, Mr. Johnson noted the parking structure is five stories, and further discussed measures that could be utilized to soften the presentation of the building.

Mr. Johnson reviewed conceptual project photos, and image boards. Public art would be incorporated into the project.

Mr. Hayes discussed the need to site the building to determine the design, recommended alternative C, and discussed recommendation 3 that deals with leasing the plaza area to the City of Fairfield.

Responding to comments by Chairman Carroll to considered leasing the plaza to the City of Fairfield in the future, Mr. Hayes noted the issue of changing the siting of the parking structure as previously agreed to siting the parking structure on Texas and Jefferson Streets, and feels the City of Fairfield would be more receptive to the change if there were assurances the plaza would be operated as a public site.

Responding to questions presented by Supervisor Silva relative to the financial contribution of the City of Fairfield to the project, Mr. Hayes noted the current agreement is for \$2 million, if the County does the off site improvements the City would consider an additional \$1 million for the project. The City has agreed to waive all fees and assessments dealing with the project, which could amount to \$.75 million to \$1.5 million.

Responding to concerns voiced by Supervisor Thomson relative to leasing the plaza area to the City of Fairfield for a nominal fee, and would like to get a return on the investment of the plaza area, Mr. Hayes noted to ensure the improvements matched the project and kept pace with the project it would be better if the County did the improvements. Responsibility for policing and maintenance could be transferred to the City of Fairfield.

Chairman Carroll voiced concern with the plaza and the Old County

Library, Mr. Hayes noted the public plaza lease would not include the Old County Library.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kromm regarding reduced building costs, Mr. Hayes noted the major cost reduction would be in the more compact parking structure, which could offset the costs of developing the plaza. Mr. King noted with the garage shifting to a location the exterior of the structure can be handled with less costly materials.

Supervisor Kromm expressed concern with picking up the capitol costs for the benefit of the City of Fairfield, Mr. Hayes discussed the original agreement and concept that was agreed upon with the City of Fairfield, and the benefits the lease could present to the County.

Supervisor Thomson requested further information regarding the financial and other benefits to the County before consideration of a lease.

Supervisor Silva noted the need to consider restroom facilities that would be accessible from the plaza area and open to the outside of the building.

Supervisor Kondylis wants to ensure that we are going to use as much green engineering and materials as possible, and will take advantage of sunlight and wind. This will allow us to showcase the building as being environmentally sensitive and useful.

On motion of Supervisor Thomson and seconded by Supervisor Kromm, the Board acted to receive the presentation, to adopt Alternative C, to approve staff to start negotiations relative to the lease incorporating Board comments, and to bring lease information back to the Board. So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

ADJOURN - This meeting of the Board of Supervisors adjourned in memory of Edward Schwafel, Angel Lazzerini, Margaret Whitlock, and John Lorenzo at 4:34 p.m.

William J. Carroll, Chairman

Maggie Jimenez, Clerk to the Board of Supervisors