

Minutes For November 4, 2003

The Solano County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on this day at 8:31 a.m. Chairman Kromm called the meeting to order. Present were Supervisors Forney, Silva, Vasquez and Chairman Kromm, Supervisor Kondylis arrived at 8:34 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION: The Board moved into Closed Session at 8:32 a.m. to discuss Meet and Confer: All Bargaining Units with Yolanda Irigon, Chief Negotiator; Meet and Confer: Deputy Sheriff's Association, Units 3 & 4 with Craig Jory, Chief Negotiator; Potential Litigation: one (1) case; Personnel: Public Employee Performance Evaluation – County Administrator and County Counsel. The Board moved out of Closed Session at 9:22 a.m.

The Solano County Board of Supervisors reconvened on this day at 9:28 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

PRESENTATIONS

(Item 7A) RESOLUTION NO. 2003-235 RECOGNIZING DOUG KEENER UPON HIS RETIREMENT FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO SOLANO COUNTY, AND PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION, APPROVED

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Forney, the Board acted to adopt Resolution No. 2003-235. The Board further acted to authorize a Plaque of Appreciation for Doug Keener. So ordered by a vote of 5-0. (see Resolution Book)

On behalf of the Board, Supervisor Kondylis presented Mr. Keener with Resolution No. 2003-235 and a Plaque of Appreciation honoring him upon his retirement after 19 years of service to Solano County as Chief Deputy District Attorney.

Mr. Keener thanked the Board, the people in the District Attorney's Office, and other staff that have supported him over the years.

(Item 7B) RESOLUTION NO. 2003-236 DECLARING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10 - NOVEMBER 14, 2003 AS A WEEK OF TRIBUTE AND THANKS TO AMERICA'S VETERANS, ADOPTED

On motion of Supervisor Forney and seconded by Supervisor Kondylis, the Board acted to adopt Resolution No. 2003-236. So ordered by a vote of 5-0. (see Resolution Book)

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Kromm presented the resolution to Kathleen Herrin Commander American Legion Post 165, and the Fairfield-Suisun American Legion Commander of Post 182.

Ms. Herrin acknowledged all the work Kelli Eberle-Germaraad, has done with the "America Thanks You" Veterans Day Card Program that will be ending this year due to the decline in participation, outlined the festivities for

November 11, 2003, and discussed the closing of a Veterans Medical Center in Livermore and projected cuts in benefits and requested the citizens to contact their legislators requesting the facilities and benefits not be cut.

(Item 7C) RESOLUTION NO. 2003-237 RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER, 2003 AS COURT ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY MONTH, ADOPTED

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Silva, the Board acted to adopt Resolution No. 2003-237. So ordered by a vote of 5-0. (see Resolution Book)

On behalf of the Board, Supervisor Kondylis presented resolutions to Judge Scott Kays Presiding Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Solano, Maria Moses Court Appointed Special Advocate, and Laura Fowler Child Protective Services.

Judge Kays thanked the Board for their support and noted the importance of stable and permanent homes for children, and wants to make Solano County a safe haven for children.

Ms. Fowler also thanked the Board for their Support, and accepted the resolution on behalf of her staff that have done a fabulous job to protect the children and to get permanent homes for them.

Ms. Moses outlined the CASA Program, starting to assign volunteers to help the children, and the continuing development of the CASA Program in the County.

All of the Supervisors commended all for the work being done to help and protect children.

(Item 7D) RESOLUTION NO. 2003-238 CELEBRATING THE COMPLETION OF THE ALFRED ZAMPA MEMORIAL (CARQUINEZ) BRIDGE, ADOPTED

On motion of Supervisor Silva and seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board acted to adopt Resolution No. 2003-238. So ordered by a vote of 5-0. (see Resolution Book)

Supervisor Silva gave a brief history of the naming of the Al Zampa Memorial Bridge, read the resolution, noted mementos that are available commemorating the bridge opening, and outlined the festivities that will take place November 8, 2003.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

APPEARANCE BY JOHN ENGLISH RE PRESS CONFERENCE

John English, Fairfield City Council member, voiced concern regarding the contentious landuse Measure L that will be on the Fairfield ballot and the ill timed calling of a press conference relative to Indian gaming, and feels the press conference should have been held after the election.

APPEARANCE BY CLIF POOLE RE PRIVACY OF MEDICAL INFORMATION

Clif Poole, Vacaville, again voiced concern with the collection of personal medical data by Emergency Medical personnel on anyone riding in an ambulance, discussed a call he received from the Director of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and feels there is no need for this information to be collected, and requested the matter be put on the agenda for discussion and action.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

(Item 16) Approval of the side letter with SEIU, Local 1280 and Local 535 that increases the County's contribution to the Cafeteria Plan and to provide the same benefit level for unrepresented employees; adopt a resolution authorizing the implementation of the ICMA VantageCare Retirement Health Savings Plan, a voluntary employee participation program, removed from the Consent Calendar.

So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

(Item 13) MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2003; RURAL NORTH VACAVILLE WATER DISTRICT OCTOBER 14, 2003, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the Clerk of the Board dated November 4, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 14) PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 2003 AS LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal dated November 4, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 15) RESOLUTION NO. 2003-239 AMENDING THE ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF CLASSES AND SALARIES (Children and Families Commission), adopted. (see Resolution Book)

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-240 AMENDING THE LIST OF NUMBERS AND CLASSIFICATIONS OF POSITIONS WITHIN SOLANO COUNTY (Children and Families Commission), adopted. (see Resolution Book)

(Item 17) SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEASE OFFICE SPACE FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from General

Services dated November 4, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved and Chairman authorized to sign said contract on behalf of Solano County, and General Services Director authorized to sign any lease extensions.

(Item 18) CERTIFICATION AND RESULTS OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2003 SPECIAL STATEWIDE RECALL ELECTION, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the Registrar of Voters dated November 4, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, received and approved.

(Item 19) CONTRACTS WITH FIRST YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES, AND RIO VISTA FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER RE MEDICAL ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES AND TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Health and Social Services dated November 4, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved and Chairman authorized to sign said contracts on behalf of Solano County.

(Item 20A) NOTICE OF COMPLETION AT THE VACAVILLE CORPORATION YARD, COMPLETED BY GEOCON CONSULTANTS, INC., as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Transportation dated November 4, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved and Chairman authorized to sign said notice on behalf of Solano County.

(Item 20B) NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CREED ROAD PAVING FROM GOOSE HAVEN ROAD TO STATE HIGHWAY 113 BY TEICHERT CONSTRUCTION, INC., as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Transportation dated November 4, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved and Chairman authorized to sign said notice on behalf of Solano County.

(Item 20C) REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FROM CALTRANS RE BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS ON COOK LANE, PLEASANTS VALLEY ROAD AND SUISUN VALLEY ROAD, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Transportation dated November 4, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 20D) SOLICIT FOR PROPOSALS RE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS ON ABERNATHY ROAD, PLEASANTS VALLEY ROAD, AND SUISUN VALLEY ROAD, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Transportation dated November 4, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved, and Director of Transportation authorized to execute contracts with the best qualified consultants.

ORDERS

(Item 16) SIDE LETTER WITH SEIU, LOCAL 1280 AND LOCAL 535 RE INCREASED COUNTY CONTRIBUTION TO THE CAFETERIA PLAN, APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-241 FOR ADOPTION OF THE VANTAGECARE RETIREMENT HEALTH SAVINGS PROGRAM, ADOPTED

The Board was provided with an Agenda Submittal from Human Resources dated November 4, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, regarding an increase in the County's contribution to the Cafeteria Plan and to authorize the implementation of a voluntary employee participation in the ICMA VantageCare Retirement Health Savings Plan.

Donald Tipton, Vallejo, questioned whom the unrepresented employees are, how many employees are involved and at what cost to the County, and voiced concern that the unrepresented employees are receiving the benefits garnered by the work of the unions.

Human Resources Director Yolanda Irigon noted the unrepresented employees include the elected and appointed department heads, the assistant department heads, Senior Management employees, confidential employees, and the Board of Supervisors totaling about 150 people out of the 3,500 County employees. Supervisor Kondylis voiced concern that all employees are not being treated equally.

Supervisor Silva briefly discussed employees opting out of the insurance purchase program to eliminate double insurance coverage.

On motion of Supervisor Silva and seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board acted to approve the side letters with SEIU, Local 1280 and SEIU, Local 535, and Public Employees Union, Local 1 to increase the County contribution to the Cafeteria Plan from \$500 to \$640 for employees participating in the purchase of health care and to adopt Resolution No. 2003-241. So ordered by a vote of 4-1, Supervisor Kondylis voted no. (see Resolution Book)

(Item 22) RESOLUTION NO. 2003-242 OPPOSING CASINO PROJECTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SOLANO COUNTY, ADOPTED

The Board was provided with an agenda from County Counsel's Office dated November 4, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, regarding opposing a proposed casino project in the Suisun Valley and any other site in the unincorporated areas of Solano County.

Chairman Kromm discussed receipt of a letter from the Guidiville Indian Rancheria, noted he had been following the Indian Gaming issue for some time, reports from California State Association of Counties (CSAC) on the impacts of Indian gaming casinos on counties, other proposals for casinos in the area, and the many questions surrounding this issue.

Responding to questions posed by Chairman Kromm regarding authority, Deputy County Counsel Azniv Darbinian noted she had found no authority for the Guidiville Band of Pomo Indians to establish a reservation in the area, but would like to see what authority the tribe has documented.

Chairman Kromm discussed Federal law, County concerns that should be brought to our Federal legislators, a brief history of events leading to a press conference, this time to hear the public's views before any meetings, and the large amount of money that could be involved.

Supervisor Silva noted he is not an advocate of gaming, his opposition to the proposed site on Hwy 37 in Sonoma County due to traffic, decline of

proposals for Mare Island and at the Solano County Fairgrounds, voiced concern with traffic impacts casinos create, and the increasing traffic in the County along the I-80 corridor. Supervisor Silva noted the need to follow the process to review this issue, the responsibilities of the Board to protect the citizens of the County, and the cancellation of the meeting by the tribe. Supervisor Silva feels there should be a meeting with the tribe that would outline the Orderly Growth Measure (Prop A) restricting development to the cities, reasons for not including the City of Fairfield in the decision making process at this time. Supervisor Silva feels as a courtesy the Chairman and staff should meet with tribal leaders to outline development restrictions in the unincorporated areas of the County, and with the tremendous traffic impacts a casino would create. The tribe should meet with the City of Fairfield, the Solano Irrigation District, and the Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District to discuss any potential problems for this type of development.

Chairman Kromm noted the tribe had cancelled the original meeting, and read a letter from Merlene Sanchez, Chairperson Guidiville Band of Pomo Indians dated November 3, 2003, incorporated herein by reference. This letter discussed the benefits of a gaming casino in the County, and the overall request to meet with the Board to discuss the matter.

Linda Mahoney, Fairfield, noted long term residency in the County and the deterioration of the quality of life, discussed experience through Heather House of the effects addictive behavior has, feels a casino would be another barrier to self sufficiency, and requested the Board oppose a casino locating a casino in the Suisun Valley or any other place in the unincorporated area of the County.

Jonathan Sanders, Student Body President & Scarlet Brigade Marching Band of Fairfield High School, discussed the impacts a casino would have on the fundraising efforts through Bingo for the monetary support of extra circular activities for students, and requested the Board oppose a casino.

Kimberly Hathaway, Fairfield youth/students, also discussed how a casino would effect fund raising efforts to support youth and school activities, how youth would be lured and influenced by a casino, and requested opposition to a casino.

Janet Manalo, Fairfield, feels it would be a mistake to designate any land in the County for any type of casino.

Bob Pattillo, Fairfield, noted support to oppose the placement of a casino, discussed the ethical and moral issues that surround casinos, feels the effects of a casino will go far beyond the property line, and asked the Board to consider the effects of gambling on the area.

Philip C. Doty, Fairfield High School Scarlet Brigade Band Boosters, discussed funding for the Band Booster program through Bingo, the effects a casino would have on the fundraising efforts for organizations in the County, traffic problems in the Suisun Valley, and urged opposition to the casino.

Vern Van Buskirk, Central Solano Citizens/Taxpayer Group, noted opposition to the establishment of a gambling casino anywhere in the County, the far-reaching effects of gambling, the deterioration of the quality of life in areas where there is a casino, and urged opposition.

Lawrence Goss, Suisun City, provided the Board with statistics from "The Economic Impacts of Legalized Gambling Activities" by Dr. John Warren Kindt, report by George G. Payne, Chief of Police, Gulfport, Mississippi; "Crime: University of Illinois – University of Georgia, Grinols-Mustard Study" from: "The Economics of Gambling" by Professor Earl L. Grinols, Department of Economics, University of Illinois that outlined the increases in robberies, rapes, vehicle theft, arson cases, burglaries, assaults, and vehicular accidents. Mr. Goss requested the Board oppose gambling in Solano County.

Joan Goss, Suisun City, requested opposition to gambling in the County, would gladly accept a reservation without a casino, discussed effects of the gambling on children, and the added costs of social problems.

Donald Tipton, Vallejo, feels the process should be followed, and decisions made after the Board has more information.

Gary Plaskett, Fairfield, voiced concern with the detrimental effects gambling will have on youth, and opposes a casino.

Thomas C. Clark, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, noted concern with the integrity, stability and welfare of the family, and with issues regarding poverty. The church feels there is no suitable location for a casino in the County, is opposed due to the negative impact on a segment of the population that is most at risk.

Collette Hatch, Fairfield, discussed her personal experience as a child of an abusive gambler, voiced concern for the possibility of covering over ag lands, and requested the resolution be adopted.

Diane Toolson, Fairfield, discussed personal experience with Indian services, the detrimental effects of casinos, and requested opposition to any casinos in the area.

John Troughton, Oakland, Real Estate Professional with Cushman and Wakefield, noted responsibility for many of the past proposals by the Guidiville Band. Mr. Troughton discussed the proposal for Mare Island, the Fairgrounds proposal that required \$75 million in assets or greater to make a proposal. Other landowners, such as the Ferrari brothers, have brought proposals forward to the tribe to consider their property for purchase. Mr. Troughton voiced concern with the resolution specifically as it relates to landuse and the rights of landowners, noted tribal claims to land in the County, feels Indian gaming will not compete with local bingo fundraising. With a reservation, only a small part would be used for a casino and/or entertainment functions, the remainder would be used for other things to stimulate business growth in the community. The Indians are using this opportunity to use gaming to raise enough money to jump-start other economic activities for them.

Responding to questions posed by Chairman Kromm regarding where this small tribe would get the \$75 million asset criteria for the fairgrounds proposal, Mr. Troughton noted that CED companies and Cushman and Wakefield has the \$75 million. There is a developer involved in this. The Guidiville Tribe will be the beneficiaries of the work of their financial partners, CED, come to bear, and suggested that Cushman and Wakefield guide their clients to lands that are within spheres of influence.

Supervisor Kondylis discussed how many decisions are made based on Prop A,

the Orderly Growth Initiative, and that anyone interested in selling property in the County abides by that. Prop A states that uses that are not agricultural need to be on lands that are annexable to the cities, then the debate would be within in each city if gaming is appropriate or not.

Karlyn Lewis, Fairfield, noted working to preserve open space, feels a casino will not benefit the community, respects the Guidiville Indians but feels that gambling is not the way to better their lives.

Rev. Lueretia Jevne, Vacaville, noted opposition to the casino, discussed the effects of a casino on society, feels the quality of life will not be enhanced, and that a casino is not the answer to better the lives of the Guidiville Indians.

William Fox, Fairfield, noted opposition for building a casino so close to the Solano Community College, and the need to consider the effects a casino would have on the youth.

Clif Poole, Vacaville, feels the Guidiville Indians need to be given the opportunity to present their proposal before any decisions are made, there is a process that needs to be followed, and voiced concern with possible Brown Act violations.

Linda Pedersen, Fairfield, responded to points in the letter from the Guidiville Indian Rancheria dated November 3, 2003 regarding the Budweiser Brewery, supports purchasing land to help the tribe that does not effect the quality of life in the area, questioned how the tribe proposes to minimize the impacts on the community, and feels the Board should say no to the casino now.

Stephanie Wheeler, teacher and Fairfield resident, discussed personal experience on roads near casinos and the added dangers, the effects on children, and noted support for the resolution.

Rev. Todd Bertan, St. Marks Lutheran Church, noted work with the Solano Safety Net Consortium, discussed the effects of gambling on the children and the community, and supports the resolution of opposition.

Dennis Warren, Scarlet Brigade Band Boosters, discussed support of the band through Bingo and the effects a casino would have on these fundraisers, submitted a fact sheet on the effects of Indian Gaming incorporated herein by reference, and noted opposition to the casino.

Patty Jansen, President Sullivan Middle School Band Booster Program, discussed support through Bingo and the effects a casino will have on that program, and is opposed to the casino.

Greg Flinders, Fairfield, discussed his experience with other gaming facilities, development and expansion of other casinos, noted that these projects are backed by Las Vegas money, feels a casino is detrimental to the community, casinos are prime places for crime, and cautioned the Board not to let money become a reason to allow a casino to be developed.

Bill Colombano, Oakland, voiced concern with the effects a casino will have on property values in the area since he is considering purchasing a home in the County, and is opposed to a casino.

Steve Clawson, Fairfield, noted statistics from three different studies of the cost/benefit analysis of Indian gaming, for every dollar of revenue it cost the community \$3 to \$7 in hidden social costs. (Two of the studies were done through the University of Illinois)

Chairman Kromm noted letters from Bishop Michael Hogge Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Mike Wray President Green Valley Landowners Association, incorporated herein by reference, opposing the development of a casino.

Supervisor Kondylis noted support generally for the resolution, but voiced concern with singling out the Guidiville Tribe, and that casinos are an urban use and are inappropriate for lands in the unincorporated areas that are dedicated to agricultural uses. Casinos should be located in the sphere of influence of a city.

A short discussion followed on ways to remove specific reference to the Guidiville Tribe and this specific proposal, changing the resolution title to opposing a casino project in the unincorporated area, and removal of the last whereas on page 1 of the resolution.

Supervisor Vasquez noted the question on location for a casino, the moral question of support for gambling and the issue that brings up for the support for Bingo and horse racing, and gambling in general.

Supervisor Forney clarified statements by John English that he was speaking only to the press conference not to the issue of the casino or the resolution, and Supervisor Forney voiced concern with the process to gather information prior to making any decisions, and feels there should be a meeting with the Tribe before moving forward.

Chairman Kromm feels that a casino has nothing to do with the County General Plan or zoning, special interests are shopping for a location to place a casino in the name of the Tribe, voiced concern that the County will have no say if the land is purchased and placed in the Federal Trust process, this is not normal land use, and discussed the attempts to get ahead of the issue.

Supervisor Kondylis feels the Board can pass a more general resolution and still talk with the Tribe, continued to make several suggestions to modify the proposed resolution, and noted support for a gaming facility on existing tribal lands.

Supervisor Silva reiterated the need to follow the process, voiced concern with the potential for lawsuits, the horrendous traffic impacts near casinos, noted any development belongs in the city, and feels gaming does not work in the County. A meeting does need to occur with the Tribe for the opportunity to discuss the impacts a casino would have on the County.

Responding to questions posed by Chairman Kromm if there is any potential risk to the County for a lawsuit, Ms. Darbinian feels there is no potential for a lawsuit at this time.

Supervisor Silva questioned if the Guidiville Tribe has any rights to lands in the County, responding Ms. Darbinian noted she had not found any statutory authority to establish an off site reservation here, or any information that the tribe had previously been established here.

Supervisor Kondylis feels the letter from the Guidiville Tribe dated November 3, 2003 should be answered, should include this resolution, and the letter should note that the Budweiser Plant is on property within the Fairfield City Limits.

Supervisor Vasquez noted concern that the County would not have oversight of a casino, and that with Prop A development should occur within the cities.

Chairman Kromm noted support for the amended resolution as modified by Supervisor Kondylis to make the resolution more generic, that indicates the unincorporated areas are dedicated to agriculture, with a letter back to the Tribe we are willing to meet given the constraints as spelled out in the resolution.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Vasquez on what the Tribe can do, Ms. Darbinian noted the Tribe can petition the Department of Interior to hold the land in trust for them so they can convert it to a casino, after the Tribe will need to petition Congress for the legislation approving the land as a reservation. These lands would then become a sovereign community with no regulatory authority by the Board.

Chairman Kromm discussed four ways for a tribe to get land into trust, and discussed the sentiments of the Secretary of the Interior Gail Norton expressing concern with the pervasive purchase of off reservation land for the purpose of setting up gaming facilities.

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Chairman Kromm, the Board acted to adopt amended Resolution No. 2003-242 Opposing Casino Projects in the Unincorporated areas of Solano County, along with a letter, to be drafted by County Counsel, also expressing the sentiment of the community. So ordered by a vote of 4-1, Supervisor Forney voted no. (see Resolution Book)

(Item 23A) UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE REORGANIZATION OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION COUNCILS RECEIVED

The Board was provided with an Agenda Submittal from the County Administrator's Office dated November 4, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, regarding the status of the reorganization of violence prevention councils.

Supervisor Kondylis noted the information that had been requested has been delivered to the Ad Hoc Committee, and the information will be collated and assimilated in the near future. After review the Ad Hoc Committee will meet with the Children's Network Council, the Child Abuse Prevention Council, the Elder Abuse Prevention Council and the Solano Partnership Against Violence.

Supervisor Silva noted he would like to get started during the month of November, the committee wants to find out what the organizations are doing, how they are made up, what their bylaws are, and are they in compliance with State and/or Federal statutes that governs funds distributed through the County to the organizations. It is important to get all the information and begin meeting with the groups to find out what they do, what benefits they bring to us, and to eliminate duplication of efforts. There is concern that in the future funds will be a lot tighter and we will have to be sharper allocating funds.

Supervisor Kondylis noted concern by department heads for the large number of employees that are attending meetings, the goal of the committee is to achieve efficiency in how County commissions deal with family violence and to become more productive in reducing the incidents of family violence.

Supervisor Silva discussed groups advocating for legislation that the Board may have a different viewpoint on, and feels legislation needs to be funneled through one area to ensure consistency.

Supervisor Kondylis noted currently there is no clearinghouse for the various activities.

Chairman Kromm posed questions regarding how the process will work, responding Supervisor Silva noted the Ad Hoc Committee will meet with each of the individual boards to review their organization, their processes, their goals and objectives and what their outcomes have been. At the end of that process then a group meeting will be held. Any recommendations will come from the boards, committees, and staff.

Chairman Kromm feels meetings need to be held with all the boards and councils before any recommendations come before the Board of Supervisors, and feels the use of a facilitator may be useful.

Supervisor Kondylis feels it is premature to consider the use of a facilitator, the information needs to be reviewed and the meetings with the committees need to be done first.

Supervisor Silva noted one example of confusion is the use of the Children's Network letterhead for business being conducted by the Child Abuse Prevention Council leading to the confusion on which entity is addressing the Board. The Ad-Hoc Committee needs to find out what everyone does to be able to coordinate the services better.

The report was received.

(Item 23B) QUOTATIONS FOR USE AS INSCRIPTIONS IN THE NEW COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER; ADOPTED

Ann Cousineau, Director of Library Services, reviewed the information contained in the Agenda Submittal from her department dated November 4, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, regarding quotations to be used as inscriptions in the new County Government Center. Ms. Cousineau noted the goals in deciding which quotes to use are to capture that government is all-inclusive and what happens in the Board chambers.

Supervisor Kondylis noted additional quotations that she liked, but the one quote that stood out was a Chinese proverb "One generation plants the trees, others get the shade". A minor change would be to use "This generation plants the tree, the next enjoys the shade"; this would fit well on the staircase.

Chairman Kromm noted one quote that has really touched him "I have a dream" by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that is so very encouraging.

Supervisor Silva discussed quotes similar to "We are the government, you and I" by Theodore Roosevelt, other quotes, and one that stood out for him "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere" by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Supervisor Vasquez read several quotes by John F. Kennedy, and noted the need for the public to question the Board that at times creates dissent, which is part of the process, and quotes relating to including everyone in government.

Supervisor Forney noted she likes the quote "I have a dream".

Ms. Cousineau suggested putting "I have a dream" on the grand staircase, noted the Board agreed to the quote on the floor "Live, Learn, Work and Play", and the need to determine the quotes for the grand staircase and above the two sets of doors entering into the Board chambers.

Donald Tipton, Vallejo, offered several phrases and comments that are frequently used during Board meetings, such as "The process is the process" and "Due Diligence", and suggested the use of an electronic sign that could be changed frequently to display different quotes.

John Taylor, County Administrator's Office, noted there does need to be consideration for function and readability of the quotes, and suggested the possibility of using a changeable plate above the doors that would allow the quote to be changed.

Kanon Artiche, County Architect, noted there will be plasma screens in the anti area outside the Board chambers that could display quotes for the day, suggested the use of the Chinese Proverb "This generation plants the tree, the next enjoys the shade" would be an excellent quote in an exterior setting.

Supervisor Silva liked the idea of a plaque above the Board chambers door that could be changed, noted he liked "We are the government, you and I", "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere", and "In a democracy, dissent is an act of faith".

Chairman Kromm feels these quotes will be part of the institution of which we believe in, feels the quotes should be etched in stone and not changeable, and likes "We are the government, you and I", "In a democracy, dissent is an act of faith", but favors "I have a dream".

Supervisor Vasquez also agreed on the quote "I have a dream" for the staircase riser.

Supervisor Kondylis likes "I have a dream", "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere", and "We can choose to use our lives for others to bring about a more just world for children".

Mr. Artiche suggested "We can choose a better and more just world for our children".

On motion of Chairman Kromm and seconded by Supervisor Forney, the Board acted to approve the quote "I have a dream" by Martin Luther King, Jr. for the stair riser. So ordered by a vote of 4-1, Supervisor Kondylis voted no.

On motion of Supervisor Silva and seconded by Supervisor Forney, the Board acted to approve "We are the government, you and I" above one entry door. So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board acted to approve "We can choose to bring about a more just world for children" by Cesar Chavez to go over the other entry door to the Board chambers. So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

There was consensus to leave "Live, learn, work and play" for the quote that will be etched in the center of the floor.

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Forney the Board acted to approve "This generation plants the tree, the next enjoys the shade" that will be placed outside in the plaza area. So ordered by a vote of 5-

0.

(Item 24) MERGER OF EMPLOYMENT AND ELIGIBILITY SERVICES INTO ONE EMPLOYMENT AND ELIGIBILITY SERVICES DIVISION WITHIN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-243 AMENDING THE ALLOCATION LIST (DELETE 1.0 FTE EMPLOYMENT/ELIGIBILITY SERVICES MANAGER AND ADD 1.0 FTE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR)

The Board was provided with an Agenda Submittal from Health and Social Services dated November 4, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, regarding the merger of Employment and Eligibility Services into one Employment and Eligibility Services Division.

Responding to questions posed by Chairman Kromm regarding pay differentials, Rosemary Kennedy, Health and Social Services, noted the merger would only affect the managers, when there is a change regarding classifications the bargaining will be involved.

On motion of Supervisor Forney and seconded by Supervisor Kondylis, the Board acted to approve the merger of the Employment and Eligibility Services into one Employment and Eligibility Services Division, and to adopt Resolution No. 2003-243. So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Forney, the Board acted to approve the appointment to the following board or commission. So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

(Item 25) TED SEIFERT APPOINTED TO THE DIXON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal dated November 4, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

ADJOURN - This meeting of the Board of Supervisors adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Duane Kromm, Chairman

Maggie Jimenez
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors