



SAN BENITO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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District No. 4
Vice-Chairman

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District No. 5
Board Chairman

County Administration Building - Board of Supervisors Chambers, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister,
California

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

May 26, 2020

9:00 AM

Mission Statement

The County Board of Supervisors will recognize the public trust it holds, will on all occasions conduct business with honesty, integrity, and respect for the individual, and will hold the organization of County government to that same standard.

The San Benito County Board of Supervisors welcomes you to this meeting and encourages your participation.

- If you wish to speak on an item contained in the agenda please complete a Speaker Card identifying the item(s) and provide it to the Clerk of the Board prior to consideration of the item.

Each individual speaker will be limited to a presentation total of (3) minutes unless otherwise permitted by the Board Chair.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Jaime De La Cruz. Those present were Supervisors Anthony Botelho, Jim Gillio, Peter Hernandez and Mark Medina, as well as County Counsel Barbara Thompson, County Administrative Officer Ray Espinosa and Clerk of the Board Janet Slibsager.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance to be led by Supervisor Jim Gillio, District #4.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Jim Gillio.

- b. Acknowledge Certificate of Posting

Certificate of Posting.

MOTION:

Motion to acknowledge the
Certificate of Posting:

Made by Vice-Chair Jim Gillio and seconded by
Supervisor Mark Medina

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For (5):

Against (0):

Ayes: Botelho, De La Cruz, Gillio, Hernandez, Medina

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY PROCEDURES FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISOR MEETINGS:

Management Analyst Dulce Alonso provided information as to how the public could join the meeting by zoom.

Pursuant to California Governor Gavin Newsom's **Executive Order N-29-20** issued on March 17, 2020, relating to the convening of public meetings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, members of the Board of Supervisors are allowed to attend the meeting via teleconference and to participate in the meeting to the same extent as if they were present.

Members of the public are encouraged to participate in Board meetings in the following ways:

1. Remote Viewing

Members of the public who wish to watch the meeting can view a livestream of the meeting online through Community Media Access Partnership (CMAP) YouTube, San Benito County Government
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLj3iW3_dsDzbYqnY1KdCvA.

2. Written Comments & Email Public Comment

- Members of the public may submit comments via email by 5:00 PM. on the Monday prior to the Board meeting to the Clerk of the Board at JSlibsager@cosb.us. Regardless of whether the matter is on the agenda. Every effort will be made to provide Board Members with your comments before the agenda item is heard.

3. Board of Supervisors meeting Zoom Instructions for remote Participants:
Three ways to attend zoom meetings: over the phone, on a web browser, or through the Zoom App. Each meeting will have a meeting ID, which is a unique number associated with an instant or scheduled meeting.

1. Over the phone (Audio only):

· (669) 900-6833 or (408) 638-0968.

2. Open the Web-browser:

· <https://zoom.us/join>

3. Smart device Application:

· Apple App store: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/id91974731862>,
password 343209

· Android App store: [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?
id=us.zoom.videomeetings](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=us.zoom.videomeetings)

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1. It will ask you to enter the Meeting ID #919 7473 1862, Password 343209, followed by the “#” key, which can be found at the top page of the agenda. The meeting agenda can be found at <http://cosb.us/>
2. It will then ask for a Participant ID, press the “#” key to continue.
3. Once you enter the zoom meeting, you will automatically be placed on mute.
4. **Public Comment:** If you are using a phone, please press the “*9” to raise your hand, zoom facilitator will unmute you when your turn arrives.

Zoom On Web-browser or Zoom app on Tablet or Smartphone

If joining through web-browser launch: <https://zoom.us/join> or launch the Zoom app on your Tablet or Smartphone

1. Select “JOIN A MEETING”
2. The participant will be prompted to enter Meeting ID #919 7473 1862, Password 343209 and name to join the meeting. Which can be found at the top page of the agenda. The meeting agenda can be found at <http://cosb.us/>
3. Participant can launch audio through their computer or set it up through the phone.
 1. **Public Comment:** select the “Participants Tab” and click “Raise hand” icon, the zoom facilitator will unmute you when your turn arrives.

Public Comment Guidelines

- If participating on zoom Once you are selected, you will hear that you have been unmuted: State your first name, last name, and county you reside in for the record.
- The San Benito County Board of Supervisors welcomes your comments.
- Each individual speaker will be limited to a presentation total of three (3) minutes.
- Please keep your comments, brief, to the point, and do not repeat prior testimony, so that as many people as possible can be heard. Your cooperation is appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk of the Board at (831) 636-4000, Ext. 11 or email JSlibsager@cosb.us

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY - T. BELTON**
Receive presentation and update from HHSA/Public Health Services on the respiratory disease coronavirus, also known as COVID-19.
SBC FILE NUMBER: 130

Health and Human Services Director Tracey Belton provided a brief update on the COVID-19 as follows: She hopes you all had a moment yesterday on Memorial Day to honor the brave men and women who have given their lives for our great County. We currently have 13 active cases, 73 confirmed cases and 2 deaths; Cases and Testing update: In the last two weeks we have received 13 new cases, 7 our community transmission, 5 are person to person transmission and 1 is currently under investigation; The Public Health Department does investigate cases through contact tracing which allows the staff to determine, through symptomology, if people are sick or at risk of

spreading the disease in the community and whether they should isolate, quarantine or get tested. It also allows health department staff to monitor them and link them to community resources and further health care; In the event we continue to see a spike in cases, we have a plan to expand our contract tracing. If we need even more, we can train more internally or request them through the EOC; COVID-19 Update: On May 25, 2020 California Department of Public Health announced a loosening of restrictions on all retail establishments in the state, regardless of whether a store is located in a county with a variance. Counties with a more restrictive local health order in place will continue to operate under the local order. CDPH released new guidance regarding faith-based gatherings and protest. These are allowed statewide upon the Local Health Officers approval. The new guidelines limit faith based gatherings to 25 percent of building capacity or no ore than 100 people, whichever is less. The state will closely monitor the data and review both the faith based and protest guidance in 21 days. The Governor plans to release guidance today for beauty salons and barber shops for variance counties only which is what we are. It appears that they maybe able to open with guidance maybe today or tomorrow; OptumServe Testing Data (Veterans Memorial Building); If you have any questions for Dr. Ghilarducci he is available.

Supervisor Peter Hernandez asked about the increase in cases, was that because the increase in testing or was it because a Mother's Day bump.

Ms. Belton said there has been an influx in cases and there was an activity on Mother's Day that possibly spread some COVID-19 cases, don't think it was from an increase in testing because it didn't come out in their testing sight. That is why it is important to wear face coverings when you have gatherings.

Supervisor Jim Gillio asked are we able to post the infection rate percent.

Ms. Belton said that she would check to see if that could be available in the future.

Supervisor Mark Medina said that he looks at the positivity rate and on April 30th was 5.4% as of May 22nd it was 3.4% so it actually went down.

Ms. Belton said that they could have Public Health on the call next week to answer some of these questions.

Dr. Ghilarducci provided additional information.

Public Comment:

David Patrick spoke about the data and our local Health Department's information. Spoke about the mask order and that he will not wear a mask. The shut down was a mistake we are killing our economy.

Michelle Perry spoke about contact tracing and wanting more information about it an who is doing it and what are their rights.

Kevin Barcellos thanked the Board of Supervisors and the Health Department for leading us. Spoke about mask wearing and the requirements, we need to continue the mask order. He urges the Board to continue with the mask order.

Hunter Cuneo we need to declare a sanctuary County and stand up to the Governor. He said that if you are against wearing a mask don't wear one, if you think your business should be opened open it.

Maria Casey spoke about constitution and preserving our life. She spoke about the importance of wearing a mask and false information on social media.

Deanna Trinidad said that face coverings are important and we are doing the right thing.

Jarad Gallagher spoke of the Governors guidance and the health data and that there is misinformation in this town.

Matthew Donatoni spoke about violations and Mental Health illness because of having to shelter in place and wearing a mask.

Crystal Hollman spoke about the masks and the increase of infection for those using them. Why are we being asked to wear them if they are not healthy for us.

Elia Salinas thanked the Board of Supervisors for taking the initiative to do the shelter in place and later with the masks. I believe in the facts and the data. We will loose federal and state funds if we become a sanctuary county.

Jessa Fraser said that she believes in science, data and subject matter experts. Spoke about the damage with the lock down and face coverings. Wants to know what the plan is going to be.

Adam Nannini spoke about freedom of religion. He encourages people not to wear a mask.

Julie Corrigan, Aquatic Center operator, said that they are working on opening the pool at the High School encourages the Supervisors and the Health Department to look at the requirements for opening the pool.

Vedana Freitas spoke about wearing masks and the Health Doctor's opinion. The data doesn't lie we have the smallest rate of infections. Wanted to know why that San Benito County is stricter than the State. We should be able to make our own decisions.

Supervisor Anthony Botelho said that it is important that we have these meetings. He is proud in what we have been able to accomplish. These decisions are hard but we still do have a health crisis. He is opposed to being a sanctuary county. We need to do what the Health Doctor suggests and the Health Department their work has been fa nominal.

Supervisor Peter Hernandez said that he disagrees with Supervisor Botelho and he does support being a sanctuary county. Our relationship with the State really needs to change. He spoke about an article in the Mercury News that the legislature is questioning the authority the Governor is taking. Read parts of the Constitution the 9th Amendment and 10th Amendment. He said that he urges the Board to consider being a sanctuary county. He said that he has sent a document to the CAO and Barbara Thompson that he would like to have distributed to the Supervisors, it is titled beyond COVID-19 written by National Center for Public Policy Research, it is a blueprint for liberty and building the economy and self guarding public health and responding to crisis's.

Supervisor Jim Gillio said that we had a lot of great public feedback. If we could get some updates at our next meeting from Public Health on some of the issues that were brought up and and from Mental Health regards to COVID-19.

Chairman Jaime De La Cruz said that we need to continue with the mask coverings and he continues to support the direction that we are going in.

Supervisor Mark Medina thanked our Health Officer Tracey Belton and staff along with the Doctor during this time. He said that he has done some research in regards to what is going on all around us and what he likes most is the freedom of speech, which is based upon law, rules, resolutions and regulations. He said that there are two sides to every story, I need to represent everyone not come one sided. Listening to the Doctor along with doing research I cannot even think about a sanctuary county. I will continue to keep our mask ordinance until the Doctor feels it is time to do away with it. We are going to start opening salons, churches, etc., we are making progress. When people talk about freedom, I believe we are going down the right path. I believe in freedom and freedom of speech and will continue to do that and listen to the constitutes of San Benito County.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 a.m.: Made by **Vice-Chair Jim Gillio** and seconded by **Supervisor Mark Medina**

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For (5):

Against (0):

Ayes: Botelho, De La Cruz, Gillio, Hernandez, Medina

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