



## SAN BENITO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mark Medina    Kollin Kosmicki    Peter Hernandez    Bob Tiffany    Bea Gonzales  
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*County Administration Building - Board of Supervisors Chambers, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, California*

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES February 23, 2021 9:00 AM

#### ***Mission Statement***

*To adopt policies that reflect the goals and priorities of the community, design a network of services that prioritizes public safety, equality, and economic vibrancy while balancing commitments to the region's rich history and prosperous future.*

***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 Mark Medina. Those present were Supervisors Peter Hernandez, Bea Gonzales, Kollin Kosmicki, and Bob Tiffany as well as, County Counsel Barbara Thompson County Administrative Officer Ray Espinosa and Clerk of the Board Jennifer Frechette.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Peter Hernandez.

**The Pledge of Allegiance to be led by Supervisor Peter Hernandez, District #3.**

- b. Acknowledge Certificate of Posting

**Certificate of Posting**

MOTION:

Motion to approve Certificate of Posting: Made by Supervisor Kollin Kosmicki and seconded by Supervisor Bob Tiffany

5 - 0

For (5):

Against (0):

Ayes: Gonzales , Hernandez, Kosmicki , Medina, Tiffany

c. NOTICE OF TEMPORARY PROCEDURES FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISOR MEETING

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- c.** It will then ask for a **Participant ID**, press the **“#” key** (pound key) to continue.
- d.** Once you enter the Zoom meeting, you will automatically be placed on mute.
- e. Public Comment:** If you are using a phone, please press **“\*9”** (star-nine) to raise your hand, and the Zoom facilitator will unmute you when your turn arrives.

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- A. San Benito County Facebook Page:**  
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- B. Community Media Access Partnership (CMAP) YouTube Page:**  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLj3iW3\\_dsDzbYqnY1KdCvA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLj3iW3_dsDzbYqnY1KdCvA).

**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 of Supervisor's meeting to the Clerk of the Board at [jfrechette@cosb.us](mailto:jfrechette@cosb.us).

**Public Comment Guidelines**

- A.** The San Benito County Board of Supervisor's welcomes your comments.
- B.** If participating on Zoom, once you are selected you will hear that you have been unmuted: At this time, please state your first name, last name, and county you reside in for the record.
- C.** Each individual speaker will be limited to a presentation total of three (3) minutes, or such other time as may be designed by the Chair.
- D.** 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 Jennifer Frechette, at (831) 636-4000, Ext. 13 or email [JFrechette@cosb.us](mailto:JFrechette@cosb.us)

Jennifer Frechette, Clerk of the Board, provided information on how to access the Board meeting through Zoom and how to make public comment through Zoom.

**d. Presentations and Recognitions**

There were none.

**e. Public Comment**

Opportunity to address the Board on items of interest not appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken unless provided by Govt. Code Section 54954.2.

There were two public comments from Valerie and Daniel.

**f. Department Head Announcements: Information Only**

Benny Young, RMA Director announced there were errors on item #5 and #6 with some minor miss spelling. For item #6 there was a minor change to the attachment from contractor to applicant. Stated the RMA Department has hired an Assistant Planning Director Robin Grant who will start on March 15, 2021.

Ray Espinosa, CAO announced March 4 and 5, 2021 there will be a training for the Board, to save the date. With item #1 for February 9, 2021 regular meeting minutes there is a correction on item #16, 25, 26 and adjournment where a second motion was added stating 0/0 vote and was deleted only leaving the correct vote of 5/0.

**g. Board Announcements: Information Only**

Supervisor Hernandez and Medina did not have any announcements.

Supervisor Gonzales announced meetings that she has been attending with in the last couple of weeks.

Supervisor Tiffany announced the meetings and the ad-hocs that he has been attending. Gave some back ground information in the small business grants and vaccines.

Supervisor Kosmicki would like an update at a future meeting on traffic accidents with traffic picking back up. Announced on March 17, 2021 the Senior Council will have a forum on a master plan for aging. Would also like the County website to display the Board of Supervisor Agenda more visible for the public.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*These matters shall be considered as a whole and without discussion unless a particular item is removed from the Consent Agenda. Approval of a consent item means approval of the recommended action as specified on the Agenda Item Transmittal.*

*If any member of the public wishes to comment on a Consent Agenda Item, please fill out a speaker card, present it to the Clerk prior to consideration of the Consent Agenda and request the item be removed and considered separately.*

MOTION:

Motion to approve items with corrections from Board announcements except item #2, 5, 7, and 8:

Made by Vice-Chair Bea Gonzales and seconded by Supervisor Kollin Kosmicki

**5 - 0**

For (5):

Against (0):

*Ayes: Gonzales , Hernandez, Kosmicki , Medina, Tiffany*

1. **CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - J.FRECHETTE**  
Approve the action minutes of the September 22, 2020 regular meeting, February 9, 2021 regular meeting and February 16, 2021 special meeting.  
SBC FILE NUMBER: 119
  
2. **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES- K. MANGANO**  
Approve agreement with the State of California Dept. of Parks and Recreation for the Hollister Hills State Vehicular Recreational area to fund Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and mitigate impacts of Hollister Hills calls for services on the EMS system for the term February 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022, for a total amount of \$149,625.00. Monthly fee to be prorated in the event of a County implemented closure.  
SBC FILE NUMBER: 75.5

Supervisor Kosmicki pulled this item for discussion.

There was a discussion between the Board of Supervisor's and County staff on the cost and staff time with AMR.

There was no public comment.

MOTION:

Motion to approve agreement:

Made by Vice-Chair Bea Gonzales and seconded by Supervisor Bob Tiffany

**5 - 0**

For (5):

Against (0):

*Ayes: Gonzales , Hernandez, Kosmicki , Medina, Tiffany*

3. **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY - T. BELTON**  
Approve temporary double-filling of HHSA's Deputy Director of Public Assistance Eligibility position for a period not to exceed 8 weeks.
  
4. **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY - T. BELTON**  
Approve the agreement between the San Benito County Health & Human Services Agency and the City of Salinas for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) CARES Act COVID-19 Round 1 (ESG-CVI) in the amount of \$81,190.00 for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; and Approve the Budget Adjustment/Transfer in the amount of \$81,190.00 (4/5 vote).  
SBC FILE NUMBER: 130

5. **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - B. YOUNG**

Authorize application for and receipts of federal grant funds from the Fiscal Year 2021 Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund Grant Program (Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act) Non-traditional Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance Program.  
SBC FILE NUMBER: 790

This item was pulled from the public by Valerie.

Question from the public, wanting to know what non-traditional funds were.

Benny Young, RMA Director provided background information that the Federal grant fund falls under that category.

There was no public comment.

There was a discussion between the Board of Supervisor's and County staff on impact fees and cost.

MOTION:

Motion to approve application for Federal grant funds and adopt Resolution:

Made by **Supervisor Bob Tiffany** and seconded by **Vice-Chair Bea Gonzales**

**5 - 0**

For (5):

Against (0):

*Ayes: Gonzales , Hernandez, Kosmicki , Medina, Tiffany*

6. **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY- B. YOUNG**

Approve Grasseti Environmental Consulting to perform the County's independent review of the Environmental Impact Report and all related documents for the landfill expansion for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) statutes. (Per the Second Landfill Amendment, the cost of contract, \$136,685 is fully reimbursed by the permit applicant, Waste Connections).  
SBC FILE NUMBER: 75.4

7. **SHERIFF'S OFFICE - D. THOMPSON**

Approve Amendment to Contract #1 with Trinity Service Group, Inc., to modify the cost per meal and food service staffing due to COVID-19 constraints.  
SBC FILE NUMBER: 110

Item was pulled by Supervisor Gonzales for discussion.

There was a discussion between the Board of Supervisor's and Sheriff Tony Lamonica on the cost and offered background information on the needed extra staff in the kitchen due to COVID-19.

There was no public comment.

MOTION:

Motion to approve amendment:

Made by **Supervisor Kollin Kosmicki** and seconded by **Supervisor Peter Hernandez**

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For (4):

Against (1):

Ayes: Hernandez, Kosmicki, Medina, Tiffany Nays: Gonzales

8. **TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR/PA - M. CASILLAS**

Presentation of the monthly Treasurer Portfolio Analysis report for the month of December 2020.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 685.2

Supervisor Tiffany pulled this item for discussion.

There was a discussion between the Board of Supervisor's and County staff regarding general questions.

There was no public comment.

MOTION:

Motion to approve monthly report for December:

Made by **Supervisor Bob Tiffany** and seconded by **Vice-Chair Bea Gonzales**

5 - 0

For (5):

Against (0):

Ayes: Gonzales, Hernandez, Kosmicki, Medina, Tiffany

**REGULAR AGENDA**

*For each regular agenda item, the following schedule shall occur:*

- a) Staff report.
- b) Public opportunity to address the Board on a particular agenda item. Please fill out a speaker card and present it to the Clerk prior to consideration of the item.
- c) Consideration by the Board.

9. **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; receive update on round two of the small business grant, discuss vaccine distribution, discuss any additional measures desired by the Board to be scheduled at future Board meeting related to COVID-19, discuss COVID enforcement and update on Great Plates program. Discuss continuity of COVID ordinance. Provide direction at a future date at which it should be reviewed.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 130

The Board would like the discussion of amending the current Ordinance for enforcement to be brought back at the regular Board meeting of April 13, 2021.

Public Comment:

There was one public comment which was from Jackie.

Tracey Belton, HHS A Director introduced the item.

Dr. David Ghilarducci went over a power point presentation and offered back ground information which included daily cases and deaths, the current dash board, daily infections and testing, allocation of vaccines, and showed the State wide dashboard.

Tracey Belton, HHS A Director provided back ground information on third party administrator with Blue Shield and MyTurn for vaccine appointments and management. On March 1, 2021 10% of vaccines will be allocated for education workers and are currently in phase 1B. Explained the County website will have the States dashboard for less confusion and the County will update weekly on their report. Ms. Belton also provided information on outdoor/indoor youth and adult recreational sports. With the County being in the purple tier sports are to remain outdoors.

David Westrick, PIO provided an update on communication. Every other Monday, talk with a Doc will be available to answer any questions.

Dulce Alonso, Management Analyst provided a update on the small business grants. 139 applicants have applied so far and staff is currently reviewing the applications for any documents that are still missing and will need to be submitted by Friday.

Michael Chambless, Assistant RMA Director, provided an update on enforcement. With being in the 39th day, there has been a total of 42 contacts offering education, total of 129 inspections, and one citation in the incorporated area. The City of Hollister and the County meet weekly.

Ray Espinosa, CAO provided an update on Great Plates. There are 527 participants and 12 restaurants. So far 1.2 million has been spent on the program and hoping for FEMA to reimburse but may take time.

There was a discussion between the Board of Supervisors and County staff on the topics that were discussed. Will bring back on April 13, 2021 discussion for possible amendment of the enforcement Ordinance.

10. **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - B. YOUNG**

Informational Report and discussion on the Status of the Technology Advancement Research Mobility Automotive Center (TARMAC) Project Application PLN190029, aka Strada Verde and provide direction to staff.  
SBC FILE NUMBER: 790

Benny Young, RMA Director provided background information.

Joel Ellinwood, Assistant County Counsel provided additional background information and cleared up confusion on Measure M.

There was a discussion between the Board of Supervisor's on the Strada Verde project.

Public Comment:

There were 8 public comments which were from Scott, Natashia, Andy, Frank, Jackie, Daniel, Mia, and David.

There was a continued discussion between the Board of Supervisor's and County staff on the

Strada Verde project. Recommendation from the Board to bring back this item on the Agenda in one month.

11. **COUNTY CLERK/AUDITOR/RECORDER/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS - J.P. GONZALEZ**

Informational presentation on the 2020 Census & Local Government Redistricting Process.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 160

Francisco Diaz, Assistant County Clerk/Auditor/Recorder/Registrar of Voters, provided an overview on redistricting, presented US laws, codes and statues, County criteria, public hearing and map requirements and also offered a time frame for redistricting and how the process works.

There was a discussion between the Board of Supervisor's and County staff. Chair Medina would like County Elected Official Joe Paul Gonzalez to make the decision of the third party demographer.

There was no public comment.

12. **COUNTY CLERK/AUDITOR/RECORDER/REGISTER OF VOTERS - J.P. GONZALEZ**

Adopt resolution authorizing the County Recorder to establish an electronic recording delivery system including contracting with SECURE.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 1112.5

RESOLUTION NO: 2021-12

Francisco Diaz, Assistant County Clerk/Auditor/Recorder/Registrar of Voters, provided background information on entering into a contract with SECURE.

There was one public comment, who did not address their name.

There was a discussion between the Board of Supervisor's and County staff on this topic.

Motion passed, 4/1 vote, with Supervisor Hernandez voting against.

MOTION:

Motion to Adopt Resolution:

Made by **Supervisor Bob Tiffany** and seconded by **Vice-Chair Bea Gonzales**

**4 - 1**

For (4):

Against (1):

*Ayes: Gonzales , Kosmicki , Medina, Tiffany Nays: Hernandez*

**CLOSED SESSION**

Barbara Thompson, County Counsel read out closed session.

There was no public comments.

*Matters discussed during Closed Session include existing and pending litigation, personnel matters and real property negotiations. Reportable actions taken by the Board during Closed Session will be announced during open session. (Gov. Code*

Section 54957.1(a) and (b), Ralph M. Brown Act.)

13. **CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-  
EXISTING LITIGATION**

No. of cases: 1 Subdivisions (a) and (d)(1) of Section 54956.9 Name of Case: Rose, et. al. v. County of San Benito, Superior Court of California, County of San Benito, Case No. CU-17-00151; Court of Appeal, Sixth Appellate District, Case H048681  
SBC FILE NUMBER: 235.6

No reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Adjourn to the next regular meeting of March 9, 2021.**

MOTION:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 1:51 p.m.: Made by **Supervisor Kollin Kosmicki** and seconded by **Supervisor Peter Hernandez**

**5 - 0**

For (5):

Against (0):

*Ayes: Gonzales , Hernandez, Kosmicki , Medina, Tiffany*

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