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Meeting Agenda- **POSTED AND FINAL**

March 8, 2022 - 9:00 AM

Board of Supervisors

Betsy Dirks
District No. 1
Kollin Kosmicki
District No. 2
Peter Hernandez
District No. 3
Bob Tiffany
Vice-Chair
District No. 4
Bea Gonzales
Chair
District No. 5



SAN BENITO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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District No. 5

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2022

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 (2) minutes unless otherwise permitted by the Board Chair.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Chair Bea Gonzales. Those present were Supervisors Kollin Kosmicki, Bob Tiffany, Betsy Dirks, and Peter Hernandez, 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 to be led by Supervisor Betsy Dirks,
District #1.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Betsy Dirks, District #1.

- b. Acknowledge Certificate of Posting

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MOTION:

Motion to approve certificate of posting: Made by Supervisor Kollin Kosmicki and seconded by Vice-Chair Bob Tiffany

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For (5):

Against (0):

Ayes: Dirks, Gonzales, Hernandez, Kosmicki, Tiffany

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- 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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B. Community Media Access Partnership (CMAP) YouTube

Page: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLj3iW3_dsDzbYqnY1KdCvA.

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- 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.** Speakers are encouraged to keep your comments, brief and to the point, and not to 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

Vanessa Delgado, Assistant Clerk of the Board gave directions to the public on how to access the meeting through zoom and how to make a public comment through zoom.

d. Presentations and Recognitions

There were none.

e. Department Head Announcements: Information Only

Steve Loupe, announced that the Hospital Road Bridge project is totally complete and won the project of the year for structures through APWA Monterey Bay Chapter.

Ray Espinosa, CAO announced item #16 was pulled off the agenda by HHS. He also announced to save the date for March 15, 2022 for the Board retreat that is open to the public. He announced all the items that will be spoken on at the Board Retreat.

f. Board Announcements: Information Only

Supervisor Tiffany announced he is not running for District #4. He had a tour with Herman Garcia from CHEER and will be meeting with County staff and a developer on Tuesday evening to go over the Creek Hollow and Oak Creek project. He also spoke on the accident on Fairview and Santa Anna Road and stated construction work needs to be started sooner then later.

Supervisor Dirks announced the Landfill will be offering tours weekly on Wednesdays for a month and will expand dates if needed. She also spoke on National Woman's day.

Supervisor Kosmicki announced San Juan Bautista will have the moonlight walk on April 15, 2022 and Bolado Park will have a picnic on May 1, 2022. He will also start office hours and offer remote hours and the times and dates will be announced soon.

Supervisor Hernandez announced the Little League open ceremony will take place on Friday and will be attending the Economic Development Committee meeting that is coming up soon.

g. 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 ten public comments from Susan, Marena, Natalie, Susan, Ayde, Elia, Elisa, Valerie, Susan, and Stephanie.

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.*

1. **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY - T. BELTON**

Provide an update on COVID-19 data, including county specific data, vaccine data and updates to CDPH state and school guidance. Delegate to the CAO, or his designee, the authority to review and update County Policies as needed to match state mandates and laws, subject to any meet and confer obligations as needed.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 130

Dr. George Gellert presented a PowerPoint presentation which included case data, vaccine data, vaccine status-school aged, CDPH update guidance of face mask, CDPH masking requirements, California Governor Executive order N-5-22, and testing location update.

There was one public comment from Celeste.

Supervisor Hernandez would like the discussion of how the CARES Act funding was spent and would like it placed on an agenda to discuss, Chair Gonzales second this to be placed on a future agenda.

There was a discussion between the Board of Supervisors and County staff regarding the new testing site and keeping both locations, and outreach being done regarding vaccines and with the youth.

MOTION:

Motion to approve the CAO or his designee to review and update County policies as needed to match state mandates and laws, subject to any meet and confer obligations as needed: Made by **Supervisor Kollin Kosmicki** and seconded by **Vice-Chair Bob Tiffany**

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For (5):

Against (0):

Ayes: Dirks, Gonzales, Hernandez, Kosmicki, Tiffany

2. **BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S**

Receive information and expertise regarding California Assembly Bill 626 and 377 – Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations (MEHKOs) from District 56th Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia's Office who, introduced & authored Assembly Bill(s) 626/377. Discuss the policy and implementation of MEHKOs. Provide direction to staff on next steps if necessary.

SBC FILE NUMBER:156

Rex Scott from Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia's office offered background information and spoke on why the program was started, presented the barriers to enter the program or start a business, success stories, and the benefits.

There were eight public comments from Elia, Valerie, Hannah, Roya, Peter, Luke, Mia, and Bella.

Darryl Wong from Environment Health Department spoke on the cities that have accepted this program and some background information.

There was a discussion between the Board of Supervisor's and County staff regarding food safety, food violations, opportunity's for people to make money, exemptions, clarity on hand washing

stations, and meals per day/week.

The Board would like more clarity on the program and would like to discuss this item at a future Board meeting to move forward or not with the program.

3. **BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S**

Informational report on filing of notice of intention to circulate initiative measure amending the 2035 San Benito County General Plan, timeline for circulation, submission of petition, verification of signatures, decisions for Board of Supervisors upon validation, and probable election schedule. Provide direction to staff on preparation of fiscal impact report. Authorize CAO to select and contract with qualified consulting firm to prepare updated revised Elections Code section 9111 Report for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 285

Joel Ellinwood, Assistant County Counsel presented a PowerPoint on the measure process and timelines, governing law-election code 9100, Board of Supervisor actions and next steps, timing of election, and elections code 9111 impact report.

There was one public comment from Elia.

There was a discussion between the Board of Supervisor's and County staff regarding limitations of what and what can't be done, outreach and providing information to the public, and obligations of putting this on the ballot.

MOTION:

Motion to approve contract:

Made by **Vice-Chair Bob Tiffany** and seconded by **Supervisor Betsy Dirks**

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For (4):

Against (1):

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

4. **COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE - R. ESPINOSA**

(1) Discussion on the historical San Benito County's measure cost and the potential options of proceeding with public education and feasibility polling for a Transaction and Use Tax (TUTs) measure in the November 2022 Election; (2) direct staff to draft a resolution placing a countywide Transaction and Use Tax (TUTs) measure on the November 2022 Election; (3) and authorize CAO or designee to move forward with a contract to conduct polling and public engagement.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 119

Dulce Alonso presented a PowerPoint presentation on sales tax trends and estimate transaction tax, measures for 11/22 election, cost County measure, timeline, access feasibility, and recommendation.

Laura Crotty from Clifford Moss offered background information.

There were three public comments from Rob, Elia, and Valerie.

The Board of Supervisor's and County staff had a discussion regarding more education and outreach, being a County wide vote, the use tax purpose, and letting the voters decide.

The Board made a motion to wait till after the budget and come back with this item for consideration then.

MOTION:

Motion to approve to wait till after the budget and come back to the Board for consideration: Made by **Supervisor Betsy Dirks** and seconded by **Vice-Chair Bob Tiffany**

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For (5):

Against (0):

Ayes: Dirks, Gonzales, Hernandez, Kosmicki, Tiffany

5. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY – S. LOUPE, INTERIM RMA DIRECTOR

Accept presentation, discuss and provide direction regarding development and implementation plan for the construction of a Waste Water Treatment Facility in Northern San Benito County.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 142.6

Steve Loupe presented a PowerPoint presentation which included North County WWTP history, next steps, and consideration for ARPA ad hoc.

There were two public comments from Elia and Valerie.

There was a discussion between the Board of Supervisors and County staff regarding not being able to use the facility, use of ARPA funding, eligibility, separate tax share agreement with the City, and use of using the City of Hollister water.

6. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY – S. LOUPE, INTERIM RMA DIRECTOR

Accept informational presentation on the Bi-Monthly Bridges Update.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 105

Steve Loupe presented a PowerPoint presentation which included highway bridge program, locally funded bridges, bridge-map, local bridges currently in design phase, Carr Bridge map, and Cienga Road Bridge map.

There were no public comments.

The Board of Supervisors and County staff discussed roads and bridges.

7. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY – S. LOUPE, INTERIM RMA DIRECTOR

Accept informational presentation regarding funding requests to the California Governor's Office Of Emergency Services (Cal OES) pertinent to storm damage sustained from January-February 2021.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 105

Steve Loupe presented a PowerPoint presentation which included California Governors office of Emergency Services (CalOES action), public assistance program, and San Benito County funding request deemed appropriate by CalOES.

There were no public comments.

There was a discussion between the Board of Supervisors and County staff regarding receiving the funding.

8. **BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S**

Adopt Resolution supporting the people of Ukraine and condemning the Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine and discuss and provide staff direction if desired.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 156

RESOLUTION NO: 2022-31

Supervisor Kosmicki would like a Resolution to help the residents of Ukraine.

There were four public comments from Elia, Valerie, Rob, and Tony with one written comment received from Nancy.

There was a discussion between the Board of Supervisors and County staff regarding donations and where to donate and the Resolution and its purpose.

MOTION:

Motion to approve donation of surplus supplies from the Sheriff's Department to CalOES for Ukraine: Made by **Vice-Chair Bob Tiffany** and seconded by **Supervisor Betsy Dirks**

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For (5):

Against (0):

Ayes: Dirks, Gonzales, Hernandez, Kosmicki, Tiffany

MOTION:

Motion to approve Resolution: Made by **Supervisor Kollin Kosmicki** and seconded by **Vice-Chair Bob Tiffany**

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For (4):

Against (1):

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

9. **BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S**

Receive update and reports from members of the Board of Supervisors regarding Committee assignments and Ad Hoc Committees. Appoint a new ad hoc committee entitled "Santana Ranch Affordable Housing Implementation Plan Ad Hoc Committee" to review the proposed Santana Ranch Affordable Housing Implementation Plan and appoint Supervisor Dirks and Supervisor Tiffany.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 156

Supervisor Kosmicki reported he attended the Mobility Committee meeting, Intergovernmental Committee meeting, and the Landfill and COVID ad hoc meetings.

Supervisor Dirks reported she attended the Integrated Waste Management meeting and will be attending the AMBAG meeting on Wednesday.

Supervisor Tiffany reported he attended the Behavioral Health Board meeting, the COVID ad hoc meeting, Intergovernmental Committee meeting, and sat in on the Integrated Waste Management meeting as a alternate.

Supervisor Hernandez reported he will be attending the RCRC meeting on Wednesday in Sacramento in person and Supervisor Tiffany may join via zoom. He will also be attending the Economic Development Committee meeting soon.

There were no public comments.

MOTION:

Motion to approve ad hoc committee "Santa Ranch Affordable Housing Implementation Plan" appointing Supervisor Dirks and Supervisor Tiffany:

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

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For (5):

Against (0):

Ayes: Dirks, Gonzales, Hernandez, Kosmicki, Tiffany

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.

Item # 16 was pulled from the agenda by County staff.

Supervisor Kosmicki pulled items #12 and 14.

Supervisor Tiffany pulled items # 15 and 23.

There was one public comment from Elia.

MOTION:

Motion to approve consent agenda except for items # 12, 14, 15, 16, and 23:

Made by **Vice-Chair Bob Tiffany** and seconded by **Supervisor Betsy Dirks**

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For (5):

Against (0):

Ayes: Dirks, Gonzales, Hernandez, Kosmicki, Tiffany

10. **CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S - J. FRECHETTE**
Approve the action minutes of the January 25, 2022 regular meeting and February 8, 2022 regular meeting.
SBC FILE NUMBER: 119
11. **COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE - R. ESPINOSA**

Approve the appointment of Gabriel Orozco to serve as an alternative on the Operations Board on behalf of San Benito County on the Central Coast Community Energy (3CE), Joint Exercise of Power Agreements (JPA).
SBC FILE NUMBER: 156

12. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE - R. ESPINOSA

Approve Transfer from the County Contingency Funds to the Agricultural Extension division, Grand Jury division and the Clerk of the Board division for a combined amount of \$36,978.00 (4/5 Vote Required).
SBC FILE NUMBER: 865

Supervisor Kosmicki pulled this item for discussion.

Gabriel Orozco, Budget Officer provided background information on the Grand Jury regarding their budget.

MOTION:

Motion to approve transfer from the County Contingency Funds:

Made by **Supervisor Kollin Kosmicki** and seconded by **Supervisor Betsy Dirks**

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For (5):

Against (0):

Ayes: Dirks, Gonzales, Hernandez, Kosmicki, Tiffany

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE – R. ESPINOSA

Adopt resolution recognizing the San Benito County Military and Veterans Affairs Office for exemplary service to the Veteran and Military community from January 1 to December 31, 2021.
SBC FILE NUMBER: 119
RESOLUTION NO: 2022-32

14. COUNTY LIBRARY - N. CONTE

Adopt Resolution authorizing: (1) submission of a grant application with the California State Library for a Building Forward: Library Infrastructure Grant for the County's Library Safety First Project, requesting \$10 million with a \$5 million match, for the capacity expansion of the San Benito County Free Library; (2) acceptance of grant funds; and (3) execution of a grant funding agreement.
SBC FILE NUMBER: 80
RESOLUTION NO: 2022-33

Supervisor Kosmicki pulled this item for discussion regarding questions with the grant.

Nora Conte, Librarian offered background information regarding the expansion of the Library and the grant application.

MOTION:

Motion to approve Resolution:

Made by **Supervisor Kollin Kosmicki** and seconded by **Vice-Chair Bob Tiffany**

5 - 0

For (5):

Against (0):

Ayes: Dirks, Gonzales, Hernandez, Kosmicki, Tiffany

15. **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY- T. BELTON**

Approve the use of American Rescue Plan Act to cover the costs of the Program Manager position for homeless services and a Homeless Abatement Services contract with Smith & Enright Landscaping, Inc total request of \$329,263.28. Additionally approve the contract for Homeless Abatement Services with Smith & Enright Landscaping, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$164,775.00 for the period of March 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and approve the additional staffing of 1.0 FTE Program Manager and direct staff to amend the Schedule of Approved Position Allocations.
SBC FILE NUMBER: 130

Supervisor Tiffany pulled this item for discussion.

Gabriel Orozco, Budget Officer provided background information of the contract.

MOTION:

Motion to approve ARPA funding to cover the costs of a program manager:

Made by **Vice-Chair Bob Tiffany** and seconded by **Supervisor Betsy Dirks**

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For (5):

Against (0):

Ayes: Dirks, Gonzales, Hernandez, Kosmicki, Tiffany

16. **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY – T. BELTON**

Approve the following reclassifications of 1.0 FTE Employment and Training Supervisor to 1.0 FTE Social Work Supervisor I in Community Services and Workforce Division at the Health and Human Services Agency, 1.0 FTE Vocational Assistant to 1.0 Social Worker I in Child Protective Services Division and 1.0 FTE Integrated Case Worker I/II to 1.0 FTE Social Worker I/II in HHS for the CalWORKs Welfare to Work Division, 1.0 FTE Integrated Case Worker III to 1.0 FTE Social Worker III, and reclassification of remaining 6.0 FTE Integrated Case Worker I/II to 6.0 FTE Social Worker I/II as staff exit the Agency. Additionally authorize an increase in 1.0 Limited Term Eligibility Specialist FTE for the Community Service and Workforce Development Budget funded by the 2021 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant. Direct staff to amend the Schedule of Approved Position Allocations to reflect all of these change.
SBC FILE NUMBER: 130

Item # 16 was pulled from the agenda by County staff.

17. **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY - T. BELTON**

Approve the appointment of Ms. Daren Kortsen as the Representative for the Poor for District #4 to the Community Action Board (CAB) for a three-year term effective February 10, 2022 through February 10, 2025.
SBC FILE NUMBER: 130

18. **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY - T. BELTON**
Approve transfer appointment on the Community Action Board for the remainder of her three-year term effective July 11, 2019 through July 11, 2022 for Ms. Nelda Escamilla from District #5 Representative of the Poor to District #2 Representative of the Poor.
SBC FILE NUMBER: 130

19. **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY - T. BELTON**
Approve contract amendment #1 for the 2020 US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Grant between Community Services Development Corporation and the County of San Benito for the period of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022, in the amount of \$238,294.00 reflecting an increase of \$19,555.75 and approve budget adjustment to reflect the increase (4/5 vote required).
SBC FILE NUMBER: 130

20. **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY – S. LOUPE, INTERIM RMA DIRECTOR**
Adopt the Plans, Specifications and Bid Solicitation of the upcoming project PWB-2201, Riverview Regional Park Parking Lot, and authorize the advertising for bids.
SBC FILE NUMBER: 105

21. **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE, INTERIM RMA DIRECTOR**
Adopt continuing Resolution confirming the RMA Director's authority to enter into emergency repair and replacement contracts to remediate a local emergency, pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 22050, without adoption of plans and specifications or competitive bidding; finding that there is a need to continue emergency action; and finding emergency repair and replacement work exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(d), as emergency projects within the rights of way of existing County and State highways damaged by flooding and storm events. No new costs are being incurred or authorized by this action. (4/5 vote required)
SBC FILE NUMBER: 75.5
RESOLUTION NO: 2022-34

22. **RESOURCE MANGEMENT AGENCY – S. LOUPE, INTERIM RMA DIRECTOR**
Approve contract amendment No. 3 with JHS Consulting, LLC to revise scope of services to provide the County of San Benito with contract environmental planning and consulting services Strada Verde Innovation Park (SVIP) Project development application through August 31, 2024, increase compensation a total sum not to exceed \$267,250.00. (4/5 vote required)
SBC FILE NUMBER: 790

23. **TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR/PA - M CASILLAS**
The monthly report of the Treasurer's Portfolio and activity for the month of January 2022. This report includes balances of the operating and investment accounts and the activity of those accounts during the month of January 2022.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 685.2

Supervisor Tiffany pulled this item for discussion.

Melinda Casillas offered background information on investments and being conservative.

MOTION:

Motion to approve monthly Treasurer's report for January 2022:

Made by **Vice-Chair Bob Tiffany** and seconded by **Supervisor Betsy Dirks**

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For (5):

Against (0):

Ayes: Dirks, Gonzales, Hernandez, Kosmicki, Tiffany

Geologic Hazard Abatement District

24. (The Board will adjourn as the Board of Supervisors and reconvene as the Board of Directors of the San Benito Geologic Hazard Abatement District)

a. Acknowledge Certificate of Posting.

b. Public Comment. Opportunity to address the Board on items of interest not on the agenda.

The Board adjourned as the San Benito Geologic Hazard Abatement District at 3:24 p.m.

There were no public comments.

MOTION:

Motion to approve certificate of posting:

Made by **Vice-Chair Bob Tiffany** and seconded by **Supervisor Kollin Kosmicki**

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For (5):

Against (0):

Ayes: Dirks, Gonzales, Hernandez, Kosmicki, Tiffany

25. CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the action minutes of the January 25, 2022 meeting.

There were no public comments.

MOTION:

Motion to approve minutes of 1/25/22:

Made by **Supervisor Kollin Kosmicki** and seconded by **Vice-Chair Bob Tiffany**

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For (5):

Against (0):

Ayes: Dirks, Gonzales, Hernandez, Kosmicki, Tiffany

26. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY – S. LOUPE, INTERIM RMA DIRECTOR

Adopt Resolution No. 2022 - 02 to declare the GHAD's intent to order an assessment for The Promontory at Ridgemark Development and set a public

hearing on April 26, 2022, which is at least 45 days after written notice is provided to consider the proposed assessment and any protests thereto.
SBC FILE NUMBER:105
RESOLUTION NO: 2022-02

Eric Harrell from ENGEO spoke on funding, the prepared engineer report for the project, and the proposed assessment that will cover maintenance and emergency response.

There were two public comments from Elia and Richard.

There was a discussion between the Board of Supervisors regarding concerns and funding.

The meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

MOTION:

Motion to approve
Resolution:

Made by Vice-Chair Bob Tiffany and seconded by Supervisor
Kollin Kosmicki

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For (5):

Against (0):

Ayes: Dirks, Gonzales, Hernandez, Kosmicki, Tiffany

The Board will adjourn as the Board of Directors of the San Benito Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD) and reconvene as the Board of Supervisors.

CLOSED SESSION

Barbara Thompson, County Counsel read closed session into record. There were 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.)

27. CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation - No. of cases 1 (Gov. Code sec 54956.9 (d) (2), (e)(1)); County Counsel Barbara Thompson; Assistant County Counsel Joel Ellinwood.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 235.6

Barbara Thompson, County Counsel reported out to reportable action.

REGULAR AGENDA

28. URGENCY ITEM ADDED BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S

Approve and authorize the CAO or designee to donate surplus items from the Sheriff's Department to CalOES per government code 25365.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 156

The Board made a motion to add this item on the agenda as a urgency item.

The Board approved to authorize the CAO to donate surplus items from the Sheriff Department to CalOES per government code 25365.

There were no public comments.

MOTION:

Motion to add this item as a urgency item on the agenda: Made by **Vice-Chair Bob Tiffany** and seconded by **Supervisor Peter Hernandez**

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For (5): Against (0):

Ayes: Dirks, Gonzales , Hernandez, Kosmicki, Tiffany

MOTION:

Motion to approve to authorize the CAO or his designee to donate surplus items from the Sheriff Department to CalOES per government code 25365: Made by **Supervisor Kollin Kosmicki** and seconded by **Supervisor Betsy Dirks**

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For (5): Against (0):

Ayes: Dirks, Gonzales , Hernandez, Kosmicki, Tiffany

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ray Espinosa, CAO reported that item #16 from today's agenda that was pulled and will be brought back to another meeting. On the June agenda the sales tax initiative will be discussed.

Chair Gonzales would like a stance on the sales tax initiative to be placed on the agenda for discussion, Supervisor Hernandez second.

Supervisor Dirks would like a independent culture review for all departments to be placed on the agenda for discussion, Chair Gonzales second.

Supervisor Tiffany spoke on wanting to know more about road projects and timing which will be discussed at the Board retreat, with GIS providing a map.

Opportunity for Board members to request items to be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the next regular meeting of March 22, 2022.

MOTION:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:59 p.m.: Made by **Supervisor Peter Hernandez** and seconded by **Supervisor Betsy Dirks**

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For (5): Against (0):

Ayes: Dirks, Gonzales , Hernandez, Kosmicki, Tiffany

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