



## SAN BENITO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Betsy Dirks  
District No. 1

Kollin Kosmicki  
District No. 2

Peter Hernandez  
District No. 3

Bob Tiffany  
District No. 4

Bea Gonzales  
District No. 5

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

### SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 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 (3) minutes unless otherwise permitted by the Board Chair.***

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 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 Kollin Kosmicki, District #2.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Peter Hernandez, District #3.

- b. Acknowledge Certificate of Posting

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MOTION:

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

**5 - 0**

For (5):

Against (0):

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

c. NOTICE OF TEMPORARY PROCEDURES FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISOR MEETING

**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.**

**The meetings are open to the public, under the following conditions: All Attendees may attend the Board meeting in person and follow the State guidelines. If an attendee is not fully vaccinated it is highly recommended that an attendee wears a face covering or face shield. All attendees must comply with any other rules of procedures/instructions announced by the Board of Supervisors and/or County Staff. The meeting will be available through Zoom and YouTube for those who wish to join or require accommodations with the instructions below:**

**This meeting can be accessed in the following methods:**

- 1. Through Zoom (<https://zoom.us/join>) per the instruction stated below, and other methods as described further below; and**

**Webinar ID: 836 9414 4611**

**Webinar Password: 267524**

- 2. Remote live stream on CMAP you tube channel and the County's Social Media Page. (If available for the meeting).**

**Participating by Zoom:**

**Three ways to attend Zoom meetings: on a web browser, through the Zoom App, or over the phone.** Each webinar will have a webinar ID and password, which is a unique number associated with an instant or scheduled meeting (found at the top of this text). The chat feature is disabled for all participants. Additionally, the video function is not available to the public.

**A. Zoom on Web-browser:**

- a. If joining through web-browser, launch the address <https://zoom.us/join> or open the direct link listed below: <https://zoom.us>**

**B. Or launch the Zoom app on your Tablet or Smartphone:**

- b. Select "JOIN A MEETING"**

- c. The participant will be prompted to enter **Webinar ID and Password listed above** and name to join the meeting. The meeting agenda can be found at <https://www.cosb.us/>
- d. The participant can launch audio through their computer or set it up through the phone.
- e. **Public Comment:** Select the “**Participants Tab**” and click “**Raise hand**” icon, and the Zoom facilitator will unmute you when your turn arrives.

**C. Zoom Audio Only (phone):**

- a. If you are **calling in as audio-only**, please dial **US: +1 669 900 6833 or +1 408 638 0968**
- b. It will ask you to enter the **Webinar ID listed above**, followed by the “**#**” key (pound key), then enter **Webinar Password listed above** at the top page of the agenda. The meeting agenda can be found at <https://www.cosb.us/>
- 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.

**Remote Viewing:**

Members of the public who wish to watch the meeting can view a livestream of the meeting online through either the:

**A. San Benito County Facebook**

**Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/sbccalifornia>

**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.** 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](mailto:JFrechette@cosb.us)

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **1. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE – R. ESPINOSA**

Receive an informational presentation on Charter Counties include but not be limited to the history, process, authority, provisions, powers, limitations, attorney general opinions, and state mandates from California State Association of Counties, and if desired, provide direction to staff.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 119

Geoffrey Neill and Danielle Bradley from CSAC presented on this item and offered background information on Charter Counties.

There was one public comment from Elia.

There was a discussion between the Board of Supervisors and County staff regarding Charter Counties with questions and concerns. A motion was made and failed to oppose exploring the development of a Charter County to address special elections with a 3/2 vote. Supervisor Kosmicki and Hernandez voting yes with Supervisor Dirks, Gonzales, and Tiffany voting no.

### **2. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE – R. ESPINOSA**

Receive presentation and review available resources to address good governance and assessment tools and provide staff direction if desired.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 119

Babs Kavanaugh presented a PowerPoint presentation on the foundations of effective Governance and provided background information and trainings that are available for the Board.

There was one public comment from Valerie.

There was a discussion between the Board of Supervisors and County staff regarding moving forward with the training.

### **3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE – R. ESPINOSA**

Receive an informational presentation on proposition 13 and a financial overview of the State of the County to include but not be limited to current reserves, comparison, personnel, and staffing levels, and, if desired, provide staff direction.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 119

Gabriel Orozco, Budget Officer presented a PowerPoint presentation on Prop 13 and offered background information.

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

There was a discussion between the Board of Supervisor's and County staff regarding business not paying for their license, generating revenue, and commercial development.

### **4. BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S**

Receive informational presentation from KNN Public Finance regarding options for financing roads and capital improvement projects, and provide staff direction if desired.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 156

David Leifer from KNN Public Finance presented a PowerPoint presentation on options for financing roads and capital improvement programs and offered background information.

There were no public comments.

There was a discussion between the Board of Supervisor's and County staff regarding bringing this item back with more options and for certain projects.

5. **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY- S. LOUPE, INTERIM RMA DIRECTOR**

Discussion of San Benito County roads and facilities capital improvement projects to include but are not limited to: roads; bridges; facilities, parks, roads funding; short and long term goals; and provide staff direction if desired.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 105

Steve Loupe presented a PowerPoint presentation on County roads and facilities and offered background information.

There was one public comment from Elia.

There was a discussion between the Board of Supervisor's and County staff regarding the conditions of the roads and making safety a priority.

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

1. Accept an informational presentation on the legislative process and, discuss legislative priorities for Fiscal Year 22/23, provide staff direction if desired.

2. Authorize staff to forward the proposed legislative change to Assemblyman Rivas, County County's Association, or possibly RCRC for possible action, the proposed legislation relates to amending the Brown Act to allow local agencies to receive and provide direction to its negotiator in closed session relating to negotiations of proposed (a) tax exchange agreements with other local agencies under California Revenue and Taxation Code sections 99, 99.01, or 99.02 or (b) development agreements under California Government Code sections 65864-65869.5, and/or provide direction to staff.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 119

This item was pulled from the agenda for discussion by County staff.

7. **BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S**

Discuss updating the Board's Rules and Procedures, including but not limited to modifying public comment to three minutes, placing a time cap on each item, placing a cap on the amount of time the board; and discuss board committees and opportunities to consolidate if desired provide staff direction.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 156

Dulce Alonso presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Board Rules and Procedures and offered background information.

There was four public comments from Elia, Rob, Valerie, and Bill.

There was a discussion between the Board of Supervisor's and County staff regarding getting more public members involved, in support of adding an extra minute to public comment making it a total of three minutes, and adding an additional 3rd Board meeting to every month making it a total of three Board meetings monthly being the second, third, and fourth Tuesday of the month.

MOTION:

*Motion to approve public comment time to three minutes and update the Board Rules and Procedures to affect this change:* 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*

8. **COUNTY COUNSEL - B. THOMPSON**

Receive informational presentation providing an overview of the Public Records Act, and if desired, provide direction to staff.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 160

Bre Moebius presented a PowerPoint presentation on Public Records Act Request and provided background information.

There was one public comment from Elia.

There was a discussion between the Board of Supervisor's and County staff regarding a no cost for PRA's, no funding for staff being a State Mandate, and being able to destroy personal notes.

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

MOTION:

*Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:52 p.m.:* Made by **Supervisor Peter Hernandez** and seconded by **Supervisor Betsy Dirks**

**5 - 0**

*For (5):*

*Against (0):*

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

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