

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COLUSA COUNTY
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 7, 2016

PRESENT:

KENT BOES, City Member
BRANDON ASH, Public Member

DENISE CARTER, County, Chair
GARY EVANS, County Member
TOM REISCHE, City Member, Vice Chair

ALSO PRESENT:

JOHN LOUDON, County Alt.

JOHN BENOIT, Ex. Officer
P. SCOTT BROWNE, Legal

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. There was a quorum present.

2. Public Comment - None

3. Consent Agenda

On motion of B. Ash, second by T. Reische, the Commission approved payment of the February and March 2016 claims, motion carried.

4. Public Hearing regarding the 2016-2017 proposed LAFCo Budget

J. Benoit reviewed the 2016-2017 proposed LAFCo budget stating that Calafco dues have increased from \$785 to \$840; the membership voted in the increase. The A87 charges have decreased; staff services will remain the same.

The only thing John is proposing for this year is to get the Lafco files into electronic format in accordance with our data retention policy. He will be reviewing the records retention policy because he is ready to start clearing out files. Currently, all files are stored at the Planning and Public Works Department. His goal is to start and finish with the electronic data and then post on the Lafco website. He would also like to streamline the “minutes” process so that the public can easily access them. D. Carter suggested that Lafco use the county system. John will talk with the Clerk regarding the system.

J. Benoit advised the commission that the goal of a \$50,000 reserve has been met. The cost to the county and cities will decrease to \$92,555. Next year’s conference will be held in Santa Barbara, and the budget will allow for two members to attend. John finished his review of the 2016/2017 proposed budget.

3:17 – Opened Public Hearing

3:18 – Closed Public Hearing

T. Reische moved to approve Resolution 2016-0003 approving a proposed FY 2016-2017 budget for Colusa LAFCo, second by G. Evans, motion carried by roll call vote. (5-0)

5. Application by petition from California Land Investors, LLC to detach 208 acres more or less from the Glenn Colusa Irrigation District.

John provided background information on the project. There is now a developer that would like to develop the area; however, he needs to get out of GCID. John does not see any problems with the project. A property tax sharing agreement will be required from the Glenn County Board of Supervisors. Glenn County needs to go through the process, and John needs to review the maps. When he receives the Property Tax resolution, he will bring it to the Commission.

6. Discussion regarding the March 30 – April 1, 2016 Calafco Annual Staff Workshop

John and Scott provided the Commission with a summary of the Calafco Annual Staff Workshop and a legislative update. John stated that the conference was very good. S. Browne provided the Commission with information on the City of Patterson issue. A short discussion followed. Scott is asking for a letter from various Lafcos saying that this is an important issue, and we need to address it.

Because this item arose after the agenda was posted, a motion was passed to add it to today's agenda.

B. Ash moved to add an item to today's agenda regarding submittal of a comment letter regarding Patterson vs Turlock I.D. to the Executive Committee, second by K. Boes, motion carried on roll call vote. (5-0)

T. Reische moved to approval submittal of a comment letter regarding Patterson vs TID to the Executive Committee, second by G. Evans, motion carried by roll call vote. (5-0)

John was asked to email a copy of the letter to Chair Carter, who would sign the letter and electronically return it to John as a PDF

7. Correspondence.

J. Benoit stated that he has a lot of correspondence from the California Special Districts Association for risk management. The rates are not going up; getting longevity rates now.

8. Executive Officer's Report

-Princeton MSR and SOI – Waiting for Maps – John stated that he is not waiting for maps, will finalize and get a copy to Andy at Princeton so they can review before proceeding.

-Williams FPD Annexation – John stated that this is a huge annexation. This will come before the commission in the next couple months; a hearing will be held for discussion. There are some discrepancies with the parcels. A short discussion followed. There was a discussion regarding holding the hearing in Williams.

-Maxwell FPD SOI – John stated that he needs more information, and this is for the PUD, not the FPD.

-Legislative Process Participation (handed out information) – John wants to be able to respond quickly to requests for letters. He would forward the request to the Chair and Commission so that we can move quickly and participate in legislation. He stated that it would be good for Lafco to be more involved. He will present this item for discussion at the next meeting; will need to amend the bylaws to include a Legislation Process Participation policy.

9. Commissioner Reports – Discussion - None

10. Closed Session

4:00 p.m. – Closed Session

Subject: Employee Performance Evaluation March 2015 – March 2016

Title: LAFCO Executive Officer

4:15 p.m. – Report out of Closed Session

S. Browne reported that a performance evaluation was completed for the LAFCo Executive Officer.

11. Adjourn to next regular meeting of May 5, 2016, as determined necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.