

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COLUSA COUNTY
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 5, 2020

PRESENT:

JOHN LOUDON, County Member
DENISE CARTER, County Member
SAJIT SINGH, Chair, City Member
BRANDON ASH, Public Member
GREG PONCIANO, City Member

ALSO PRESENT:

JOHN BENOIT, Ex. Officer
SCOTT BROWNE, Legal Counsel
LORA CECCON, Clerk

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. There was a quorum present.

2. Consider Minutes from September 3, 2020 and October 1, 2020

On motion of B. Ash, second by S. Singh, the commission approved the September 3, 2020 minutes; motion carried by roll call vote.

On motion of D. Carter, second by S. Singh, the commission approved the October 1, 2020 minutes; motion carried by roll call vote with G. Ponciano abstaining.

3. Public Comment – None

4. Consent Agenda

On motion of D. Carter, second by B. Ash, the commission approved claims for the month of October 2020; motion carried by roll call vote.

5. Correspondence – John advised the commission that information is included in the agenda packet regarding the Calafco Regional Roundtable.

3:08 - Continued Public Hearing:

6. Fire and EMS Service Review and Sphere Update

John stated that he was asked to include updated budget and demographic data and he has done that. The copy they have includes updated information. The fire districts were informed throughout the process, and they were very cooperative.

D. Carter stated that on page 13; the 2017 crop report was used, and there is a more recent report available. Also, on page 102; the disadvantaged communities state average number was not updated. In general, it does not talk about what year these disadvantaged communities' numbers are from.

John stated that he will make the updates.

On motion by D. Carter, second by G. Ponciano, the commission moved to approve Resolution 2020-0004 adopting a fire and EMS service review; motion carried by roll call vote.

On motion by B. Ash, second by S. Singh, the commission moved to approve Resolution 2020-0005 adopting a sphere of influence update for the Williams Rural Fire Protection District, the Arbuckle-College City Fire Protection District, the Bear Valley-Indian Valley Fire Protection District, the Sacramento River Fire Protection District, the Princeton Fire Protection District and the Maxwell Fire Protection District; motion carried roll vote.

7. Workshop: Colusa County Waterworks District #1 (Grimes) MSR and SOI

John stated that the Grimes MSR was done years ago and needs to be updated. The community does not have quality water; the arsenic level exceeds acceptable levels, and the community members are drinking bottled water. They are a disadvantaged community and eligible for all kinds of grants; however, they do not have the staff capacity to apply.

S. Browne suggested that Lafco may want to look at what can be done to assist them in accessing needed services. Is consolidation an option?

More discussion followed. John stated that more research needs to be done and this item will be continued to the next meeting for further discussion.

8. Approve Meeting Schedule for 2021

On motion by D. Carter, second by S. Singh, the commission approved the 2021 meeting schedule; motion carried by roll call vote.

9. Brief review of the LAFCo process

John presented a review of the LAFCo process so that everyone would understand the time involved. LAFCo has a process and it takes six months, not 30 days. When an application is submitted, it needs to be signed, the maps need to be stamped and they need to be prepared by a surveyor. A 21-day notice is required before a hearing can be held. John provided information on the issues with the City of Colusa's project. John likes to receive application packets that are complete, not piecemeal. There are a lot of nuances with LAFCo. Once a complete application is received, it takes six months because of mandated timelines. John does not want to schedule hearings until everything is provided.

G. Ponciano stated that he would try and bird dog the city's application. More discussion followed.

10. Executive Officer's Report

- a.) LAFCo's record's retention policy – 2013** – Included with bylaws. Bylaws need to be reviewed for possible updates.
- b.) LAFCo's fee schedule – 2010** – There are few cleanup items to discuss; not necessarily raising fees but need to make sure LAFCo is covered when a project takes a lot of time.
- c.) LAFCo's application forms – 2015**
- d.) City of Colusa applications for changes of organization**

11. Commissioner Reports – Discussion

None

12. Next Colusa LAFCo meeting: January 7, 2021

Meeting adjourned 4:24 p.m.