

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Regular Session
All Supervisors Present
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Tuesday

March 9, 2004

J.K. Wells spoke regarding his attempts to build on a parcel in the Patterson area. His concern is that the parcel is too small to be in the Williamson Act, yet because of a previous law the land is currently in the Act. He would like to be out of the Williamson Act without paying the penalty. The Planning Director informed the Board of the current State laws and what is happening to try and correct the issues for those who are in parcels less than 10 acres that are covered by the Williamson Act. The staff will be taking this issue to the Planning Update Committee and then to the Planning Commission to correct these types of issues.

George Reichmath spoke regarding his issues with the Williamson Act on his 19.5 acres in the Patterson area. He lost a ½ acre due to a County road widening, which now disqualifies him to build on the site.

The Board requested that County staff pursue legal action regarding the State's changes to current Williamson Act contracts.

Walter Coolidge spoke requesting an increase in wages for IHSS workers. He cares for his disabled wife.

Patricia Khanasa spoke regarding the amount of wages a home caregiver receives. She noted that the care received in care facilities is inadequate and more expensive. She requested that the Board find the funds in the budget.

Mary Burch spoke regarding her disabled daughter and her need to stay home and care for her. She has had many negative experiences leaving her daughter in the hands of caregivers.

Jose Acosta spoke regarding his need to have a care worker, and how his caregiver has improved his quality of life.

Claudia Parks spoke regarding the care she gives to her 8-year-old son. She receives \$1,000 per month to care for him. She pointed out the need of home health care workers for those who require continuous care.

Joy Chatfield spoke regarding the need for a decent wage for home health care workers. If the workers are not there, their patients will have to go to facilities, which will cost several thousand dollars a month more. She requested an increase in wages.

Cheryl Meyer spoke regarding the need for health benefits and an increase in wages for home care workers.

Kristy Rosenquist, a caregiver, spoke regarding the difficulties in caring for the patients and how proud she is of her fellow healthcare workers. It is her hope that the Board will redirect funds to give the caregivers an increase in wages.

Danielle Maxwell spoke about her son and the needs he has that require her to stay home with him.

Darlene Maria Vasquez spoke on behalf of Claudia Stevens, who is widowed and has a home care worker. She stated that as a result of the low wages, Claudia has not always received good care. Darlene spoke on the need for an increase in wages for the IHSS caregivers.

John Hinchman spoke regarding the need to increase the wages of the IHSS workers. He noted that the workers do difficult tasks and deserve to get paid a wage that they can live on. He feels it is time to pay and give benefits to these workers. Without a good wage, it is difficult to get workers for the disabled people of our community.

Ann Sutherland, a UDW representative, spoke regarding the need to increase the salaries of the workers. She stated that the Board may not have received correct information from staff regarding the amount of funding available for these types of programs. She is asking for the Board to sign the contract.

The Board noted that they understand and appreciate the hard work that caregivers provide to the community. The current negotiations are continuing and the fiscal issues are not simple. Therefore, the process needs to continue.

The Interim CEO said that the staff does give accurate fiscal funding information to the Board. Assembly Bill 1682, which went into effect in 1999, is when the State made the County as the Employer of Record for the IHSS workers. Currently, the State is taking the funding away from local control, which is hampering the ability of the County to meet all of the needs of the community. The County will prepare a summary of the funding sources so that people can better understand how the monies can and cannot be spent. When the County meets with the UDW they will continue to explain these budget matters to them. It is the State that is restricting the funding to the UDW workers.

The Auditor-Controller spoke regarding the funding sources of the County. He explained that many of the funds are restricted to specific programs and cannot be used for other programs.

Henry Dill spoke regarding the need to get jobs for local workers for the building of the Gallo Arts Center.

Simon/Paul unan. Adopted the consent calendar, after removing from the agenda item **B8** Approval to Set a Public Hearing on May 18, 2004 at 6:35 p.m. to Conduct a Ballot Procedure for the Fiscal Year 2004/2005 Annual Assessment for County Service Area No. 10 – Salida, in Compliance with Proposition 218, and Approval of Engineer’s Report – Public Works 2004-172

***A1** Approved the minutes of 3/2/04

***A2** Appointed Lisa Henry and John Patrick O’Brien to the Stanislaus County Children’s Council 2004-158

***A3** Commended Ecco Stotts and Dawn Cunningham upon their Retirement from BHRS 2004-159

***B1** Authorized CSA to renew/amend agreements with Arbor Inc., and the State Department of Employment Development for Employment Services for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Recipients; and, authorized the Director of CSA, or his Assistant Director Designee, to sign the agreements and any amendments not to exceed the original agreement amounts – CSA 2004-160

***B2** Approved the amended agreement with Inter-Faith Ministries for providing Sober Living Environment Services, authorized the CSA Director, or his Assistant Director Designee, to

- sign the agreement not to exceed the total contract amount of \$140,000 for the period 7/1/03 through 6/30/04 – CSA 2004-161
- *B3 Authorized the Director of DER to enter into and sign agreements and contracts to expend funds designated by the State Water Resources Control Board’s Emergency, Abandoned, and Recalcitrant Site Account for clean-up of soil and groundwater contamination of property at 402 Downey Avenue, Modesto – DER 2004-162
 - *B4 Approved a one-year extension to the existing lease agreement with Sally Pitcock for concessionaire rights at Modesto Reservoir and Woodward Reservoir; authorized the Stanislaus County Purchasing Department to extend the existing lease for one year; and, authorized the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his Designee, to sign the lease extension – Parks and Recreation 2004-163
 - *B5 Authorized the Director of Parks and Recreation to enter into an agreement with Salida Little League for the use of the concession facility located at Salida Park and waived the exclusive use fee for the concession in exchange for repairs being performed to the concession and restrooms by Salida Little League – Parks and Recreation 2004-164
 - *B6 Authorized the Sheriff to add one Deputy Sheriff-Coroner to be assigned to the Riverbank Police Services in accordance with the existing contract for law enforcement services for that city; directed the Auditor-Controller to increase Appropriations and Estimated Revenues in the amount of \$23,990 as detailed in the financial transaction form; and, amended the Salary Position Allocation Resolution to add one Deputy Sheriff-Coroner to the Sheriff’s Contract Cities Budget Unit – Sheriff C-1-A-10 2004-165
 - *B7 Accepted the Stanislaus County Treasury Pool’s January 2004 Monthly Investment Report as prepared by the Treasurer-Tax Collector’s Office, and reviewed for conformity with State law and local investment policy, by the Stanislaus County Treasury Pool Oversight Committee; and, authorized the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board that the report has been reviewed and accepted – T/TC 2004-166
 - *C1 Approved the MOU between the City of Waterford and Stanislaus County for the County to operate a public transit service, Waterford Dial-a-Ride, within the City of Waterford and surrounding areas; authorized the Public Works Transit Division and the County Transit Manager to oversee operation of the Waterford Dial-a-Ride; and, authorized the Chairman to sign the MOU – PW C-8-A-3 2004-167
 - *C2 Approved the purchase agreement to acquire road right-of-way on the west side of Carpenter Road, for a road project to realign a curve approximately one and one-half miles north of Crows Landing Road; authorized the Chairman to execute the agreement; and, directed the Auditor-Controller to issue a warrant for the purchase amount of \$5,600 payable to Fidelity National Title Company – PW 2004-168
 - *C3 Approved the purchase agreement to acquire road right-of-way on the east side of Carpenter Road, for a road project to realign a curve approximately one and one-half miles north of Crows Landing Road; authorized the Chairman to execute the agreement; and, directed the Auditor-Controller to issue a warrant for the purchase amount of \$1,000 payable to Fidelity National Title Company – PW 2004-169
 - *C4 Find that the subject ordinance is not subject to the CEQA (Public Resources Code, §2100 et seq.); introduced and waived the first reading of an Ordinance C.S. 875 Amending Title 11 of the Stanislaus County Code, adding No Parking Zones on Crows Landing Road, Hackett Road and Whitmore Avenue, and a No Truck Parking Zone on Hatch Road – PW ORD-54-R-8 2004-170
 - *C5 Approved the Subdivision Improvement Agreement for Victoria Park Subdivision; finds that the final map is in substantial compliance with the previously approved tentative map; finds that Stanislaus County has adopted a specific plan covering the area proposed to be included within the final map; finds that the final map, together with the provisions for its

design and improvement, is consistent with the specific plan for the area; reject all roads, highways, avenues, alleys, courts, ways, lanes, places, etc.; authorized the Chairman to sign the final map and the Subdivision Improvement Agreement; and, authorized the Final Map to be filed and recorded as presented – PW 2004-171

Simon/Paul unan. **B9** Approved the funding of economic development proposals from the Economic Development “Bank” for the first cycle of FY 2003/04; authorized the Interim CEO, or her Designee, to execute agreements with those jurisdictions receiving funding from the Economic Development “Bank” for the first cycle of FY 2003/04; and, authorized the Auditor-Controller to establish any and all necessary accounting protocols for the administration, tracking, disbursement and reimbursement of the funds
C-1-A-11; C-2-B-3; C-6-I-1; C-8-A-2 2004-173

Recessed 11:08 a.m.

Reconvened 11:15 a.m.

Simon/Mayfield unan. **C6** Accepted a status report on the County’s Public Transit System, Stanislaus Regional Transit, “START” – PW 2004-174

Simon/Paul unan. **9:25am** Approved the cancellation of the public hearing based upon a request from Kaiser Permanente and the California Statewide Communities Development Authority for the consideration of the approval of a resolution relating to the issuance by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority of its Conduit Revenue Bonds to be used by Kaiser Foundation Hospitals pursuant to §147(F) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Tax and Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) 2004-175

Corr 1 Referred to the CEO, a letter from the California Arts Council requesting that the Board designate the Stanislaus Arts Council as our authorized Partner to the California Arts Council for the State-Local Partnership Program.

Supervisor Paul requested an update on the teen pregnancy clinic, on the Domestic Violence Council, and on the local spray-neuter clinics.

Supervisor Grover updated the Board regarding a meeting of the four Regional Air Quality Boards regarding the EPA mandates. He noted that four mountain counties may be required to be a part of our regional Air District. He and Supervisor Mayfield met with local farmers regarding the changes the regional Air Board has made in the rules that regulate their industry.

Supervisor Mayfield noted that farmers will not be able to meet the air quality standards for stationary sources, unless the State and Federal Governments step in and make changes, since 70% of the air pollution is tied to mobile sources. He continued to note that the Federal government would need to make changes to either cars or fuel for the valley to meet their air standards.

Supervisor Grover said that the Central Valley doesn’t receive enough funding, nor their share of Federal funding, to address the air quality issues. He said that local counties need to be proactive in getting federal resources to address our air pollution issues. He also updated the Board on his recent trip to Washington, DC. He noted that 17 people attended this trip for three days, and met with both State Senators, with our local Congressman, the Secretary of Ag and with several other departments including Transportation and the Office of Homeland Defense. He reiterated the fact that California is currently not getting their fair share of federal tax dollars, and especially the Central Valley is not receiving the funding that it deserves. He encourages these types of meetings to educate our representatives on the details of our community.

The Interim CEO reported on the recent election results where the State bonds for \$15 billion were approved by the voters, but she noted there is still a \$7 to 8 billion budget deficit. She noted that the Senate sub-committee meetings began regarding drug, healthcare and MediCal reimbursement program issues. The State has sent out bills to counties regarding the Child Support penalties. Workers Compensation issues are being discussed at the State level. The Governor will present his Revised Budget in April.

The Planning Director updated the Board regarding the Public Comment issues that Mr. Reichmath and Mr. Wells spoke about this morning, concerning the Williamson Act.

Adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

ATTESTED: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Stanislaus
State of California

BY: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
(The above is a summary of the minutes of the Board of Supervisors. Complete minutes are available from the Clerk of the Board's Office.)