

Minutes For October 25, 2005

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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M I N U T E S

The Solano County Board of Supervisors met on the 25th day of October, 2005 in regular session in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Solano in the Solano County Administrative Center, 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, California at 8:35A.M. pursuant to County Code Section 2-1.103. Present were Supervisors Kromm, Reagan, Silva and Vice-Chair Vasquez. Chairwoman Kondylis was excused. Vice-Chair Vasquez presided. Also present were Michael D. Johnson, County Administrator and Dennis Bunting, County Counsel.

Agenda Item No. 1
Closed Session

The Board of Supervisors recessed this meeting at 8:36 a.m. to convene in Closed Session on the following matters:

- A. Existing Litigation: Protect the Marsh v. County of Solano and Potrero Hills Landfill, Inc. and Suisun Resource Conservation District v. Solano County Board of Supervisors
- B. Existing Litigation: Ozie Boler v. Board of Supervisors
- C. Labor Negotiations: Unit #1 Attorneys represented by Teamsters Local #228, Chief Negotiator Craig Jory
- D. Labor Negotiations: Public Authority/IHSS: Chief Negotiator: Steve Janice; SEIU – Local 1280

Open Session

The Board of Supervisors reconvened in Open Session at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Kromm, Reagan, Silva and Vice-Chair Vasquez. Chairwoman Kondylis was excused. Vice-Chair Vasquez presided.

Report of Action in Closed Session

County Counsel Dennis Bunting noted that there were no reports from Closed Session.

Salute to the Flag and Moment of Silence

The meeting continued with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence.

Additions to or Deletions From the Agenda

There were no additions to or deletions from the agenda.

Approval of Agenda

Approved the Solano County Board of Supervisors' agenda as submitted.

MOTION: Silva. SECOND: Reagan.
AYES: Kromm, Reagan, Silva, Vasquez.
EXCUSED: Kondylis.

Item No. 2

Sister City/County Relationship with the
City of Ji'an, People's Republic of China

County Administrator Michael D. Johnson noted that at the August 3, 2004 Board meeting, the Board approved the formation of a Sister City/County relationship with the City of Ji'an, People's Republic of China following a trip taken by a delegation of Solano County officials to the City of Ji'an on an official invitation of the Mayor from June 9-20, 2004. In July of this year, Mr. Johnson invited Ji'an Mayor Hu Changlin to Solano County to sign an official agreement to form a Sister City-County relationship and to discuss opportunities for mutual exchanges and cooperation between the County and the City in the areas of agriculture, education, business and culture. The agreement includes authorization for reciprocal exchanges and cooperation in such fields as economic trade, science and technology, agriculture, education and culture for the purpose of development and prosperity of both the County and the City and on-going communication between the City and the County. Mr. Johnson noted that the agreement would be for a five year period but may stay in effect thereafter if not terminated by either party. Mr. Johnson noted that the delegation from Ji'an is visiting Solano County from October 24th to 26th and includes the Mayor, Vice Mayor, Director of Foreign and Overseas Affairs and staff and that they would be meeting with a number of governments, agricultural, business, education, and cultural representatives while visiting sites throughout the County.

Vice-Chair Vasquez thanked the friends from Ji'an for visiting Solano County to participate in this historic event of signing the Sister City-County agreement.

Supervisor Kromm noted that he looked forward to the cultural exchange including the exchange of educators and students to learn from one another and form a stronger relationship.

Supervisor Reagan stated that business, education, and cultural exchanges were critical in preventing misunderstandings between cultures and would help bring the world to a friendlier, more understanding place.

Supervisor Silva noted that the Chinese helped build the State of California in many ways and looked forward to the friendships and relationships that would develop with the youth of these two entities.

Consulate General, People's Republic of China, noted that the Sister City-County agreement would bring the people of the two countries closer together.

Ji'an Mayor Hu Changlin expressed his heartfelt appreciation to the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in San Francisco and to the government of Solano County for their hospitality and profound friendship. Mayor Hu Changlin called on Solano County to join hands with the City of Ji'an to search for a new future of friendship and prosperity for both the City and the County. Mayor Changlin noted that it was his hope that there would be frequent communication and that the start of this relationship would create a favorable condition for both countries in agriculture, business and education.

At the conclusion of comments, the Board acted to approve the official agreement to establish a Sister City and County relationship with the City of Ji'an, People's Republic of China and authorized the County Administrator to sign the agreement. The Board conducted a signing ceremony with officials from the City of Ji'an and exchanged gifts.

MOTION: Kromm. SECOND: Reagan
AYES: Kromm, Reagan, Silva, Vasquez.
EXCUSED: Kondylis.

Recess

The Board of Supervisors recessed this meeting at 10:10 A.M. to attend a reception to welcome officials from the Sister City of Ji'an, People's Republic of China in the County Government Center Foyer.

Reconvene

The Board of Supervisors reconvened this meeting at 10:35 A.M. Present were Supervisors

Reagan, Silva, and Vice-Chair Vasquez. Supervisor Kromm and Chairwoman Kondylis were excused. Vice-Chair Vasquez presided.

Items From the Public and Board Member Comments

Vice-Chair Vasquez invited individuals of the public to make statements on matters relating to the business of the Solano County Board of Supervisors. The following comments were received:

- A. Steven Kays, Fairfield, expressed his concern regarding economic development in Solano County.
- B. Supervisor Reagan requested that this meeting of the Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Staff Sgt. Jerry Lee Bonifacio, Jr.
- C. Supervisor Reagan requested that this meeting of the Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of City of Rio Vista Police Officer David Lamoree.
- D. Supervisor Vasquez, on behalf of Supervisor Kromm, requested that this meeting of the Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Ralph Penning.
- E. Supervisor Vasquez requested that this meeting of the Board of Supervisors be adjourned in memory of Ana and Luis Cardenas.

Adjournment

The Board of Supervisors adjourned this meeting at 10:40 A.M. in memory of the following:

- A. Staff Sgt. Jerry Lee Bonifacio, Jr.
- B. David Lamoree
- C. Ralph Penning
- D. Ana and Luis Cardenas

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be November 1, 2005 at 8:30 A.M.

MOTION: Reagan. SECOND: Silva.

AYES: Reagan, Silva, Vasquez.

EXCUSED: Kromm, Kondylis.

JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Vice-Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

MICHAEL D. JOHNSON, Clerk of the
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By
Patricia J. Crittenden, Chief Deputy Clerk