

Minutes For June 10, 2003

The Solano County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on this day at 8:30 a.m. Chairman Kromm called the meeting to order. All members were present.

CLOSED SESSION: The Board moved into Closed Session at 8:31 a.m. to discuss Meet and Confer: All Bargaining Units with Yolanda Irigon, Chief Negotiator. The Board moved out of Closed Session at 9:07 a.m.

The Solano County Board of Supervisors reconvened on this day at 9:08 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

PRESENTATIONS

(Item 7A) PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 10TH BIRTHDAY OF THE NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BENICIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVED

On motion of Supervisor Silva and seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board acted to approve the proclamation Recognizing the 10th Birthday of the New Public Library of the City of Benicia. So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

On behalf of the Board, Supervisor Silva will present the proclamation to the library at their celebration.

(Item 7B) 2002 CROP REPORT PRESENTED BY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER SUSAN COHEN

Agricultural Commissioner Susan Cohen noted the addition of a mini crop report this year, which summarizes what is going on with agriculture in the County in 2002. The mini crop report and the full 2002 Crop Report are available on the website. Ms. Cohen briefly reviewed the 2002 Crop Report for Solano County highlighting the differences of this report over previous years; with nursery stock continuing as the number 1 commodity in the County, and the continuing strength of agriculture even with the challenges facing farmers. On motion of Supervisor Silva and seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board acted to receive the report and to approve a study updating the economic impact of agriculture on the local economy. So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

APPEARANCE BY DONALD TIPTON, RE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Donald Tipton, Vallejo, voiced his concerns regarding the management of the Department of Environmental Management, confidentiality of people filing Code Compliance complaints, and requested an update on the status of Code Compliance complaints in Homeacres.

APPEARANCE BY NORA MARTINEZ RE HOMELESS ISSUES

Nora Martinez, Fairfield, voiced concern regarding the criminalization of homelessness and poverty, mistreatment of the homeless, school funding being used to fund a facility for Mission Solano, and the need to help the home.

APPEARANCE BY CATHY ANN HEWITT RE VARIOUS ISSUES

Cathy Ann Hewitt, Benicia, discussed the use of the Benicia Library, the LINK Program that links the health and well being of individuals to education, fluctuating school enrollments, and funding programs through the Children and Families Commission (First Five Solano).

APPEARANCES BY PEGGY CASSIDY, GLENDA MADDOX, TAMI STEWART, AND SYLVIA S. JOE RE FUNDING FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM SMART

Peggy Cassidy, Mental Health Clinician for the SMART Program, discussed the benefits and improvements the SMART Program has made, voiced concern for budget cuts and the effects the changes will have on the SMART Program, and the proposed substantial increased job duties for SMART Program clinicians resulting in greatly reduced services to the SMART Program recipients.

Glenda Maddox, Vallejo – SMART Program recipient, discussed her experience with the SMART Team and the life saving services she and her son have received, voiced concern with the possibility of cuts to the program, and the great need for the help and guidance this program provides.

Tami Stewart, Suisun City, discussed her personal experience with the SMART Team, the life changing experience, the great assistance she has received, and voiced concern that program cuts will adversely affect she and her seven children.

Sylvia S. Joe, Vallejo, discussed the support and encouragement she and her three children have received from the SMART Team, the big difference the SMART Team has made, and hopes the program will continue to provide the same benefits to others in need. One of her sons is disabled, and the SMART Team has helped Ms. Joe find the necessary resources to help her son.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Silva, the Board acted to add consideration of a resolution to submit 2003 CSAC Challenge Award to the California State Association of Counties to the Consent Calendar. So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR

(Item 18B) Accept grant funding from the State for the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Prevention Program; approval of an

amendment to increase the agreement with the County of Solano Superintendent of Schools by \$10,033 for a total contract amount of \$84,033 for increased substance abuse prevention services for the period September 1, 2002 through August 31, 2003; approval of amendment to increase the agreement with Youth and Family Services by \$6,000 for a total contract amount of \$173,523 for increased Drug Medi-Cal substance abuse treatment services to adolescents for the period October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003

Chairman Kromm posed questions if all concerned entities support this item, Del Royer, Substance Abuse Services, discussed initial meetings for submission of the grant and the collaboration that will occur for implementation of the program. Mr. Royer discussed the funding issues posed requiring submission for the grant, and targeting of services for high risk kids in Fairfield, Dixon, and Benicia.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Silva, the Board acted to approve the submitted Agenda, incorporated herein by reference, with the following modifications:

(Item 21B) Consideration of a resolution to submit 2003 CSAC Challenge Awards to the California State Association of Counties, added to the Consent Calendar.

So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Supervisor Silva and seconded by Supervisor Forney, the Board acted to approve the following Consent Calendar items by a vote of 5-0.

(Item 14) RELEASE OF ACCOUNTABILITY FOR UNACCOUNTED FIXED ASSETS, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Information Services dated June 10, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 15) RESOLUTION NO. 2003-132 AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO SIGN A PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATION GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$469,207 TO ALLOW SOLANO COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE- COUNTY PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR FY2002/03 THROUGH FY2006/07, adopted. (see Resolution Book)

(Item 16) REPORT OF THE QUARTERLY EXAMINATION OF THE BOOKS OF THE SOLANO COUNTY TREASURY AS OF MARCH 31, 2003, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the Auditor-Controller dated February 25, 2003,

incorporated herein by reference, accepted.

(Item 17A) PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING DELINQUENT GARBAGE ACCOUNTS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF VALLEJO, APPROVING A \$50 PER PARCEL LIEN PROCESS FEE, AND AUTHORIZING THE PROCESSING OF REAL PROPERTY LIENS FOR UNPAID CHARGES, set for July 22, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

(Item 17B) APPROPRIATION TRANSFER OF UNANTICIPATED REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,400 AWARDED TO LAKE SOLANO PARK BY THE FISH & WILDLIFE PROPAGATION FUND, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from General Services dated June 10, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 18A) CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH CONTRA COSTA COUNTY RE COMMUNITY TREATMENT FACILITY BED AGREEMENT FOR PATIENT RIGHTS SERVICES, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Health and Social Services dated June 10, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved and Chairman authorized to sign said contract on behalf of Solano County.

(Item 18B) GRANT FUNDING FROM THE STATE FOR THE SAFE AND DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES PREVENTION PROGRAM, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Health and Social Services dated June 10, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, accepted.

AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF SOLANO SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS RE INCREASED SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION SERVICES, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Health and Social Services dated June 10, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved and Chairman authorized to sign said contract on behalf of Solano County.

AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES RE INCREASED DRUG MEDICAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES TO ADOLESCENTS, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Health and Social Services dated June 10, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved and Chairman authorized to sign said contract on behalf of Solano County.

(Item 18C) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH SOLANO SAFETY NET CONSORTIUM (SSNC) AND TRANSFER OF \$86,975 TO THE SSNC FUND 173 AS NECESSARY, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from Health and Social Services dated June 10, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 19A) RESOLUTION NO. 2003-133 APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN FY03/04 HOMELAND SECURITY OVERTIME PROGRAM GRANT, adopted. (see Resolution Book)

(Item 19B) RESOLUTION NO. 2003-134 APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN FY03 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM PART II, adopted. (see Resolution Book)

(Item 20) RESOLUTION NO. 2003-135 AMENDING THE LIST OF NUMBERS AND CLASSIFICATIONS OF POSITIONS WITHIN SOLANO COUNTY (DISTRICT ATTORNEY), adopted. (see Resolution Book)

(Item 21) RESOLUTION NO. 2003-136 TO APPROVE SUBMITTAL OF A REGIONAL GRANT LED BY THE CITY OF VACAVILLE TO THE CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (AMENDING RESOLUTION 2003-125), adopted. (see Resolution Book)

(Item 21B) RESOLUTION NO. 2003-138 APPROVING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT A LETTER TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO ENTER THE CSAC CHALLENGE AWARDS PROGRAM FOR 2003. adopted. (see Resolution Book)

ORDERS

(Item 23A) STATUS REPORT OF THE PROPOSED 2003-04 STATE BUDGET, RECEIVED

BOARD TOOK A POSITION OF SUPPORT FOR SB 916 (PERATA): TOLL BRIDGE REVENUES; AB 490 (STEINBERT): EDUCATION OF FOSTER YOUTHS; AB 187 (RUNNER): CRIME; SB 296 (CHESBRO): PUBLIC TRUST LANDS; KAISER STEEL DEVELOPMENT; CITY OF VALLEJO; AB 1095 (CORBETT): COUNTY LAW LIBRARIES; AB 322 (PARRA): DISABLED VETERANS PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

THE BOARD TOOK A POSITION OF OPPOSE FOR AB 206 (RICHMAN): EMERGENCY HEALTH POWERS ACT

THE BOARD TOOK A POSITION OF WATCH FOR AB 1151 (DYMALLY): FOSTER CARE

Paul Yoder, Legislative Analyst, Shaw & Yoder, presented an update on the 2003/2004 State budget, highlighting the ongoing discussions, political party positions, rollover of the \$11 billion deficit and ways to fund that rollover, counties are still doing well, the Child Support program penalty, suspending payment on mandated programs. The Republicans feel the State does not need to raise the sales tax by ½ cent, but could pledge an existing ½ cent sales tax towards the debt rollover; if this occurs it could mean major problems for the counties. Cities and counties should count on losing the Vehicle License Fee (VLF) backfill for the first and maybe the second quarter. There was a lengthy discussion regarding ways to fund the deficit rollover and enabling legislation that would lower the voting threshold locally to pass bonds and sales taxes,

and the movement to recall the governor.

Mr. Yoder discussed the oppose position on AB 206 (Richman) that is a two year bill that is stalled, and the California Association of Counties (CSAC) and the County Health officers are opposed.

Mr. Yoder is now recommending a position of watch on AB 1151 (Dymally), and Supervisor Kondylis expressed the need for protection for children in foster care that this bill will address and will watch for amendments.

Supervisor Forney feels in reference to AB 1470 (Vargas) that if the County has bargained in good faith there should be no problems with this legislation.

Mr. Yoder noted there are two bills pending relative to the Veterans exemption, which one is stalled and only listed AB 322 (Parra) since it is moving.

Carl Young, Commander Disabled American Veterans Vacaville, noted meeting with County Assessor Skip Thomson regarding proposed legislation on expanding the current entitlements and the homeowners' exemption for the totally disabled veterans and surviving widows, and noted what a benefit this legislation would be. Mr. Young encouraged the Board to support legislation that would limit access to DD214's, discharge papers, veterans file with the Records Office, and further discussed the misuse of information contained in that document that is currently public information. Mr. Young discussed the increasing number of veterans that need help, the decrease in funds and resources to help them. A short discussion followed regarding federal cuts in spending for veterans.

Kim Thomas, Children's Network, noted the Children's Network Council has changed their name to The Children's Alliance. Ms. Thomas noted strong Council support for the initiative to lower the voting threshold locally to pass bonds and sales taxes, posed questions regarding the State budget in areas of funding for Stage 3 Childcare noting 26% of the revenue for the program is provided through the State; new funds from the Federal government and how that will impact the budget, and if realignment is dead.

Mr. Yoder noted many areas for funding in the State budget that the Children's Alliance is concerned about are not doing well; California is slated to get \$2.4 billion from the Federal Government and discussed the controversy on how the funds will be spent but the Governor's proposal would be to fully fund Medi-Cal. The realignment portion of the VLF backfill is funded, and Mr. Yoder noted a large portion of the 36/32 Mandate, which is Mental Health services to severely emotionally disturbed children, is the only mandate the Governor is proposing to fund, and that Realignment is a dead issue.

Supervisor Kondylis discussed support for legislation prohibiting unsolicited email advertising, and for Federal Legislation called "The Freedom to Read Protection Act" (Sanders) that would exempt libraries and bookstores from the Patriot Act.

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Forney, the Board acted to support SB 916 (Perata): Toll bridge revenues; AB 490 (Steinert): Education of Foster youths; AB 187 (Runner): Crime; SB 296 (Chesbro): Public trust lands: Kaiser Steel Development: City of Vallejo; AB 1095 (Corbett): County law libraries; AB 322 (Parra): Disabled Veterans property tax exemption. To oppose AB 206 (Richman): Emergency Health

Powers Act. To watch AB 1151 (Dymally): Foster care. So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

(Item 23B) RESOLUTION NO. 2003-137 CLARIFYING THE FEES TO BE CHARGED UNDER THE COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES FEES ORDINANCE, ADOPTED

Assistant County Administrator Darby Hayes reviewed the information contained in the Agenda Submittal from his department dated June 10, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, regarding updating the Public Facilities Fees. Mr. Hayes noted a letter received from the City of Fairfield dated June 5, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, outlining remaining concerns relative to items number 8 and 10. Item 8 deals with a separate fee for second units, and Mr. Hayes requested the request to lower the fee be approved. Item 10 deals with the use of Census Data on the average household size for renter-occupied units, but suggested considering this question at the next five-year update.

Responding to questions posed by Chairman Kromm regarding the current view of the City of Fairfield, and the number of residents in rental properties, Eve Somjen, City of Fairfield, noted the City is very satisfied with the revised recommendation that would include a fee for second dwelling units. The Fairfield City Council recently adopted a new city fee for second dwelling units. For the lack of additional data, rental properties are used in lieu of multi-family as far as measuring the household size, and believes the assumptions the County is using for the multi-family rental units is high. The City uses 1.8 persons per household for multi-family units. Chairman Kromm suggested the cities conduct studies to determine the correct number of people occupying multi-family units, since the census data is not sufficient..

In reply to concerns voiced by Chairman Kromm regarding the status of the collection of fees in relation to the City of Rio Vista, County Administrator Michael Johnson discussed the unique situation, and the pre-commitment by the City of Rio Vista with the Trilogy Development for fees for many years in the future the excluded the County fees. There have been requests to the City of Rio Vista to ensure the County fees are fully incorporated in their permitting process.

Responding to questions posed by Chairman Kromm regarding the changed standard on how libraries and jails are developed and ways to raise funds to address funding deficiencies, Mr. Hayes discussed the basis for not making a full change in the fees, since new growth should not have to bear the entire cost for facilities. In relation to the jails and detention facilities, the best hope is for the County to utilize grant funding to make up the difference, which recently major funding has come from grants, and noted the major cost for a detention facility is staffing. Mr. Hayes further discussed the recent sales tax increase for library operations as approved by the voters.

Sheriff Gary Stanton noted the State Board of Corrections dictates the standards that must be met at new facilities, which the new standards would have to be applied to Claybank if the facility is expanded. The Claybank jail was built in 1980 and at the time the entire proposed facility was not built due

to declining jail populations. Jail standards are always changing, and Sheriff Stanton voiced concern with the increased size requirements for jails, for funding, and for staffing. There are facility plans through 2015 and through 2025, one plan proposes collaborating with the Courts, and other options are being considered that will save money.

Library Director Ann Cousineau discussed the Library Facility Master Plan that projects use needs through 2025, the cost is estimated at \$178 million for thirteen projects, which will be done in a phased process. The Public Facilities Fees provide a good base for partnerships with the cities and the library districts. The buildings are owned by the cities and operated by the County. Ms. Cousineau outlined the competitive grant-funding program through the State, and hopefully in the future there will be other bond bills that would allow an opportunity to use facility fees as a local match to address growth. The library will look for opportunities as they are presented and will use them to leverage the public facility fees.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kondylis regarding the use of Public Facilities Fees being used to subsidize the relocation and rental costs of displaced departments during the construction of the new Administration Building, Mr. Hayes noted some of the costs have been paid by the project budget and most costs are being absorbed by the departments.

Chairman Kromm opened the public hearing. As there was no one who wished to speak on this matter, the public hearing was closed.

There was a brief discussion regarding regularly scheduled updates to facilities plans, and the need to continue to look out into the future to address the needs of the County.

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Forney, the Board acted to Resolution No. 2003-137 Clarifying the Fees to be Charged Under the County Public Facilities Fees Ordinance, and the proposed changes to the second dwelling unit fee. So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

(Item 23C) PROCESS FOR INTEGRATING THE MISSION, CORE VALUES AND PRIORITIES INTO COUNTY'S BUDGETARY AND PLANNING PROCESSES, APPROVED

Assistant County Administrator Darby Hayes noted that the Board had added the goal of Investing in the Future to the list of current goals that remained unchanged, and reviewed the information contained in the Agenda Submittal from his office dated June 10, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, outlining a process for integrating the Board's Mission, Core Values and Priorities into the County's Budget and business planning process.

Supervisor Kondylis suggested the Director of Children and Families Commission (First Five Solano) Christina Linville be included in the discussions.

Mr. Hayes discussed ways to ensure County employees are included in the overall process to ensure all employees understand they are contributing to the overall County effort.

A memo was distributed regarding Strategic Planning for Children's Services, incorporated herein by reference, just before the meeting, there was

consensus the information included in the memo be brought back June 24, 2003 after the Board has had an opportunity to review the information.

Chairman Kromm suggested the Department Head group should connect with the Strategic Planning Subcommittee of the Board comprised of Supervisor Kondylis and Supervisor Silva. This would give the Subcommittee an opportunity to critique the results and fine tune areas prior to going to the full Board. Chairman Kromm also suggested that the information is brought back to the Board in November. This will set the process to enable departments to prioritize in setting their budgets.

Supervisor Kondylis feels that a timeline and specific time sensitive goals needs to be determined to ensure the process moves forward.

On motion of Supervisor Silva and seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board acted to approve the recommended process for integrating the Board's Mission, Core Values and priorities into the County's Budget and Business planning process and to include the Strategic Planning Subcommittee into the process. So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

(Item 26A) BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ASSIGNMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, REALLOCATED

(Item 26B) ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS (ABAG) BAY AREA HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY ALLOCATION COMMITTEE ADDED TO BOARDS APPOINTMENTS LIST

The Board was provided with an Agenda Submittal dated June 10, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, outlining the current boards and commissions the Board members have been appointed to, and an Agenda Submittal dated June 10, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, outlining the need to reconsider reinstituting Solano County participation on the ABAG Bay Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility Allocation Committee.

Director of Environmental Management Birgitta Corsello outlined what the ABAG Bay Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility Allocation Committee is and does, and staff participation.

Following discussion Supervisor Forney was nominated to the Delta Protection Commission, to the ABAG Bay Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility Allocation Committee, to the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Board moving Supervisor Silva to the Alternate position and removing Supervisor Kondylis, to the Partnership Healthplan of California moving Supervisor Vasquez to the Alternate position and removing Supervisor Kromm, to the Solano County Water Agency, to the Winters Branch Library Financing Authority replacing Supervisor Kromm, and to the Transportation Landuse Sub-Committee replacing Supervisor Silva.

On motion of Supervisor Silva and seconded by Supervisor Vasquez, the Board acted to approve the nomination recommendations as outlined above and to add the ABAG Bay Area Hazardous Waste Management Facility Allocation Committee to the list of committees. So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

(Item 24) INSTALLATION OF A ROUNDABOUT IN THE ROCKVILLE ROAD – ABERNATHY ROAD INTERSECTION (SUISUN VALLEY/FAIRFIELD AREA), APPROVED IN CONCEPT

Paul Weise, Department of Transportation, reviewed the information contained in the Agenda Submittal from his department dated June 10, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, regarding consideration of installing a roundabout at the Rockville Road – Abernathy Road intersection. Mr. Weise note that one major factor in determining the option for the recommendation is due to the long-term plans for the I80/I680 intersection that will include the proposal for the addition of the North Connector as a frontage road. The North Connector is projected to be done in the next ten to fifteen years. Mr. Weise further explained the pros and cons for each alternative, including a more detailed explanation of the benefits of the roundabout.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kondylis regarding cost comparisons of the alternatives presented, Mr. Weise noted that the cost for the larger signaled alternative would cost about \$500,000, the smaller signaled alternative is about \$400,000, and the roundabout is about \$350,000.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Vasquez regarding acquisition costs and willingness of property owners to sell the needed right-of-ways, Mr. Weise noted the estimates do include acquisition of the right-of-ways, and the construction will only require an additional 2 to 3 10's of an acre. Supervisor Vasquez feels the round about is less intrusive and is more in keeping with the rural character.

Bob Hansen, Suisun Valley Fruit Growers, voiced concern with the large number of agricultural trucks in the area, with the ability of the large trucks and other farm equipment being able to navigate into and through a roundabout where there is a lot of traffic and the cars tend to cut the trucks off. A traffic light would give a truck the opportunity to get through the intersection safely.

Responding to questions posed by Chairman Kromm regarding trucks getting to the Suisun Valley Fruit Growers facility from Abernathy, Mr. Hansen discussed the difficulty the trucks experience with cars not stopping long enough at the stop sign and then cutting off the trucks. Mr. Hansen voiced concern that the trucks will slow to enter the roundabout, and people will shoot across in front of the trucks not allowing save access to the roundabout.

Responding to questions posed by Chairman Kromm regarding truck traffic, Mr. Weise discussed the proposed design with pavers on the exterior of the two circles that will be available for the trucks to drive on when needed.

Mr. Hansen noted the current difficulties of the extra wide and extra long trucks have been turning from Rockville Road to Chadbourne Road, Chairman Kromm feels the roundabout should make that turn easier.

Mathew Taylor, Fairfield, feels the intersection is no longer rural with major traffic influences, requested the Board consider the long-terms goals of the County and not install the roundabout just for a short-term solution. Mr. Taylor feels drivers in the area will have problems with the roundabout, people are more geared to signals, and suggested leaving the stop sign and to post a

Sheriff's deputy at the intersection during peak traffic times.

Supervisor Kondylis suggested, if the roundabout is approved, contacting Mr. Glasshoff, a local sculptor, about doing a sculpture for the center of the circle. Responding to questions posed by Chairman Kromm regarding how pedestrians would be accommodated, Mr. Weise outlined the pedestrian crossings outlined in the conceptual drawing, and currently there are no accommodations for pedestrians at the intersection.

Several Supervisors suggested the department work with the haulers to work through some of the engineering issues to ensure the trucks can manipulate the roundabout.

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Chairman Kromm, the Board acted to approved in concept the installation of a roundabout in the Rockville Road – Abernathy Road intersection (Suisun Valley/Fairfield area). So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

(Item 25) PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 22, 2003 TO CONSIDER FINAL ADOPTION OF \$150 APPEAL FEE, APPROVED

Mike Yankovich, Department of Environmental Management, reviewed the information contained in the Agenda Submittal from his department dated June 10, 2003, incorporated herein by reference, regarding consideration of re-establishing a fee to file and appeal with the Planning Commission or the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Kondylis feels that if a person files an appeal with the Board of Supervisors and wins, they should get their money refunded, and the fee should be no higher than \$200.

Supervisor Vasquez feels a fee should be paid.

Supervisor Silva feels the County should get back the true cost or the \$763 to file the appeal. If the appellant wins, a portion of the fee should be reimbursed.

Chairman Kromm noted the number of appeals filed in the last two years, feels people have a right to be able to appeal, and that a minimal amount, say \$100, for a fee is acceptable, and discussed the fees the local cities charge.

Supervisor Forney agrees there should be an appeal fee.

County Counsel Dennis Bunting noted to prepare Findings for Assessment Appeals the fee is \$150.

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Chairman Kromm, the Board acted to re-establish an Appeal Fee in the amount of \$150, with a 50% reimbursement if the appellant wins, and to set July 22, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. for a public hearing for adoption of the Appeal Fee. So ordered by a vote of 5-0.

ADJOURN - This meeting of the Board of Supervisors adjourned in memory of Alvin Bonifacio and Paul C. Bryan, Jr. at 2:42 p.m.

Duane Kromm, Chairman

Maggie Jimenez
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors