

Minutes For January 22, 2002

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS" MINUTES

January 22, 2002

The Solano County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on this day at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carroll. Present were Supervisors Kromm, Thomson, and Chairman Carroll. Supervisor Kondylis arrived at 8:33 a.m., and Supervisor Silva was excused.

CLOSED SESSION: The Board moved into Closed Session at 8:31 a.m. to discuss Personnel:

Public Employee Appointment: Director of Child Support Services; Meet and Confer: Mid

Management, Unit 16 with Josie Jenkins, Assistant Director of Human Resources. The Board moved out of Closed Session at 8:51 a.m.

The Solano County Board of Supervisors reconvened on this day at 8:54 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

APPEARANCE BY FRED PRICE RE BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT

Fred Price, Elmira, expressed concern regarding notification that he has received that his building in Elmira does not conform to the building codes, even though it has in the past. Mr. Price requested the Board investigate why this has occurred.

APPEARANCE BY JOHN TAKEUCHI, JOE KLINK, AND RALPH MORRELL SUPPORTING CREATION OF A STATE GRAND JURY

John Takeuchi, President Central Solano Citizens Taxpayer Group, noted Board support for establishment of a State Grand Jury to investigate matters beyond the scope of the local Grand Jury. Efforts are underway to further this endeavor beginning with a petition; a copy of the petition is incorporated herein by reference. Mr. Takeuchi noted work that has been done by Ralph Morrell over the years to stop misfeasance and malfeasance by State

officials. Mr.

Takeuchi requested the Board support signing the petition and to encourage support by other bodies.

Joe Klink, Vacaville Taxpayers Association, noted support for the creation of a State Grand Jury, and encouraged support of this effort.

Ralph Morrell, Dixon, feels something needs to be done to correct government, and to demand good public management.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

(Item 19) Rural North Vacaville Water District
Adoption of a resolution authorizing execution of Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund claims for reimbursement certification of Engineer by Cal Water Chief Engineer for water system engineering and construction claims and by District's General Manager for all other claims, removed from the Consent Calendar.

So ordered by a vote of 4-0, Supervisor Silva excused.

CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Kromm, the Board acted to approve the following Consent Calendar items by a vote of 4-0, Supervisor Silva excused.

(Item 12) RESOLUTION NO. 2002-012 AFFIRMING SOLANO COUNTY'S SUPPORT OF THE TOURO UNIVERSITY 3RD ANNUAL TRIBUTE TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY, adopted. (see Resolution Book)

(Item 13) SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION TO NATIONAL COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE ASSOCIATION RE CASA PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the County Administrator's Office dated January 22, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION TO NATIONAL COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE ASSOCIATION RE CASA PROGRAM STAFF DIVERSIFICATION, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the County Administrator's Office dated January 22, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

(Item 14A) NOTICE OF COMPLETION TO EIGHT COUNTY BUILDINGS BY CMS VIRON ENERGY SERVICES, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from General Services dated January 22, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, approved and Chairman authorized to sign said notice on behalf of Solano County.

(Item 14B) AGREEMENT WITH FAULTLINE ASSOCIATES INC. RE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES AT COUNTY CORPORATION YARD AND FLEET OPERATIONS GARAGE, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from General Services dated January 22, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, approved and County Administrator authorized to sign said contract on behalf of Solano County.

(Item 15) RESOLUTION NO. 2002-013 AMENDING THE ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF CLASSES AND SALARIES (CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES), adopted. (see Resolution Book)

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-014 AMENDING THE LIST OF NUMBERS AND CLASSIFICATIONS OF POSITIONS WITHIN SOLANO COUNTY (CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES), adopted. (see Resolution Book)

(Item 16) RESOLUTION NO. 2002-015 PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2002 AS ELIGIBILITY BENEFITS SPECIALIST AND EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE SPECIALIST RECOGNITION MONTH IN SOLANO COUNTY, adopted. (see Resolution Book)

(Item 17) AGREEMENT WITH PREFERRED STAFFING NURSE REGISTRY RE TEMPORARY NURSING STAFF SUPPORT, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the Sheriff's Office dated January 22, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, approved and Chairman authorized to sign said contract on behalf of Solano County.

(Item 18) AGREEMENT WITH JACK HARRISON RE TRI-CITY AND COUNTY COOPERATIVE PLANNING GROUP'S OPEN SPACE COORDINATOR POSITION, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the Department of

Environmental Management dated January 22, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, approved and Chairman authorized to sign said contract on behalf of Solano County.

APPROPRIATION TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,500 RE TRI-CITY AND COUNTY COOPERATIVE PLANNING GROUP'S OPEN SPACE COORDINATOR POSITION, as outlined in the Agenda Submittal from the Department of Environmental Management dated January 22, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, approved.

ORDERS

(Item 19) RURAL NORTH VACAVILLE WATER DISTRICT

Minutes regarding this matter are contained in the Rural North Vacaville Water District Minutes Book.

(Item 21A) FISCAL YEAR 2001/2002 MID-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT, APPROVED

APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-016 AMENDING THE LIST OF NUMBERS AND CLASSIFICATIONS OF POSITIONS WITHIN SOLANO COUNTY (LIBRARY), ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-017 AMENDING THE LIST OF NUMBERS AND CLASSIFICATIONS OF POSITIONS WITHIN SOLANO COUNTY (LIBRARY), ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-018 AMENDING THE LIST OF NUMBERS AND CLASSIFICATIONS OF POSITIONS WITHIN SOLANO COUNTY (GENERAL SERVICES), ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-019 AMENDING THE LIST OF NUMBERS AND CLASSIFICATIONS OF POSITIONS WITHIN SOLANO COUNTY (ASSESSOR/RECORDERS OFFICE-RECORDERS DIVISION), ADOPTED

MINIMUM OF \$10 MILLION TO BE MAINTAINED IN THE GENERAL FUND RESERVE

County Administrator Michael Johnson reviewed the information contained in the Agenda Submittal from his department dated January 22, 2002, incorporated

herein by reference,
regarding the financial status of the County. Mr. Johnson noted the County is running in the black and is forecasting a fund balance of approximately \$6.2 million, the Department of Probation and the District Attorney have projected some fiscal difficulties due to the drop in Proposition 172 funding, and that the information is based on 5 months of data. Mr. Johnson further discussed the State budget, the commitment of the Governor not to take the Vehicle License Fee (VLF) funds from the County, County reserves, and fiscal prudence. Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kromm regarding the purchase of a truck for Animal Care as listed in recommendation number 13, Assistant County Administrator/Budget Quang Ho noted the vehicle had previously been approved, it is shown to reflect the transfer of funds to fleet to make the purchase.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kromm on Attachment A page 3 the Child Health & Disability Prevention Program (CHDP) and how it ties to Medi-Cal and Healthy Families and the impacts of eliminating the CHDP program, Director of Health and Social Services Patrick Duterte noted the program is used for many foster children.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kromm on Attachment A page 4 on the In Home Support Services (IHSS) implementation of the wage increases and no added wage increases, Britt Ferguson, County Administrative Office, noted the State had approved a wage increase, the ability for the Public Authority to grant an additional wage increase, and the State will not match any pay increases over what has already been approved.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kromm on Attachment A page 9 a loan from the California Energy Commission and those impacts, Ms. Ho noted the loan was approved in June 2001, but the first payment is not due until December 2002 and is not reflected in this report. Director of General Services Jim Werdell noted the loan has an interest rate of 2%, and will be paid off with the energy savings each year.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kromm on Attachment A page 13 regarding significant increases in fees for the Recorder's Office and the backlog of work, Ms. Ho

noted the fees are being used to hire extra help and with the addition of a limited term position to eliminate the backlog.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kromm on Attachment A page 18 under

Probation and the Federal Financial Participation as a revenue stream, John Taylor, County

Administrative Office, noted the Federal Financial Participation has to do with the additional

revenue that is received to offset County costs for group home placements.

Solano County has a

lower than average caseload that qualify for this funding, the County is paying more through out-of-pocket funds, and the department is exploring ways to increase eligibility of these youths.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kromm regarding the closure of the United

Airline Facility in Suisun and if the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) had been involved, Mr.

Ferguson noted WIB has been working with United Airlines. Mr. Johnson noted most of the 124

employees in Suisun have been offered relocation positions. Supervisor Kromm noted the

dramatic impacts the closure will have on the City of Suisun.

Supervisor Kromm commended staff for all the hard work, and is concerned with the

long-term implications of the State budget and the economic downturn.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kondylis regarding recommendation

number 19 allowing employees the opportunity to redesignate into the Executive Management

at-will group, Mr. Johnson discussed the transition to the at-will for much of the Executive

Management group which was done on a voluntary basis, and the request to now allow some

employees to opt in. Supervisor Kondylis expressed concern with changing the option when

originally the option was noted as irrevocable.

Donald Tipton, Vallejo, voiced concern regarding issues relative to vacant positions in

the Library, and wants to ensure the Library will remain open with the extended hours especially

in light of the 1/8th cent sales tax that is being collected, with expenditures of \$57,000 to collect

\$40,000 in delinquent fines, and with the Vallejo Veterans Building.

Responding to the questions posed by Mr. Tipton, Mr. Johnson discussed staffing

changes in the Library.

Chairman Carroll voiced concern with the addition of the management position, and

noted the need to maintain the hours of service

Responding to the questions posed by Mr. Tipton relative to the Library, Kathy Gibson,

County Administrative Office, noted the \$57,000 appropriation transfer is for two different

actions. One action is for \$17,142 to be paid to the City of Vallejo for insurance and

maintenance costs for the JFK Library, and \$40,000 are the projected costs for the collection

company with a return of a minimum of \$40,000 that is expected to be collected. The collection

agency will only charge for fines they are able to collect.

Supervisor Kromm noted the real reduction in costs is \$200,000 for the Library, since

there is a reduction of \$1.3 million in contingency expenditures. Many positions have been

added over the last few years, there are a few positions that have been difficult to fill resulting in

salary savings for the funded positions..

Chairman Carroll noted the importance of filling the vacant positions within the Library.

Supervisor Kromm expressed concern with the minimum of \$5 million in the General

Fund reserve, and suggested increasing that amount to \$10 million.

Supervisor Thomson also noted the need to increase the General Fund reserve to \$10

million.

Supervisor Kondylis requested that recommendation number 3 be addressed separately.

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Kromm, the Board acted

to accept the Mid-Year Financial Report and to approve all recommendations outlined in the

Agenda Submittal with the exception of recommendation number 3. So ordered by a vote of 4-0;

Supervisor Silva excused.

Recommendation No. 3 – Budget Policy, General Fund Reserve and Resource Reduction

Strategy:

Supervisor Kromm noted on page 6, the Resource Reduction Strategy suggested language

changes to number A)2 to maintain language for the County's highest priority

programs, and to
remove the language referring to back filling and reductions

Mr. Johnson explained reasoning for the language included in the report, and noted high priorities of the Board would be funded.

Supervisor Kromm requested language be changed on page 6, number A) 3 to balance staff retention with maintenance of high quality services. Since some areas are involved with quantity rather than quality.

Mr. Johnson clarified A)3 by noting if there are reductions, Board priorities would be set and reductions would come from the lowest priority program rather than some reductions from all programs.

Supervisor Thomson noted the problems with making the suggested policy changes by Supervisor Kromm, and the need to fully fund the highest priority programs.

Supervisor Kondylis expressed concern with maintaining a high reserve when there are so many needs in the community that are not being met, and proposed taking the interest from the \$23 million reserve fund to fund priorities. Supervisor Kondylis noted opposition to increasing the General Fund Reserve. Supervisor Kondylis expressed concern on page 5 under Discretionary Programs and the recommendation to not propose new discretionary programs unless they are fully funded in FY2002/03 and in future years, noting the main responsibility of the Board is to the people of the County. There are programs/grants that are worthwhile in the short term that will meet needs of some people that may otherwise not get any services, and feels if we can get money to do a little bit at no cost, we should do it.

Chairman Carroll noted the need for an annual priority review, and discussed the life of a grant and the possibility of reducing staff when the grant is expended. Grants do give us an opportunity to try different programs at no expense to the County.

Mr. Johnson noted putting the Board in a difficult position to have to shut down a successful program, explained how the interest is represented in the budget and how the interest earnings are utilized.

Supervisor Kromm, on page 5 "Discretionary Program", suggested the language after FY

2002/03 be deleted. This would eliminate "and in future years by a grant or other dedicated revenue source that cannot be used to offset an existing General Fund Contribution."

On motion of Supervisor Kromm and seconded by Supervisor Kondylis, the Board acted to adopt Recommendation Number 3 to adopt Budget Policy with the changes to page 5 eliminating language under Discretionary Programs. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Silva excused.

On motion of Supervisor Kromm and seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board acted to increase the minimum of General Fund reserve to \$10 million. So ordered by a vote of 3-1; Supervisor Kondylis voted no, and Supervisor Silva excused.

(Item 21B) ORDINANCE REGARDING ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES (DCSS) ADOPTED ON FIRST READING; SECOND READING SET FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2002

TRANSITION PLAN TO TRANSFER FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, APPROVED

APPOINTMENT OF DENNIS COVELL AS INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, AND DEPARTMENT HEAD STATUTES ON JULY 1, 2002, APPROVED

Scheduled on the agenda for this day was consideration of a proposed ordinance which would establish the Department of Child Support Services, transition this function from the District Attorney's Office to the new department, and to appoint Dennis Covell as interim director until July 1, 2002 when he would become the department director. On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board directed that the proposed ordinance be read by title only. So ordered by a vote of 4-0, Supervisor Silva excused.

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board acted to adopt the proposed Ordinance. So ordered by a vote of 4-0, Supervisor Silva excused.

(Item 21.1) UNACCOUNTED FOR FIXED ASSETS REPORT, APPROVED

Assistant Auditor/Controller Simona Padilla-Scholtens reviewed the information contained in the Agenda Submittal from her department dated January 22, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, regarding the Unaccounted for Fixed Assets as of June 30, 2001.

Auditor/Controller Bill Eldridge noted the frustrations accounting for the fixed assets, and hopes in working with the Director of Health and Social Services to correct the problems accounting for the fixed assets in that department.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kromm regarding new computers not

being tagged in a timely manner, purchasing new computers outside the ACS purchasing

process, and the accountability for the assets, Ms. Padilla-Scholtens discussed the past process

policies and changes that are being made. Director of Health and Social Services Patrick Duterte

feels the assets are in the department, discussed the changes in the internal tracking system that

are being made, and feels the division managers should be accountable for fixed assets within

their division.

Responding to questions by Supervisor Kondylis relative to past fixed asset processing,

Ms. Padilla-Scholtens noted the transition into a bar code tracking system, and working with the

departments to ensure the process is followed.

Donald Tipton, Vallejo, voiced concern with the large number of fixed assets that can not

be located, and if the equipment is not located a police report should be filed to account for that

item.

On motion of Supervisor Thomson and seconded by Supervisor Kondylis, the Board

acted to accept the status report for unaccounted fixed assets as of June 30, 2001, and to require

each department to submit requested for release of accountability, to reaffirm the policy and

State Law relative to accountability, and to require department heads to adhere to the Fixed Asset

Accountability and Control Policies and Procedures. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor

Silva excused.

(Item 22) STATUS AND PROGRESS OF THE ANIMAL CARE COMMISSION

AND

THE ANIMAL CARE SERVICES DIVISION RECEIVED

APPROPRIATION TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,000 AND \$3,300 FOR CONVERSION AND AIR CONDITIONING COSTS, APPROVED

Susan Cooper, Animal Care Advisory Commissioner (ACAC), reviewed the information contained in a visual presentation; a hard copy is incorporated herein by reference. Ms. Cooper noted progress since June 2001, requested for \$14,000 in funding to convert a truck to include kennels and air conditioning, and discussed commission plans for 2002. Director of General Services Jim Werdell reviewed a visual presentation for the Animal Care Update. The presentation reviewed the progress since the last update, staff changes, Animal Health and Welfare Improvements, the Volunteer Program, increased public access and services, operational improvements, plans for the remainder of FY 01-02, and open issues of a freezer replacement, noise abatement in the shelter, and the need to replace an animal control truck. Responding to comments by Supervisor Kondylis regarding the great number of improvements, and the \$15,000 requested in the Mid-Year budget, and with replacement of the freezer, Mr. Werdell noted the request in the Mid-Year is for \$14,000 to convert the new transport vehicle to include kennels and air conditioning. The department will try internally to fund replacement of the freezer at a cost of approximately \$10,000. Chairman Carroll voiced concern regarding the need to replace the freezer as soon as possible since the old one does not have the necessary safety features. Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Thomson regarding the existing transport truck that does not have air conditioning, and the cost to retrofit the truck with air conditioning, Mr. Werdell noted the truck would be used for short trips for the local area, and the cost for conversion would be about \$3,300. Dr. Shelby Key, Veterinarian, noted the opening of "The Cat's Meow" Veterinary Clinic and the low cost vaccine clinic that are both going better than expected.

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Kromm, the Board acted to approve \$14,000 for conversion costs of the new vehicle, and to approve \$3,300 to add air conditional to the remaining Animal Care vehicle. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Silva excused.

(Item 23) BOARD TO CONTINUE SUPPORT OF THE SOLANO SAFETY NET CONSORTIUM

CHILDREN SET AS THE FIRST PRIORITY IN ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SOLANO SAFETY NET CONSORTIUM TO PRESENT QUARTERLY UPDATES

REQUEST FOR COUNTY CITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE HOMELESS PLAN, APPROVED

LETTERS IN SUPPORT OF GRANTS RELATED TO HOMELESS ISSUES, ENDORSED

HOMELESS SHELTERS TO BE FILLED AS FIRST OPTION FOR THE HOMELESS, APPROVED

Director of Health and Social Services Patrick Duterte reviewed the information contained in the Agenda Submittal from his department dated January 22, 2002, incorporated herein by reference. Mr. Duterte noted the County could make it mandatory for people participating in the Winter Shelter Program to go into shelters first. Mr. Duterte reviewed a visual presentation; a hard copy of the presentation is incorporated herein by reference, outlining the approaches being taken in other jurisdictions, and data regarding the homeless. Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kromm regarding the number of homeless, Mr. Duterte discussed the differences in the national numbers, projected numbers in the area, and the numbers provided to the County by service providers. Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Thomson regarding homeless veterans and incorrect counts, and with veterans not seeking services, Mr. Duterte feels the numbers for veterans are low, and acknowledged the need to look at the veteran's issues

more closely.

Mr. Duterte continued to review the data, services provided by each major city in the

County, and the homeless priority groups to serve.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kondylis relative to catering to the needs

of homeless children and not their families, Mr. Duterte noted he had no answer at this time.

Responding to concerns voiced by Supervisor Kromm relative to serving children only,

the issue of adults panhandling with children and feels it is a Child Protective Services (CPS)

issue, working through case management, and families working towards a healthy environment

for their children, Mr. Duterte feels a standard should be set that parents can not panhandle with

children.

Supervisor Kondylis noted children are the number one priority for her, that the family

must be dealt with to address the homelessness of children, and if families are not willing to

work towards self sufficiency there should be serious implications for the well being of the child,

and feels all of these aspects need to be dealt with together. Veterans need to be dealt with

separately.

Supervisor Thomson discussed reunification, each family situation needs to be assessed

separately, the need for a stronger stand in dealing with children, and feels children and families

are the number one priority as long as the parents want to help. If the parents don't want to help,

we need to look at removing the children.

Mr. Duterte reviewed the County roll, and the departmental recommendations.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kromm regarding some cities denying

there is a homeless problem and no need for resources, Mr. Duterte feels the denial will be there

but will address the need to talk to the city councils to recognize the needs of their citizens.

Roxie DeShazo, homeless, noted she and her three children are homeless because she

was a victim of a violent crime, how hard it is being on the street, and will take any help the

County will give her.

Rischa Slade, Heather House, noted the many problems with housing the clients on the

Winter Shelter Program in motels, problems for the homeless to access services, problems with transportation, and the positive aspects of clients staying at Heather House. Ms. Slade offered if it is the goal of the Board to give these families a hand up while working to improve their lives, she suggested any remaining funds in the Winter Shelter Program be put into the shelters. Much work has been done at Heather House to reopen the shelter, but added funding is needed. P.J. Davis, Community Action Agency (CAC), has suggested formation of a shelter collaborative to share resources to truly help those in need in the County. By placing the remaining Winter Shelter Program funds in the shelters the clients will live in a structured environment, receive case management services, find work and hopefully an affordable place to live. Ms. Slade noted the many efforts to seek funding, and requested \$75,000 to assist Heather House, and feels this is the most cost effective way to invest in a successful program. Responding to concerns voiced by Supervisor Kondylis regarding with funding for Heather House, with the amount of funds Vacaville contributes to Opportunity House, participation by the City of Fairfield, and if Heather House could succeed if all beds were filled, Ms. Slade noted the City of Vacaville contributes via a nonprofit organization that owns and manages the property where Opportunity House is located, and discussed other support by the City of Vacaville. The City of Fairfield did contribute \$35,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDGB) funds, there were residual problems from the last operators of the shelter, and noted other support given by the City of Fairfield. If all beds were filled each night Heather House would succeed, costs to the County would drop from about \$75 per night to \$50 per night if the shelter is used, and Ms. Slade again noted services available at the shelter that are not available at the motels. There was a brief discussion regarding funding. Janet Murray, Chairperson Solano Safety Net Consortium (SSNC), noted her background on assisting the homeless, there are 851 housing vouchers available through the City of Fairfield

that are completely filled, the SSNC needs the support of the County, the cities, and the groups within the area. The SSNC recently received a designation from the State as the County Action Commission to go after funding, and Ms. Murray noted grants and funding that have been received and proposals that are outstanding. The SSNC is organizing a homeless summit that will be held March 27, 2002, and success for the SSNC depends on support of the entire County. Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kromm regarding the types of services that were contracted for through the SSNC, and about administration costs, PJ Davis, SSNC and CAA, noted \$216,000 went directly to one subcontractor in each city to provide funds for safety net and low income issues. Ms. Davis outlined how funds are being used for each of the funding sources. The CBSG funds are being used for administration, tracking, case management, and to bring in housing type funds such as the HUD funding. The majority of the funding is HUD funding that is mainly used for permanent housing. Ms. Davis noted the importance of case management to ensure the clients access all the programs available to them. Donald Tipton, Vallejo, voiced concern with the County being able to eliminate homelessness in the County, and feels that a different approach and different ideas are needed. Mr. Tipton also feels the current program does not account for volunteers, other County departments need to participate, participation is needed from all cities in the County, and more beds are needed. Paul Forbes, Fairfield, feels there are many buildings available that could be used for the homeless, there should be another day center built, and feels that rent prices are too high. Dennis Mina, Shelter Manager Mission Solano, noted the number 1 priority is sheltering for the many types of homeless, that Mission Solano is an independent program, the number of meals and beds provided last year, and the great extent of help from volunteers that Mission Solano depends on. Mr. Mina discussed accountability by the clients, supports Child Protective Services (CPS) ensuring the children are taken care of, noted if the clients do no do what they are

suppose to he will put them out of the shelter, and noted utilizing motels is a problem.

Responding to concerns voiced by Supervisor Kondylis regarding a more comprehensive

overview of the services that are being provided throughout the County, Mr. Duterte noted Moira

Sullivan is the County representative on the SSNC and she will take the County's position to that

partnership, and will report regularly back to the Board.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Thomson regarding what the County goal

is, Mr. Duterte feels homelessness must be addressed through a countywide process and the

vehicle is the SSNC. The SSNC should set the goals and objectives.

Supervisor Thomson noted support for programs such as Heather House and Opportunity

House, feels the Day Center did not address the actual needs of the homeless, and hopes a

program is developed to meet the basic needs and to transition these folks off the streets. To

participate in these programs people must follow the rules, and Supervisor Thomson feels

utilization of the motels needs to stop.

Supervisor Kromm noted the need to keep shelters viable for the community, the slow

start for the SSNC, and the need to move people into permanent housing.

Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kromm relative to the additional allocation

of funds for the Winter Shelter Program, and if there are funds from the Winter Shelter Program,

Mr. Duterte feels the request for shelter is slowing down. If the Board mandates the shelters

must be filled first, the funds could be used to pay the shelters.

Supervisor Kondylis feels the priorities for County funding is to mandate shelters be

used, that no children are homeless, getting tough on parents if needed, and to work diligently for

the Veterans.

Responding to comments by Mr. Duterte regarding no children to be homeless, Supervisor Kondylis noted the principle is that no child will go homeless even if

that means

getting tough on parents to make them take responsibility or loose their children, and Supervisor

Kondylis wants the issue of providing birth control to be explored.

Ms. Slade requested any additional allocations to the shelters be done as soon as possible,

and noted that the Vacaville Assistance Center is located in the complex with

the Salvation

Army, Catholic Social Services, and the Housing and Redevelopment department for Section 8

housing that is owned by the city. This allows clients to access many services in one location.

Supervisor Kromm reiterated that it is unacceptable for children to be homeless for any

significant amount time, and feels that children that are at the Overnighter Motel and

panhandling are a CPS issue.

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor Thomson, the Board

acted to adopt the departmental recommendations 1) to continue to support the Solano Safety Net

Consortium; 2) to set the priorities of children first, then Veterans; 3) to solicit participation of

all cities in the SSNC in development of a comprehensive homeless plan; 4) to receive quarterly

reports from the County SSNC representative, and 5) to endorse letters of support for grants

related to homeless issues; and to initiate a policy to fill the homeless shelters before sending any

clients to motels if that option is deemed the best option by the case worker.

So ordered by a

vote of 4-0; Supervisor Silva excused.

(Item 27) PRESENTATION FROM SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY RE OPTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE I-80/I-680 INTERCHANGE, RECEIVED

Paul Wiese, Department of Transportation, noted this area is the number one traffic

problem in the County; the presentation is for background information on the project, and will be

back before the Board on February 5, 2002 for action.

Director of Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Darrell Halls reviewed a visual

presentation; a hard copy is incorporated herein by reference along with the Agenda Submittal

from the Department of Transportation dated January 22, 2002. The overview of the I-80/I-

680/I-780 Corridor Study Segment 1, the I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange recommendations began

with the study segments, the project study area, segment 1 study to date, projected impacts on I-

80/I-680 interchange, Benicia Bridge expansion impacts, existing problems in the area of the

interchanges, existing funding commitments for the auxiliary lanes project and the SR 12(W) truck climbing lane project, existing problems of the auxiliary lanes project and the truck climbing lane project. Mr. Halls noted the situation of the truck scales needs to be evaluated.

Dale Dennis, STA, continued the presentation with the basis of traffic forecasts, the peak hour traffic growth through 2025, and increases in truck traffic and traffic patterns. Mr. Dennis reviewed the recommended project components with balancing local and regional traffic issues, the recommended project components and costs, the I-80 widening alternative 6A modified, I-80 widening and south parkway alternative 4D modified, the I-680 viaduct and south parkway alternative 2D, the existing problems with the alternatives, the north connector components and the existing problems, Peak Hour local traffic impacts of the north connector, the south parkway components, the benefits and existing problems of the south parkway, and the truck scale reconstruction or relocation implications and existing problems.

There was a brief discussion of the use of toll roads in the Cordelia area to reduce the number of people using the surface streets as an alternative route.

Mr. Halls reviewed the project development process, the approvals that are needed, the project delivery issues, other issues to consider, the next steps, and the project decisions that need to be made.

Mr. Weise discussed the impacts of congestion on I-80/I-680 to the local road system, the history of congestion on the local roads, impacts of the north connector corridor option, and feels the north connector provides a good alternative.

John Takeuchi, Fairfield, feels the north connector is a no no, per the Fairfield General Plan and will be contested if brought forward, discussed factors relating to the slide area on I-80 and SR 12 intersecting with I-80, and questioned ways to get people from Cordelia Village to downtown Fairfield. Mr. Takeuchi feels that if SR 12 is connected with an elevated corridor it would eliminate a lot of traffic on I-80, and urged the Board to partner with neighboring counties since the problem really is a regional issue.

Chairman Carroll feels social issues such as the aging population is being ignored, and there may be a diminishing of the projections by a great amount. James Williams, Vacaville, questions how many of the surface roads would be improved along with this project, feels all alternatives presented will impact the area, suggested using a more regional approach to keep the traffic on the freeway with improvement to I-80. Mr. Williams noted his objection to the north corridor option, and suggested looking at other major interchanges in the Sacramento area for more ideas for alternatives. Ken Smith, Fairfield, noted traffic in Cordelia is horrendous, and noted problems caused by this traffic in residential areas. The southern bypass makes sense; the real problem is with I-680 intersecting with I-80, the projected growth in the area, and the need for traffic to get around the City of Fairfield. Mr. Smith voiced concern that no representatives meeting with the Cordelia Homeowners Association, and the willingness to work together to get the problem solved. Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kondylis regarding shifting of lanes, if the breakdown lanes would be widened, with review of the primary and secondary marsh, Mr. Halls noted that it is not practical to do shifting lanes on the freeway, that there are no design details yet, and the presentation is of three conceptual alternatives. Some review has been done of the marsh area that would be effected, and the question is do we want to study the southern bypass as an alternative. Mr. Halls noted the question is which options do we want to pursue, and the attempts to narrow the options down to three to start the process. Supervisor Kondylis noted if the STA went to the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) and asked for their recommendations and guidance hundreds of thousands of dollars could be saved, and as long as there is a reasonable upland alternative there will be no approval in the marsh. The State law prohibits construction in the marsh, and BCDC is obligated to follow the law. Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Kromm relative to use of

freeways by local residents, and alternative modeling, Mr. Halls discussed the request from Caltrans for a local traffic management plan to help discourage local traffic from using the freeway system for a local destination. Mr. Halls noted the process and the time that will elapse before any improvements are completed, discussed how traffic modeling is done, and changing the model to include multi-modal means of transportation. Supervisor Kromm expressed concern with subsidizing cities that are building commuter cities. Responding to questions posed by Supervisor Thomson regarding if there is any interest by the City of Fairfield in the north connector, and the great traffic impacts if a north connector is not done, Mr. Halls noted there would be two options to be considered and one that could include a viaduct, but the viaduct would be very expensive. Even with the highway improvements traffic on the north side will increase since the area is not built out yet, and a traffic management plan is needed in the north. The report was received.

(Item 24) UNACCOUNTED FIXED ASSET INVENTORY FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY CRIMINAL DIVISION CLEARED

The Board was provided with an Agenda Submittal from the District Attorney's Office dated January 22, 2002, incorporated herein by reference, regarding release of liability for unaccounted for fixed assets.

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Chairman Carroll, the Board acted to clear the three computer items identified as missing from the June 30, 2001 Unaccounted Fixed Asset Inventory for the District Attorney Criminal Division. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Silva excused.

(Item 25) AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE APPLICATION NO. 1328 OF WALLACE MCCORMACK FAMILY TRUST, HELEN L. MCCORMACK TRUST, JEANNE MCCORMACK AND ALBERT G. MEDVITZ, ADOPTED

The Board was provided with an Agenda Submittal from the

Department of
Environmental Management dated January 22, 2002, incorporated herein by
reference,
describing the establishment of the Agricultural Preserve Application No.1328.

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

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Supervisor
Thomson, the Board
acted to establish Agricultural Preserve No. 1328 of Wallace McCormack Family
Trust, Helen L.
McCormack Trust, Jeanne McCormack and Albert G. Medvitz. So ordered by a
vote of 4-0;
Supervisor Silva excused.

(Item 26) CARMENT MASON-BROWNE, VALORA HARVEY AND DEBRA
HOUSTON APPOINTED TO THE SOLANO COUNTY LOCAL MENTAL
HEALTH BOARD

On motion of Supervisor Kondylis and seconded by Chairman Carroll, the Board
acted to
appoint Carment Mason-Browne, Valora Harvey and Debra Houston to the
Solano County Local
Mental Health Board. So ordered by a vote of 4-0; Supervisor Silva excused.

ADJOURN - This meeting of the Board of Supervisors adjourned in memory of
Joe McGrogan
at 5:10 p.m.

WILLIAM J. CARROLL, Chairman

Maggie Jimenez
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors