

PLUMAS LAFCO MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, April 10, 2017
PLUMAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS

1. CALL TO ORDER - 10:02 a.m.

Present: John Larrieu, Sharon Thrall

Also Present: Jeffrey Greening, Michael Sanchez, Pat Morton, John Benoit

Absent: Kevin Goss and Bill Powers

2. Approval of Agenda

Acting Chair Thrall moved to change the agenda as follows: Move item 14, "Continued discussion regarding LAFCo Public Member and Alternate as "employees"" to be discussed before item 6 and move item 13, "Update regarding the Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District" to be included with item 8. No objections.

3. Correspondence

John Benoit spoke briefly about an article in the California Special Districts magazine. New legislation called AB 979, which deals with the special district selection committee. It does not currently exist in Plumas County, but it can. Acting Chair Thrall asked to have a copy of the AB 979 text emailed to all Plumas LAFCo commissioners. Alternate Sanchez stated he attended the Special Districts Association meeting last month and this issue was discussed, but no action has been taken yet.

4. CONSENT ITEM(S)

- a. Commissioner Larrieu moved to approve the February 27, 2017 minutes as submitted. Alternate Sanchez seconded. Unanimous approval; motion carried.

5. Public Comment

Acting Chair Thrall opened the floor to public comment. None made. Public comment period closed.

6. (Formerly item 14). Continued discussion regarding LAFCo Public Member and Alternate as "employees"

According to LAFCo bylaws, the public member cannot be an employee of the county. Receiving a stipend would trigger this issue, but receiving a mileage reimbursement does not. Commissioner Thrall asked to do away with the stipend for all Plumas LAFCo Commissioners and states that Butte County and Sierra County do not pay a stipend to their Commissioners. Benoit states he will try to work the issue out with Roberta Allen (Plumas Co. Auditor) and Commissioner Thrall assisting.

7. ***(Formerly item 6).*** Selection of Public Member and Public Member Alternate for a Term ending May 5, 2021.

Benoit has received two applications; one from Terry Swofford and one from Dave Loschiavo. Terry Swofford was present; however Dave Loschiavo had a scheduling conflict and could not attend. Both applicants will be asked to attend the June LAFCo meeting for an interview. Alternate Greening and Acting Chair Thrall will ask the newspaper to re-publish the ad looking for more applicants, with an April 30th deadline.

8. ***(Formerly item 7).*** Authorize payment of Claims for March 2017 and ratify claims for February 2017.

Commissioner Larrieu motioned to authorize payment of claims for March 2017 and ratify claims for February 2017. Alternate Greening seconded. Acting Chair Thrall asked for backup on various payments prior to the meetings so they can be reviewed. Unanimous approval; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

9. ***(Formerly item 8).*** Public Hearing regarding the remaining service reviews for Plumas LAFCo including: Cromberg Cemetery District, Dixie Valley CSD, Feather River Canyon CSD, Feather River RCD, Graeagle CSD, Johnsville PUD, Meadow Valley Cemetery District, Mohawk Valley Cemetery District, Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, CSA 7, CSA 10 and CSA 12.

- a) Acting Chair Thrall asked if there was any public comment. Seeing none, Alternate Greening motioned to continue the hearing to June 12, 2017. Alternate Morton seconded. Unanimous approval; motion carried.
- b) Acting Chair Thrall reported on the Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. ***(Formerly item 13).***

10. ***(Formerly item 9).*** Public Hearing regarding the Proposed 2017-2018 LAFCo Budget.

Benoit presented the proposed budget for 2017/2018 and made copies available. No public comment. Alternate Sanchez motioned to approve the 2017/2018 Budget with the addition of a column for impact to the 2018/2019 budget. Commissioner Larrieu seconded. Roll call vote taken. Unanimous approval; motion carried.

11. ***(Formerly item 10).*** Continued discussion from the February 27th, 2017 meeting regarding Healthcare Services within Plumas County and sharing of financial information.

Alternate Greening states that Eastern Plumas Healthcare District and Seneca Healthcare District both provide their financial information online. He has not seen anything from Plumas District Hospital. Linda Wagner, CEO of Seneca Healthcare District, states that their annual audit is usually done between October and December; once done, all the Chief Financial Officers from the

Plumas County healthcare districts plan on presenting their financials to Plumas LAFCo.

- 12. (Formerly item 11). Discussion and possible direction regarding development of a Request for Proposal and process for Executive Officer Services for Plumas LAFCo and Discussion of transition agreement for the current Executive Officer (formerly item 12 – combined with item 12 ne 11 for ease of discussion).**

Benoit states that LAFCo cannot hire anyone who works for the County, Special Districts or the City of Portola. Benoit also notes that Plumas County is a PERS agency; therefore there is a 6 month prohibition on hiring a County retiree. Alternate Greening suggested reducing the meeting schedule to possibly ease the work load. Benoit will put together a list of qualifications for the Executive Officer. Benoit asked if Plumas LAFCo would like to keep the current contract in force during the transition as there are no specific dates set yet for his retirement.

- 13. Moved to item 9b.**

- 14. Moved to item 6.**

- 15. Executive Officer's Report**

- a. Benoit states the Brussard Annexation is in limbo due to tax exchange discussions. Acting Chair Thrall recommended using the methodology used in the LaPorte annexation and asked Frank Motzkus, General Manager of the Chester Public Utility District, to stop by the County Counsel office.
- b. Linda Wagner, CEO of Seneca Healthcare District, discussed previously and reminds the Board that there is a lot of information available on their website.
- c. Legislation discussed previously as item 3.

- 16. Commissioner Reports – Discussion**

Acting Chair Thrall asked how Plumas LAFCo would proceed with the Public Member vacancy. Benoit says that Alternate Greening will serve automatically until a new Public Member is selected.

- 17. Adjourn to next regular meeting to take place on June 12, 2017**

The next regular meeting will take place on June 12, 2017 at the Plumas County Board of Supervisors Chambers. Acting Chair Thrall adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.