

LASSEN COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
Board of Supervisors Chambers 707 Nevada Street Susanville, CA 96130

REGULAR MEETING
April 8, 2019 - 3:06 p.m.

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson Eid.

Roll call of members present: Brian Wilson, Joseph Franco, Jeff Hemphill, Chris Gallagher and Chairperson Todd Eid.

Staff Present: Jennifer Stephenson, Deputy Executive Officer and Gwenna MacDonald, Clerk.

Approval of Minutes: October 15, 2018 and February 11, 2019

Motion by Commissioner Gallagher, second by Commissioner Franco, to approve the minutes as submitted; motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Gallagher, Franco, Hemphill, Wilson and Eid.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Franco, second by Commissioner Hemphill, to approve the agenda as submitted; motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Franco, Hemphill, Gallagher, Wilson and Eid.

Correspondence

None to report.

Public Comments

No comments.

Public Hearing: Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020

Ms. Stephenson reviewed the proposed budget for fiscal year 2019/2020, reviewed the budget policies, and summarized the budget goal of conducting LAFCo business in a proactive manner, involving the community and meeting the overall requirements of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act at a reasonable cost. She noted the changes from the 2018/2019 budget, including a \$1,000 increase to the Sphere of Influence cost, and an increase in Calafco fees. It is anticipated that the fees will increase each year as Calafco continues to struggle with a deficit budget.

Chairperson Eid asked what the amount of the increase is for Calafco fees.

Ms. Stephenson responded that it increased from \$926 to \$1,077 and it is likely to increase by the same percentage in 2020.

At 3:11 p.m. Chairperson Eid opened the public hearing and requested comments from members of the public.

There being no comments, Chairperson Eid closed the public hearing at 3:12 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Gallagher, second by Commissioner Franco, to approve Resolution No. 2019-0001 adopting the 2019/2020 budget; motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Gallagher, Franco, Hemphill, Wilson and Eid.

Workshop: Lassen LAFCO Goal Setting

Ms. Stephenson explained that the purpose of the workshop was to receive input from the Commission regarding its vision in moving forward with the work plan. There have been discussions in previous meetings about issues such as how best to address the Fire Districts, who potential consolidation, and staff felt it was important to begin a dialog regarding the approach that the Commission wants to take in these situations. John Benoit is working on Municipal Service Reviews for the Districts, so it may be beneficial to schedule a workshop to obtain feedback from the various District Boards. Moving forward, the development of a template for consolidations would be helpful.

Commissioner Gallagher suggested inviting the Districts to LAFCO so that they could address their comments directly to the Commission.

Commissioner Franco supported the approach of tackling the more obvious issues first, and the County needs to have functioning districts, particularly for public safety services.

Commissioner Wilson asked what the initial steps would be for approaching the Districts regarding possible consolidation.

Ms. Stephenson responded that it would begin with a basic request for information, then a follow up meeting to discuss the services and that would be an appropriate time to discuss the subject of consolidation with other Districts.

Commissioner Wilson asked why the District would pay for the Service Review if they are going to consider consolidation.

Ms. Stephenson explained that the completion of an MSR was required prior to the process of consolidation.

There was a general discussion regarding the responsibilities of special districts, the process of consolidation and the challenges for a LAFCO-initiated consolidation.

AB-213 and AB-1253 Letters of Support

Ms. Stephenson reviewed the proposed legislation associated with AB-213 and AB-1253 and the letters of support prepared for submittal by Lassen County LAFCO.

Motion by Commissioner Gallagher, second by Commissioner Hemphill, to authorize Chairperson Eid to sign the letters of support; motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Gallagher, Hemphill, Franco, Wilson and Eid.

Authorize Payment of Claims for February 2019 and March 2019

Ms. Stephenson reviewed the claims presented for February and March 2019 in the amount of \$7,855.11.

Motion by Commissioner Hemphill, second by Commissioner Franco, to approve the claims as submitted; motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Hemphill, Franco, Gallagher, Wilson and Eid.

Executive Officer's Monthly Report

Ms. Stephenson provided an update regarding Mr. Benoit's progress with Fire and EMS service reviews and SOI updates, stating that he has received responses from approximately half of the Districts. He is scheduling meetings with the Districts that have not responded. The Commission

discussed an article from the California Special District magazine regarding the role of LAFCO and the dissolution and consolidation of special districts. The Commission discussed the benefits of having District representation on the LAFCO Board.

Commissioner Reports

No reports.

Motion by Commissioner Franco, second by Commissioner Hemphill to adjourn until June 10, 2019; motion carried. Ayes: Franco, Hemphill, Gallagher, Wilson and Eid.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Todd Eid, Chairperson

Approved _____
Gwenna MacDonald, Recording Secretary