

MINUTES
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Monday, June 23, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR COUCH AT 3:35 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: SUPERVISOR DAVID COUCH AND SUPERVISOR LETICIA PEREZ

COMMITTEE STAFF PRESENT: ELSA MARTINEZ, ERIC NISBETT (COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE), JENNIFER FEIGE (OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL)

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

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NATALIE FEINBERG QUESTIONED WHY REPORTED NUMBERS FOR VOTER ROLLS ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE AND CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE WEBSITE DID NOT MATCH, STATED DISCREPANCIES IN LARGE ROUND NUMBERS WERE CONCERNING; LAURA CANTU COMMENTED UPDATES WERE ONGOING AND DISCREPANCIES WERE FROM TIMING OF DATA BEING REPORTED TO THE STATE AT SPECIFIC TIMES AND COUNTY QUARTERLY REPORTS AT A DIFFERENT TIME; JEANINE ADAMS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR HARD WORK BY COUNTY WORKERS AND STATED THAT DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING ELECTIONS DIVISION AND ASSESSOR, NEEDED APPROPRIATE FUNDING; ELSA MARTINEZ STATED THAT AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, AIMEE ESPINOZA WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND DUE TO A FAMILY MATTER.

4. INTRODUCTIONS

SUPERVISOR COUCH REQUESTED THAT THOSE PRESENT INTRODUCE THEMSELVES. PRESENT WERE: CHARLES SHINN, DENNIS MCLEAN, NATALIE FEINBERG, GLENN CLAYTON, TOM PAVICH, JEANINE ADAMS, LISA POLLARD, MICHAEL TURNIPSEED, ALEX ALVA, JASON WEIBE, NANCY ANDERSON, LAURA CANTU, JENNIFER JORDAN, MANDI REDFEAIRN

- 5. DISCUSSION REGARDING TIMING OF VOTING SYSTEM REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL –** HEARD PRESENTATION; LAURA CANTU, ASSISTANT REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, PRESENTED A POWERPOINT ON VOTING SYSTEMS REQUIREMENTS AND OPTIONS AND THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) PROCESS; CHARLES SHINN ASKED ABOUT USING HAND COUNTS; NATALIE FEINBERG STATED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COULD CHOOSE TO NOT MAKE A SELECTION AND SUGGESTED CONTACTING OTHER REGISTRARS OF VOTERS; JEANINE ADAMS COMMENTED ON THE COST OF IMPLEMENTING A NEW SYSTEM AND VARIOUS COURT RULINGS AND DEFAMATION LAWSUIT SETTLEMENTS RELATED TO DOMINION VOTING SYSTEMS; MICHAEL TURNIPSEED SUGGESTED VISITING OTHER COUNTIES AND USING THEIR CONTRACTS; LAURA CANTU COMMENTED THAT MOST CALIFORNIA COUNTIES USE DOMINION VOTING SYSTEMS; TOM PAVICH COMMENTED THAT HIS ORGANIZATION HAD WORKED WITH TULARE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS AND TULARE HAD BETTER METRICS; COMMITTEE MEMBERS RECOMMENDED EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE CURRENT AGREEMENT WITH DOMINION VOTING SYSTEMS FOR TWO YEARS. APPROVED, PEREZ-COUCH
- 6. DISCUSSION REGARDING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY 13, 2025, REFERRAL REGARDING EFFORTS TO FIND EFFICIENCIES OR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE COUNTY BUDGET AND EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF HIRING A CONSULTANT FOR THIS PURPOSE –** HEARD PRESENTATION; ELSA MARTINEZ, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, PRESENTED A POWERPOINT ON LEAN SIX SIGMA, ZERO-BASED BUDGETING, THE USE OF CONSULTANTS FOR EFFICIENCY AND OPERATIONAL REVIEWS, AND THE CURRENT BUDGET PROCESS; MICHAEL TURNIPSEED COMMENTED ON BENEFITS OF ZERO-BASED BUDGETING AND PERFORMANCE AUDITS; JEANINE ADAMS COMMENTED ON THE COUNTY’S USE OF LEAN SIX SIGMA, IMPORTANCE OF INCLUDING STAKEHOLDERS IN BUDGET DISCUSSIONS, FACTORING IN CHANGES IN REVENUE, PROPERTY TAXES; SUPERVISOR COUCH COMMENTED THAT PREVIOUS LEAN SIX SIGMA EFFORTS WERE SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE EMPLOYEES IDENTIFIED ISSUES AND DROVE IMPROVEMENTS; MICHAEL TURNIPSEED STATED THAT CRITERIA USED FOR PURCHASES CAN DRIVE PRICES HIGHER BY LIMITING OPTIONS TO SELECT VENDORS AND LIMIT BID EFFECTIVENESS.

7. MINUTES FROM APRIL 28, 2025, MEETING OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STANDING COMMITTEE – FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, RE: ELECTION IMPROVEMENTS/TRANSPARENCY – APPROVED, COUCH-PEREZ

8. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

MEETING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 18, 2025

9. ADJOURNMENT:

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:10 P.M.
2 AYES (PEREZ, COUCH)

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