

Board of Supervisors
January 17, 2023
9:30 AM

The Board met in a Regular Meeting at the Santa Cruz County Complex, 2150 N. Congress Drive, Room #120, Nogales, AZ. Present: Bruce Bracker, Chairman; Manuel Ruiz Vice-Chairman; Rudy Molera Member; Jennifer St. John, County Manager; Kimberley Hunley, Chief Deputy County Attorney; Alma Schultz, Clerk of the Board.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Bracker called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Superior Court Judge Fink.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Ruiz made a motion to adopt the Agenda as presented and to deviate from the Agenda sequence as necessary; seconded by Supervisor Molera, the motion was carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Thomas Fink, Superior Court Judge, spoke on behalf of the court system in Santa Cruz County, regarding the request for an agenda item for the court's process to transition into an independent personnel system, in part from the county.

Marcelino Varona, Jr. and Arnoldo Montiel requested to participate in the discussion of agenda item 15.

CURRENT EVENTS

1. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SUPERVISOR MOLERA: expressed his condolences and prayers to his uncle, Octavio Molera, and family; attended Mayor Jorge Maldonado's inauguration; participated in a Legislative Policy Committee Meeting; and was present for Governor Katie Hobbs's state of the state address in Tucson.

VICE-CHAIRMAN RUIZ: congratulated Chairman Bracker on the opening of Zula's Restaurant; expressed condolences to the Molera family, Esther Lopez Melendez family, and Supervisor Fowler's family; attended the swearing-in inauguration of Jorge Maldonado; and participated in the Bill and Melinda Foundation Economic Mobility leadership in Alabama.

CHAIRMAN BRACKER: took part in the Santa Cruz County River Cleanup event at which former Emergency Management Director, Ray Sayre was one of the organizers and expressed gratitude for participation.

2. MANAGER

JENNIFER ST. JOHN, COUNTY MANAGER, participated in the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) update, attended the swearing-in ceremony for the newly elected officials and appointed Recorder, met with consultants regarding the upcoming DC trip; held a department head meeting; took part in the Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) at County Supervisor Association (CSA) meeting and County Managers meetings alongside with Jesus Valdez, Deputy County Manager.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

1. FINANCE: CASH & INVESTMENTS, EXPENDITURES & REVENUE REPORTS

Mauricio Chavez, Administrative Services Director, reported \$20,094,302.36 in the General Fund, of which \$10,464,218.15 is invested; \$1,100,857.63 in the Road Fund, of which \$7,093.00 is invested; \$1,179,193.79 in the Flood Control District Fund, of which \$268,762.26 is invested; \$3,621,738.40 in the Jail District Fund, of which \$1,019,194.15 is invested; \$47,158,045.05 total for all funds, of which \$13,605,375.29 is invested; \$15,930,992.32 estimated end of month balance, compared to \$14,741,459.30 cash at January 2022, a difference of \$1,189,533.02.

ACTION ITEMS

1. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO FILL:

Vice-Chairman Ruiz made a motion to approve 1a-c, seconded by Supervisor Molera; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

A VACANT DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER POSITION (REQ: HUMAN RESOURCES)

B TWO (2) VACANT DEPUTY POSITIONS (REQ: SHERIFF)

C VACANT CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF POSITION (REQ: SHERIFF)

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO CREATE AND FILL PUBLIC HEALTH AIDE POSITION IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT (REQ: HUMAN RESOURCES)

Vice-Chairman Ruiz made a motion to approve, seconded by Supervisor Molera; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

3. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF PRECINCT COMMITTEE PERSON FOR THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY: CLAUDIA P. ALEJOS - POTRERO 22 (REQ: FRANCIS GLAD, SCC DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIRPERSON)

Supervisor Molera made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ruiz; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

4. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE JAVS CLASSIC COVERAGE EXTENDED WARRANT, PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT FROM JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 (REQ: SUPERIOR COURT)

Vice-Chairman Ruiz made a motion to approve, seconded by Supervisor Molera; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

5. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A SCOPE OF WORK FOR A GOVERNMENT RELATIONS CONSULTANT AND AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE (REQ: PUBLIC WORKS)

Vice-Chairman Ruiz made a motion to approve, seconded by Supervisor Molera; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

6. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE STANDARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR PROVISION OF INDIGENT OR MANDATED REPRESENTATION (REQ: SUPERIOR COURT)

Supervisor Molera made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ruiz; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT NO. 1000149293 WITH JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA FOR COMPUTER HARDWARE, IT SECURITY EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000 AND ALLOW THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR TO SIGN ANY ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS (REQ: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)

Vice-Chairman Ruiz made a motion to approve, seconded by Supervisor Molera; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

8. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01 DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE THE COUNTY FOR COMPUTER HARDWARE, IT SECURITY EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000 (REQ: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)

Supervisor Molera made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice-Chairman Ruiz; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT #1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PIERCE COLEMAN FOR REPRESENTATION IN CONNECTION WITH GENERAL ELECTION MATTERS TO INCREASE THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT TO \$100,000 PER YEAR (REQ: COUNTY ATTORNEY)

Vice-Chairman Ruiz made a motion to approve, seconded by Supervisor Molera; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE BONDS FOR DUPLICATE WARRANTS: (REQ: CLERK)

Vice-Chairman Ruiz made a motion to approve 10a-c, seconded by Supervisor Molera; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

A #4-671721 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,413.00 DATED 07/13/2022 PAYABLE TO ARIZONA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION INC

B #4-042412 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,800.00 DATED 09/30/2022 PAYABLE TO STIFEL BANK

C #2-108830 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$901.00 DATED 11/15/2022 PAYABLE TO CHARM-TEX, INC.

11. TAX VALUATION ADJUSTMENTS: (REQ: ASSESSOR)

were approved as submitted by the County Assessor's Office. (Motion: Supervisor Molera; second: Vice-Chairman Ruiz; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

A 116-01-358 - JOHN DAVID BUCKERT, RESOLUTION NO. 56542

B 110-10-009 - CODY B. GIESSELMAN, RESOLUTION NO. 56543

C 132-01-090 - LEIZER PROPERTIES LLC, RESOLUTION NO. 56544

D 105-33-069 - LUIS ANGEL & MARIA CHRISTINA VELASCO, RESOLUTION NO. 56548

E 105-33-048 - LUIS ALBERTO & CLAUDIA BORBON TRUSTEES // THE BORBON FAMILY TRUST, RESOLUTION NO. 56549

F 116-07-469 - JAIME A. TABAREZ, RESOLUTION NO. 56550

12. MONTHLY REPORTS were approved as submitted. (Motion: Vice-Chairman Ruiz; second: Supervisor Molera; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 01/03/2023

Vice-Chairman Ruiz made a motion to approve, seconded by Supervisor Molera; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

14. DEMANDS were approved in the total amount of \$934,909.19, of which \$366,795.64 is from the General Fund. Details of these expenditures are available for inspection during working hours and are to be considered as part of these minutes. (motion: Supervisor Molera; second: Vice-Chairman Ruiz; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

Vice-Chairman Ruiz made a motion to recess the Regular Meeting and convene into Study Session seconded by Supervisor Molera; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

STUDY SESSION

1. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT UPDATE (REQ: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)

Presented by: Mauricio Chavez, Administrative Services Director

Comments: Marcelino Varona Jr. spoke on behalf of the Santa Cruz Council on Aging by asking the board to be considered for funding.

The Board adjourned the Study Session and convened into the Regular Meeting. (Motion: Vice-Chairman Ruiz; second: Supervisor Molera; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Bracker, Ruiz)

ACTION ITEMS CONT.

15. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF REGARDING PROJECTS TO FUND FROM THE REMAINING ARPA MONIES AS PRESENTED IN THE STUDY SESSION (REQ: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)

Vice-Chairman Ruiz made a motion to approve, seconded by Supervisor Molera; the motion carried unanimously. (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. (motion: Vice-Chairman Ruiz; second: Supervisor Molera; motion carried unanimously) (Ayes: Bracker, Molera, Ruiz)