

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COLUSA COUNTY
MINUTES OF MEETING ON OCTOBER 6, 2011

PRESENT:

ANGIE FULCHER, City Member, Vice Chair
GARY EVANS, County Member
KAY HOSMER, Chair, City Member
BRANDON ASH, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT:

JOHN BENOIT, Ex. Officer
P. SCOTT BROWNE, Legal Counsel
LORA CECCON, Clerk
TOM RIESCHE, City Alternate

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair, K. Hosmer called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. There was a quorum present.

2. Approval of the Minutes from the August 4, 2011 LAFCO meeting

On motion of Commissioner B. Ash, second by Commissioner A. Fulcher, as read, the Commission approved the August 4, 2011 minutes. Passed on a roll call vote (4-0).

3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

4. Payment of claims for the month of September 2011

John advised the Commission that there was one change to the claim. Commissioner T. Reische's conference attendance charge has increased due to the fact that his room cost was higher. There were no other rooms available. Commissioner K. Hosmer's cost is higher due to the fact that she had to be there a day earlier. The adjusted total \$10,519.07.

John suggested that a policy be written regarding travel costs. In the future, he will have travel arrangements made by the Lafco Clerk so that all costs are the same.

On motion of Commissioner B. Ash, second by Commissioner G. Evans, the Commission approved payment of the September claims as corrected. Passed on a roll call vote. (4-0)

5. Sphere of Influence Update for the City of Colusa - Workshop

J. Benoit stated that, according to the housing element, there are 177 acres of available land. This may be true; however, there are constraints; barriers to development. The case can be made that the city needs to annex some land. The city's growth rate is virtually zero. A short discussion followed regarding absorption studies and prime ag land.

John recommended continuing this item to the November meeting and setting the hearing date at that time. Jan McClintock, City Manager, stated that there is no developable land within the city limits. The workshop will be continued to the November meeting. Plan on December for the Public Hearing.

6. Sphere of Influence Update for Fire Districts in Colusa County

Commissioner D. Carter submitted some comments. John will look into them. No comments were received from Williams. John went through the maps with the Commission. He has met with the Fire Chiefs to review the maps. CDF and the Forest Service do not provide building fire protection or EMT services. Williams has access to the Rancheria; Arbuckle does not.

Jeff Gilbert, Williams Fire Chief, stated that some boundaries were cleaned up. They made an effort to keep straight lines as the cost would increase with the need for engineers, surveyors, etc. He stated that they have a good working relationship with the North Shore Fire District in Lake County.

John asked the Commissioners to please keep their copies of the maps as they are expensive to produce. A hearing will be scheduled for December.

7. Discussion of Calafco Annual Conference held in Napa County

J. Benoit provided a memo on the conference included in today's packet.

Commissioner T. Reische stated that he had a great time and got a wealth of information from one of the sessions that will come in handy when dealing with spheres of influence. It is important knowledge to have when problems arise regarding water and sewer services outside of the SOI. A short discussion followed regarding this issue. Commissioner T. Reische stated that he did attend other workshops; however, few pertained to small counties. He tried to choose those that would be pertinent to Colusa County.

S. Browne provided an update on the California Forward movement.

A newsletter is provided in today's packet regarding proposition 218 and also a copy of the Gordon Bill (AB 912).

8. Executive Officer's Monthly Report – Previously discussed.

9. Commissioner Reports – None

10. Correspondence - None

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.