



COUNTY OF LAKE

255 North Forbes Street
Lakeport, CA 95453

Meeting Minutes - Draft BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday, September 30, 2014

1:00 PM

Board Chambers

Special Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Rushing.

County Administrative Officer Matt Perry, County Counsel Anita Grant and Asst. Clerk to the Board Alicia Flores were present, along with the following Supervisors: Supervisor Comstock, Supervisor Farrington, Supervisor Brown and Chair Rushing. Supervisor Smith was ABSENT.

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by County Administrative Officer Matt Perry.

(a) Consideration of termination or suspension of Agreement between the County of Lake and Lake Legal Defense Services, Inc. to provide indigent criminal defense services; and (b) Consideration to authorize the County Administrative Officer to take any reasonable and appropriate actions to effect transition to new service provider(s) in a timely manner to ensure continuation of services.

County Administrative Officer, Matt Perry presented the item to the Board. Mr. Perry explained that the Board Chair called this special meeting because the President of Lake Legal Defense Services, Stephen Carter's current medical condition prevents him from fully performing his obligations under the contract. Mr. Perry also stated that he recently received a document signed by Stephen Carter stating that Angela Carter may act on his behalf in all manners related to Lake Legal Defense Services. County Counsel Anita Grant informed the Board of their options: 1) Take no action at all, 2) Terminate the contract between the County of Lake and Lake Legal Defense Services immediately with cause, or 3) Give written 90-day notice of termination without cause.

Chair Rushing asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak on this item and the following people spoke: Barry Melton, Mitchell Hauptman, Douglas Rhoades. No one else present wished to speak and the public input portion of this item was closed.

(a) On motion of Supervisor Comstock, and by vote of the Board, directed staff to send 90 day notice of termination without cause. The motion carried with the following vote (3 Ayes, 1 Nay- Supervisor Farrington, 1 Absent- Supervisor Smith), and (b) On motion of Supervisor Brown, and by vote of the Board, authorized the County Administrative Officer to take any reasonable and appropriate actions to effect transition to new service provider(s) in a timely manner to ensure continuation of services. The motion carried with the following vote (3 Ayes, 1 Nay- Supervisor Farrington, 1 Absent- Supervisor Smith).

Additionally, Board consensus was to direct staff to explore all options to provide public defender services and return to the Board with recommendations as soon as possible.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board of Supervisors adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

MATT PERRY
Clerk of the Board

By: _____
Alicia M. Flores
Assistant Clerk of the Board

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