

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

ROOM 163, HALL OF ADMINISTRATION / 500 WEST TEMPLE / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012 / 974-1491

M I N U T E S

FULL COMMISSION MEETING

December 13, 1978

Dr. Warren H. Schmidt, Chairperson
Gloria Starr, Vice Chairperson

George E. Bodle
Dr. Catherine G. Burke
John D. Byork
Margaret Paterson Carr
Anne S. Collins
Dorothy Avila Courtney
Dr. Mario Di Giovanni
Dr. Carolyn L. Ellner
Jerry Epstein
Milton G. Gordon
Richard S. Gunther
Mary Jane Kidd
Leo A. Majich
Lauro J. Neri
Robert Ruchti, II
Luis A. Ruiz, CLU
George Shellenberger
Bryan Walker

Burke Roche
Executive Secretary
John Campbell
Staff Specialist
Maxlynn Larsen
Commission Secretary

Members Present:

Warren Schmidt, Chairperson
Gloria Starr, Vice Chairperson
George Bodle
Catherine Burke
Margaret Carr
Anne Collins
Mario Di Giovanni
Carolyn Ellner
Milton Gordon
Richard Gunther
Mary Jane Kidd
Lauro Neri
Luis Ruiz
George Shellenberger

Members Excused:

John Byork
Dorothy Courtney
Leo Majich
Bryan Walker

Members Absent:

Jerry Epstein
Robert Ruchti, II

Warren Schmidt called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Approval of Minutes - On motion of George Shellenberger the minutes of November 1 were approved as written.

Task Force on Government Structure - Warren Schmidt expressed the commission's appreciation to Mary Jane Kidd for her work as chairperson of the task force. Mrs. Kidd has resigned the chair for personal reasons. Warren Schmidt has appointed Catherine Burke to replace her, on recommendation of the Task Force.

Catherine Burke reported that a draft of the report has been approved by the task force and per the commission's usual procedure is being reviewed by concerned officials and authorities. It has also been sent to all commission members and any commission member who wants a further briefing should call John Campbell to set a time.

The draft at this point is confidential and not for release. The commission has also called all Board of Supervisor offices to set up briefings by

Warren Schmidt, Catherine Burke and members appointed by each Supervisor to brief the supervisors on the report. The task force is scheduled to meet on January 3 to review proposed changes to the draft.

Warren Schmidt requested and received the commission's approval to postpone the January meeting until January 10, so that the changes could be incorporated in the draft presented to the full commission.

Executive Committee Meeting - Warren Schmidt reported that the Executive Committee had met at 8:30 a.m. that morning to determine commission priorities for the coming year for recommendation to the full commission. He then listed the recommendations in order of priority.

1. Follow-up by the Task Force on Government Structure on the released report. Follow-up includes briefings with key officials and authorities, media contacts, and public hearings.
2. Establish a Task Force on Private Contracting to monitor the county's implementation of Proposition A.
3. Continue a monitoring by the Task Force on Community Relations on legislation to allow consolidation of the sheriff-marshall bailiff and civil process functions.
4. Reactivate the Task Force on Civil Service and Personnel Administration to review the county's implementation of Proposition B.
5. Establish a task force to determine the current status and the county's commitment to complete the installation of FIRM (Financial Information and Resource Management system).

In addition to these activities, Margaret Carr recommended and the commission agreed to establish a task force to review the impact of Proposition B on the county, department by department, including reduction of employees and decrease in the budget.

Warren Schmidt then led a discussion on assignments to the various task forces. The following commissioners expressed interest in serving on these task forces.

Task Force on Private Contracting - Richard Gunther, Leo Majich, Lauro Neri, Robert Ruchti, Bryan Walker.

Civil Service and Personnel Administration - Catherine Burke asked

to be relieved of the chair because of her duties on the Task Force on Government Structure.

Task Force on FIRM - Mario Di Giovanni, Lauro Neri, Bryan Walker.

Task Force on Proposition 13 - George Bodle, Margaret Carr, Anne Collins, Milton Gordon, Luis Ruiz, George Shellenberger.

Warren Schmidt was authorized to form the task forces, taking into consideration the preferences expressed by the members.

Meeting Attendance - Burke Roche reported that John Byork, Dorothy Courtney, Leo Majich and Bryan Walker had called to request being excused. John Byork was recuperating from surgery and the others had personal conflicts. Jerry Epstein and Robert Ruchti did not call. The commission voted to excuse the four members who called, and delay voting on Jerry Epstein and Robert Ruchti until it had more information. (After the meeting Jerry Epstein's secretary called to report that he was involved as a witness in an accident on the freeway while on his way to the meeting.)

Proposition C Results - Burke Roche reported on Proposition C: - the elected County Chief Executive. The results were obtained from the Registrar-Recorder's computer precinct print outs. The Proposition passed in Supervisor Hahn's and Supervisor Edelman's districts, both of whom campaigned for it. It failed in the other three districts. Principal areas where it passed were Los Angeles City (excepting the San Fernando Valley), Beverly Hills, the entire Palos Verdes peninsula, Inglewood, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Santa Monica, and the unincorporated areas of West Hollywood, Malibu, Florence, Willowbrook, and Marina del Rey. Except for the City of Claremont it failed throughout the entire San Gabriel Valley.

J. J. Daniels - Mr. Daniels made a statement to the commission on the work of his Better Government Association and asked for permission to make an oral presentation to the commission. Warren Schmidt, with the general consensus of the commission, asked him to submit his information in writing, after which the commission will decide whether to hear him.

Retirement of Maxlynn Larsen, Secretary to Commission - Prior to Mr. Daniel's interruption, the commission voted that the Chairperson would send her an appropriate letter of appreciation for her long service.